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BY virtue of His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to His Majesty's Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Tuesday the Twenty-Sixth day of this instant October, to be then here holden.
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[No. 1.]
Tuesday, 26th October, 1948.

PRAYERS at Eleven of the clock in St. Stephen's Hall.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order (Place of meeting of House on first day of Session), resumed the Chair at Four of the clock and forthwith adjourned the House without a Question put, to the Chamber appointed for the use of this House.

Alice Cullen, Member for the Burgh of Glasgow (Gorbals Division), was sworn.

Malcolm MacPherson, Esquire, Member for the Stirling and Falkirk District of Burghs, was sworn.

Edmonton Borough Writ.

Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, which he read to the House, as followeth:

Manor House Hospital,
Golders Green,
N.W.11.

October 22nd 1948.

Dear Mr. Speaker,
I regret that owing to illness I will not be able to resume my duties as Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means when the House reassembles. Because of this I feel I must ask the House to accept my resignation from this office.

I feel I cannot retire without expressing my personal sense of indebtedness and thankfulness for the many kindnesses shewn to me by you, Sir, and all the Officers of the House with whom I have been so happily associated, and to Members of all Parties for their unfailing helpfulness and goodwill.

The three and half years since the Prime Minister so greatly honoured me by nomination for this office have been years of happy service to the House.

I am, my dear Mr. Speaker,
Yours very sincerely,

HUBERT BEAUMONT.

Ordered, That all Members who are returned Elections, 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 willfully concerned in such Bribery or other corrupt practices.

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

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

Ordered, That the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police 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 Sergeant at Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioner aforesaid.

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

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

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

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

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a loan Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Export-Import Bank of Washington, dated 26th October 1948, with the text of the Promissory Note and a Letter of Notification, dated 22nd October 1948, addressed by the Economic Co-operation Administrator to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington.

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury under the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Act, 1946.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Electricity Authority, Treasury the 11th day of October 1948, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Electricity Authority.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Electricity, Treasury the 19th day of October 1948, on stock issued by the British Electricity Authority under the Electricity Act, 1947.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 29th September 1948, directing that Mr. Stanley Marks Krusin shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) and Electricity be printed.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to Coroners, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th October 1948, entitled the County of Cumberland (Coroners' Districts) Order, 1948.

Report by the Secretary of State for the Prevention of Violence Home Department as to the Expulsion, Registration, and Prohibition Orders made during the period from the 1st day of July 1948 to the 30th day of September 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to Trinidad and Tobago, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Army and Air Force (Women's Service) (Adaptation of Enactments) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Jenks presented, pursuant to Trinidad and Tobago, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, made by the Governor and Executive Council of Trinidad and Tobago on the 22nd day of June 1948, entitled the Prison (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 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 a Treasury Minute, dated 29th September 1948, directing that Mr. Stanley Marks Krusin shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1946.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1948, entitled the Agriculture (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 27th September 1948, entitled the Superannuation Scheme for Teachers (Scotland) Amending (No. 1) Scheme, 1948.

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 a Scheme, dated 22nd October 1948, entitled the Agriculture (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 29th September 1948, entitled the Superannuation Scheme for Teachers (Scotland) Amending (No. 1) Scheme, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937:—

(1) Ayr County Council.
(2) Dumfries Town Council.

Copies of Orders, dated 22nd October 1948, entitled—

(1) the Agricultural Orders (Revocation) (Scotland) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Agriculture (Transfer of Functions to Agricultural Executive Committees) (Scotland) 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—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th October 1948, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 8) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th October 1948, entitled the Weights and Measures (Board of Trade Standard Three Metre) 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 Draft Byelaws with respect to Snow-donia National Forest Park.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copies of Draft Orders, entitled—

(1) the Happisburgh to Yarmouth Coast Protection Order, 1948, and
(2) the Walney Island Coast Protection Order, 1948.

Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under Section 2 of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—

(1) Aberavanny Town Council.
(2) Altrincham Borough Council.
(3) Barrow-in-Furness County Borough Council.
(4) Bedford Borough Council.
(5) Beeston and Stapleford Urban District Council.
(6) Birkenhead County Borough Council.
(7) Cambridge County Council.
(8) Chertsey Urban District Council.
(9) Clitheroe Borough Council.
(10) Colwyn Bay Borough Council.
(11) Derby County Council.
(12) Derwent Valley Water Board.
(13) Dorking and Leatherhead Superannuation Joint Committee.
(14) Gosport Town Council.
(15) Hampstead Town Council.
(16) Heston and Isleworth Town Council.
(17) High Wycombe Borough Council.
(18) Hyde Town Council.
(19) Ilford Town Council.
(20) Kingston-upon-Thames Town Council.
(21) Lancashire County Council.
(22) Leeds City Council.
(23) Leigh Town Council.
(24) Lichfield Superannuation Joint Committee.

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(26) Lincoln (Parts of Holland) County Council.
(27) Margate Town Council.
(29) Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council.
(30) Oxford City Council.
(31) Pontypridd Urban District Council.
(32) Ramsgate Borough Council.
(33) Rochdale Town Council.
(34) Scunthorpe Town Council.
(35) Stafford Town Council.
(36) Sunderland County Borough Council.
(37) Swansea County Borough Council.
(38) Tipton Town Council.
(39) Ulverston Urban District Council.
(40) Wallasey Town Council.
(41) Walsall County Borough Council.
(42) Watford Borough Council.
(43) Woolwich Metropolitan Borough Council.
(44) Worcestershire County Council.
(45) York City Council.


Copy of an Order, dated 9th September, 1948, entitled the Kent 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 papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Coal Industry, directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th October, 1948, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Company Adjustment) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of a Report of His Majesty’s Chief Coal Mines Inspector of Mines for the years 1939 to 1946.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th October, 1948, entitled the Coal Distribution (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said papers 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 25th October, 1948, entitled the Knacker’s Yard 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—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 Petition has been presented against—

(1) the Nottinghamshire Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Stafford and Derby (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948.

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

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

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

The Session beginning to-day opens in a troubled world still suffering from the ravages of the Second World War and spent all our energies on repairing these ravages has been our constant desire, but we have been hindered by distrust and dissension between the nations. Yet, with mutual confidence and goodwill, the problems now facing us would not defy solution, and the peoples of the world would be able to live in peace and enjoy the fruits of their labours. Meanwhile, as the recent meeting in London of Prime Ministers and their representatives has shown, the peoples of My Commonwealth offer an example of voluntary and useful co-operation.

My Government will continue to work closely and harmoniously, within the framework of the Treaty of Brussels, with the other Governments which are parties to it; to give full support to the United Nations, and to strive to fulfil the aims of world peace and well-being set forth in the Charter.

In the Western Zones of Germany, economic revival has begun. Currency reform has brought stability and renewed faith in the value of money. The Germans themselves are working hard to design a democratic constitution for Western Germany.

In Berlin, however, a difficult situation has arisen as a result of the action of the Soviet Government in cutting surface communications between the city and Western Germany. My Government hold the view that this action constitutes a threat to peace and therefore referred the matter to the Security Council of the United Nations. The resolution of the Security Council has been vetoed by the Soviet representative, and the situation thus created is under consideration by My Government in consultation with the two other Governments concerned. Meanwhile, Berlin is being supplied by air; and aircraft from the United Kingdom, some of them flown by crews from other Commonwealth countries, are combining with those of the United States to keep Berlin linked with Western Europe.

The Queen and I look forward with pleasure to visiting Australia and New Zealand next year. We shall welcome this opportunity of meeting again My peoples of those countries, whose generous support both in war and peace has never failed Us.

Legislation will be laid before you to give effect to whatever decisions may result from the negotiations for admitting Newfoundland to the Canadian Federation.

My Ministers will continue to devote themselves to the problem of the balance of payments. Fortified by the generous aid of the United States, and working together with the other members of the Commonwealth and of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, we shall hope to progress further towards paying our way abroad and restoring the prosperity of our country and the world. It is only by our continued exertions and self-restraint that we shall win through. Inventive thought matched to hard work is necessary to enable workers and management, in common effort and counsel, to make the fullest use of our available resources. By increasing the individual contribution of skill and labour, we must build up our production still further.

My Ministers are taking steps to ensure that My Armed Forces shall be efficient and well equipped, and that the best use shall be made of men called up under the National Service Act. Recruiting for the Regular Forces will be stimulated, and the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces will also be built up. A Bill to amend the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act will be laid before you.

You will be asked to consider a measure for the future organisation of Civil Defence.

Members of the House of Commons:

The Estimates for the public services will be laid before you in due course.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to consider further the Bill to amend the Parliament Act, 1911, on which during the last two Sessions your Houses have disagreed.

A measure will be laid before you to bring under public ownership those companies extensively engaged in the production of iron ore, or of pig iron or steel, or in the shaping of steel by a rolling process.

Legislation will be introduced to establish national parks in England and Wales; to improve the law relating to footpaths and access to the countryside; and to ensure the better conservation of wild life.

You will be asked to consider proposals for making legal aid and advice more readily available to persons of small or moderate means.

Legislation will be introduced to improve the organisation of Magistrates’ Courts in England and Wales and to amend the law relating to Justices of the Peace.

A Bill will be laid before you to provide for the payment of jurors and for the abolition, with limited exceptions, of special jurors.

Measures will be laid before you to extend the powers of local authorities in regard to new housing, and to promote the improvement of existing dwellings by local authorities and by private owners. You will also be asked to pass a measure to provide for the rents of shared rooms, and of houses and flats let for the first time since the war.

Legislation will be introduced to change the constitution of the General Nursing Council and to provide for the better training of nurses.

A Bill will be laid before you to amend and consolidate the law of patents and designs.

Legislation will be introduced to protect the coast from erosion by the sea.

Bills will be laid before you to modify the constitution and powers of producers’ marketing boards; to encourage the development of the white fish industry; and to provide for safer milk.

You will be invited to pass a measure to enable My Government to ratify an international convention on safety of life at sea.

You will be invited to consider Bills to improve water supplies in Scotland, and to amend the Scottish criminal law.

Other measures will be laid before you if time permits; and it is hoped to make further
progress with the task of consolidating and revising the Statute Law.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon 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—(Flying Officer Bowden):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 2.]

Wednesday, 27th October, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

MR. HALL presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 13th October 1948, with reference to the application of moneys received by the Ministry of Transport in the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, in respect of the Rights and Interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on the 15th day of July 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic for the Settlement of inter-Custodial conflicts relating to German Enemy Assets (with Annex and Declaration).

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

Mr. Dalton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 18th October 1948, entitled the Chancery of Lancaster (Companies) Rules, 1948.

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

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Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Byelaws with respect to Glentrool National Forest Park.

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 Liverpool 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. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Gas (Special directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Orders).

Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of

(1) The Brough Elloughton and District Gas Company,
(2) the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County Borough of Stoke-on-Trent, and
(3) the Wellington (Salop) Gas Company.

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

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

(1) dated 26th October 1948, entitled the Home-Grown Apples (No. 2) Order, 1948, and
(2) dated 27th October 1948, entitled the Carrots (1948 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. George Strauss, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. John Jones, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of an Iron and Steel Corporation of Great Britain and for defining their functions, and for the transfer to that Corporation of the securities of certain companies engaged in the working, getting and smelting of iron ore, the production of steel, and the shaping of steel by rolling, and of certain property and rights held by a Minister of the Crown or Government department; for the licensing of persons engaged in any such activities; for co-ordinating the activities of the Corporation, the National Coal Board and the Area Gas Boards relating to carbonisation; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, supported by the Water Lord Advocate, Mr. Hall, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Thomas Fraser and Mr. Robertson, presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to rating and charging for water supplies in Scotland; to amend Part V of the Local Government Act, 1948, with respect to the ascertainment of the standard amounts thereunder in Scotland; to increase the financial assistance that may be given to local authorities in Scotland under the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944; to...
amend the Water (Scotland) Act, 1946; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Thomas Fraser and Mr. Robertson, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1946, relating to attendance at junior colleges, to the powers of education authorities to provide education for pupils belonging to the areas of other authorities and to enable persons to take advantage of educational facilities and to other matters; and to amend the provisions of other Acts relating to defective children and the employment of children: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Hall, supported by Mr. Jay, presented a Bill to continue certain expiring laws: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Hall, supported by Mr. Jay and Mr. Rees-Williams, presented a Bill to enable stock to which the Colonial Stock Act, 1877, applies to be made transferable by instrument in writing, and to provide for the extension of the Colonial Stock Acts, 1877 to 1934, to stock of Governments or authorities established for controlling or administering services or matters of common interest to the inhabitants of more than one of the colonies or territories to whose stock any of the said Acts apply or could be made applicable: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Hall, supported by Mr. Jay and Mr. Solicitor-General, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to trustee savings banks, to abolish naval savings banks, to extend the powers of the Postmaster General under section two of the Savings Banks Act, 1904; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Jay, supported by Mr. Hall, presented a Bill to make provision as to the effect of the expiry of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Secretary Henderson, presented a Bill to make provision for enabling discharged soldiers or airmen in receipt of service pensions to be recalled for service in an emergency; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Resolved, That it is expedient that a Tribunal be established for inquiring into a definite matter of urgent public importance, that is to say, whether there is any justification for allegations that payments, rewards or other considerations have been sought, offered, promised, made or received by or to Ministers of the Crown or other public servants in connection with licences or permissions required under any enactment, regulation or order or in connection with the withdrawal of any prosecution and, if so, in what circumstances the transactions took place and what persons were involved therein.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That, until the Adjournment of the House for Christmas, Government Business shall have precedence at every Sitting, and that no Bills, other than Government Bills, be introduced in anticipation of the ballot.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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 at 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, till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Lunacy and Mental Treatment, which was presented on the 27th day of July 1948 in a former Session of Parliament, be printed.

No. 4.

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th October 1948, entitled the Control of Building Materials (Revocation) 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 (supplementing the Schedules laid before Parliament on the 21st day of April 1921 and the 22nd day of May 1940 containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Labour and National Service, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That Mr. Bowles be Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—(The Prime Minister.)

Mr. Isaacs, supported by Mr. Wilson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Ness Edwards, presented a Bill to repeal Part I of the 3 and 4 Geo. VI and 1 Geo. VII, c. 72, and, so far as it relates to the Central Board established under the said Part I, the Holidays with Pay Act, 1938, to convert the said Central Board and any order in force under the said enactments (so far as repealed) into a wages council and a wages regulation order under the Wages Councils Act, 1945, to amend the last-mentioned Act in certain respects, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: 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 Question proposed upon the 26th 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 Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has presented to His Majesty's Stationery Office, relating to 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 there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in sending a notification to Mr. Speaker under the proviso to subsection (1) of section four of the Statutory Instruments Act, 1946, where an Instrument has come into operation before it has been laid before Parliament;

(vii) that for any special reason its form or purport calls for elucidation; and

and if they so determine, to report to that effect.

And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Eric Fletcher, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. Hector Hughes, Mr. Lyne, Sir Charles MacAndrew, Mr. Murray, Mr. Oliver Poole, Mr. Renton, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Mr. Edward Smith and Mr. Frederick Whitley.

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

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power to require any Government Department concerned therewith an opportunity of furnishing or any Government Department or to report to that effect any Instrument 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 Instrument 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 be drawn to any Instrument 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 Instrument or Draft.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to take evidence, written or oral, from His Majesty's Stationery Office, relating to the printing and publication of any Instrument. —(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges, Privileges, do consist of Ten Members: —The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Attorney
General, Mr. Cocks, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Edward Davies, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. William Morrison, Mr. Webb 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 this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Snow.)

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

PRAYERS.

Import Duties (Drawback).

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 9) Order, 1948.

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

Transport.

No. 5.

Copy of a Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 26th day of October 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.

Petroleum.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1948, entitled the Bisulphide of Carbon (Conveyance) Regulations, 1948.

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

 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

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 22nd day of May 1948, amending the Statutes of the University.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Accounting Officer of the Vote for the Supreme Court on behalf of the Admiralty Division in Prize for the period from the 3rd day of September 1939 to the 31st day of March 1948, with a copy of a Letter from the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Hall.)

Mr. Dygdale, supported by Mr. Hall and Mr. de Freitas, presented a Bill to make provision as to the payment, and the distribution or application, of any prize money granted by His Majesty out of the proceeds of prize captured in the late war, as to payments and receipts in respect of proceeds of prize to or from the Government or a court of a part of His Majesty's dominions outside the United Kingdom, to extinguish for the future the prerogative rights to make grants of prize money to captors and to grant prize bounty, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Wilfred Paling, supported by Mr. Secretary Woodburn and Mr. Barnes, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to wireless telegraphy: 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 Question proposed upon the 26th 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. Snow.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to continue certain expiring laws, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, and the Population (Statistics) Act, 1938, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, and the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty, being

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expenses which under any of the four last-mentioned Acts are to be defrayed out of such moneys.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Butler 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. 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 twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 5.]
Monday, 1st November, 1948.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

The following Paper, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before this House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 30th day of October last, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1948, entitled the Upholstery Cloth (Utility) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons (with Notes exchanged), signed at London on the 15th day of October 1948 (This Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty).

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 September 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 29th October 1948, entitled the Tapioca and Sago (Maximum Prices) Order, 1947 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Industrial Diseases.

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

Mr. Barnes, supported by Mr. Secretary Special Roads Woodburn, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Silkin, and Mr. Callaghan, presented a Bill to provide for the construction of roads reserved for special classes of traffic, to amend the law relating to trunk roads, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: 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 King's Speech, resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of October last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed 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, Mr. Bartlett, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Collins, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Davies, Mr. Edward Evans, Mrs. Gould, Mr.
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 at 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, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 1st November, 1948.

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 Education (Scotland) Bill and the Water (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 6.]

Tuesday, 2nd November, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented,—Return to an Order dated the 29th day of October last, for a Return relative to Supreme Court (Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1939-1948), No. 7.

Local Government (Elections).

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 1st November 1948, entitled—

(1) the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators Order, 1948, and
(2) the Nottingham Freemen’s Committee Order, 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 September 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 1st November 1948, entitled the Electric Torch Dry Batteries (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Ministry of Labour and National Service for 1947.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Regulations, dated 1st November 1948, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Regulation of Manufacture) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made 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.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for King’s Speech resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of October last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

“... But humbly regret that, notwithstanding Nationalisation, the grave international situation and the continuing gap in our overseas trade, Your Majesty’s Government should obstinately persist in a policy of nationalisation which has already imposed heavy burdens on consumers and taxpayers alike and is impeding the enterprise and initiative which is essential to our recovery.”—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, dated 12th July 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 1615), a copy of which was presented on the 13th day of July 1948 in a former Session of Parliament; be annulled—(Mr. Wyatt):—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 three minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 7]

Wednesday, 3rd November, 1948.

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 Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Accord between the Governments of the United Kingdom, France and the United States of America and the Spanish Government for the Expropriation of German Enemy Property in Spain and the Liquidation of Balances and Payments between Spain and Germany (with related documents), signed at Madrid on the 10th day of May 1948,

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

MR. THOMAS WILLIAMS, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 1st October 1948, authorising the importation from Canada of twenty-five head of pedigree cattle of United States origin, and

(2) dated 13th October 1948, authorising the importation from New Zealand of two pedigree Romney Marsh rams.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 proposed upon the 26th day of October last, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, 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 sixteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 3rd November, 1948.

Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen), this day nominated the following Members to be the Chairmen's Panel during the Session:

Mr. Anderson.
Mr. Burden.
Mr. Butcher.
Mr. Diamond.
Mr. Lang.
Sir Charles MacAndrew.
Mr. Mathers.
Sir Basil Neven-Spence.
Mrs. Paton.
Colonel Ropner.
Mr. Touche.
Mr. William Wells.
Thursday, 4th November, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of Peter Frederick Carter-Ruck, Esquire, partner in the firm of Oswald Hickson Collier and Company, Solicitors for Tillotsons Newspapers Limited, was presented, and read; setting forth, That an Action entitled "Braddock v. Tillotsons Newspapers Limited," has been brought and is now pending in the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice; that the issues in question concern certain incidents in the House of Commons during the Report stage of the Transport Bill on the 30th day of April and the 1st day of May 1947; that the evidence of certain Members of the House and other persons touching upon such proceedings in the House is relevant to the said issues in the said proceedings in the High Court of Justice; and praying that leave be given to call certain witnesses to give evidence in the said Court, namely: Patrick George Thomas Buchanan-Hegburn, Esquire, Henry Studholme, Esquire, and Martin Lindsay, Esquire, Members of this House, and Harry McIlwain Bunton, Esquire, Harold Douglas Bradley, Esquire, Reginald A. J. Shore, Esquire, and Robert Burns Curval, Esquire.

Ordered, That leave be given to the said Members and the said other persons to attend and give evidence accordingly.—(Mr. Keeling.)

A Petition of Elizabeth Margaret Braddock, a Member of the House, was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Bolton Evening News, published by Tillotsons Limited, has published concerning the Petitioner certain statements touching her conduct as a Member of the House in connection with certain proceedings of the House on the 30th day of April or the 1st day of May 1947; that an Action for libel has been brought against Tillotsons Limited by the Petitioner and is proceeding in the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice; that it is expedient that certain Members and Officers of the House should attend to give evidence and produce documents concerning the said proceedings; and praying that leave be given to the Right Honourable William Whiteley, the Right Honourable Alfred Barnes, Gilbert Mitchison, Esquire, Edith Wills, Percy Daines, Esquire, Leah Manning, Thomas Brown, Esquire, Donald Bruce, Esquire, Julius Silverman, Esquire, George Thomas, Esquire, Wing-Commander Ernest Millington and the Petitioner, Members of this House, and one of the Clerks at the Table, or other appropriate Officer, to attend and give evidence and produce the Journal of this House in the High Court of Justice, so far as they relate to the matters in question, each according to his competence.

Ordered, That leave be given to the said Members to attend and give evidence and to

the proper Officer to attend and give evidence and produce the Journal accordingly.—(Mr. Ungoed-Thomas.)

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order made by the Governor of Northern Ireland in Council on the 29th day of October 1948, relative to the Winter Assizes in Northern Ireland.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Rangoon, on the 12th day of October 1948, constituting an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Burma to control Burma's Expenditure in Hard Currency Areas.

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

The Wages Councils Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Recall of Army and Air Force Pensioners Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Resolved, That the Seed Potatoes (Export) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 949), dated 31st August 1948, a copy of which was delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 31st day of August 1948, in a former Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Dr. Summerskill.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as are deposited in the Private Bill Office, 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 excess 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. 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. Joseph Henderson.)

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. Cluse, Mr. Driberg, Mr. Foster, Mr. Wilson 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.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time.

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

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

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

[No. 9.]

Friday, 5th November, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th November 1948, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 3) Order, 1948.

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 Draft Rules entitled the Borstal Institutions. (Modification of Superannuation Rules, 1948.)

Copy of a Draft Order entitled the Metropolitan Police Staffs (Modification of Superannuation Rules, 1948).

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

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, supported by Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Hall, presented a Bill to provide for the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of pensions to certain persons who were serving as judges in India before the fifteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, or as judges in Burma before the fourth day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and for purposes of an Order, dated 5th November 1948, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) made by the Governing Body of Clare College, Cambridge, on the 10th day of May 1948, amending the Statutes of the College.

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 West Hartlepool 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 an Order, dated 4th November 1948, entitled the Imported Apples Order, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 4th November 1948, entitled—

(1) the Sugar and Preserves (Rationing) (No. 2) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948, and

(2) the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1948 (General Licence) Order, 1948.

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 year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the British Overseas Airways Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the British South American Airways Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, supported by Mr. Solicitor General and Mr. Hall, presented a Bill to provide for the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of pensions to certain persons who were serving as judges in India before the fifteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, or as judges in Burma before the fourth day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and for purposes of an Order, dated 4th November 1948, amending the Statutes, of the College, and

(2) made by the Governing Body of Clare College, Cambridge, on the 10th day of May 1948, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same 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 Expiring Laws Continuance [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to continue certain expiring laws, it is expedient to authorise 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, and the Population (Statistics) Act, 1938, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, and the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty, being expenses which under any of the four last-mentioned Acts are to be defrayed out of such moneys.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, to leave out ll. 12 to 15.—(Mr. Sydney Silverman.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 22, col. 3, after the word "one," to insert the words "except so much of that section as defines a 'built up area' by reference to a system of street lighting furnished by means of lamps not more than two hundred yards apart."—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 44, col. 3, after the word "Act," to insert the words "except section seven."—(Sir John Mellor.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, with 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 Colonial Stock 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.

The Debts Clearing Offices Bill was, Debts Clearing Offices Bill. 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.

The Savings Banks Bill was, according to Savings Banks Bill. Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to Trustee Savings Banks and to extend the powers of the Postmaster General under section two of the Savings Banks Act, 1904, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase resulting from any provision of the said Act of the present Session in the amounts falling to be paid from the Consolidated Fund by virtue of section seventy-two of the Finance Act, 1947.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Committee of Public Accounts was Public Accounts. nominated of Mr. Assheton, Mr. Benson, Major Bruce, Mr. Cuthbert, Colonel Dower, Mr. Hall, Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Kirby, Mr. McAdam, Sir John Mellor, Sir Frank Sanderson, Mr. Thurtle and Mr. Wadsworth. —(Mr. Richard Adams.)

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 Committee of 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 the Second Reading of the Iron and Steel Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision as to the effect of the expiry of the Debts Clearing Offices and Import Restrictions Act, 1934, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Treasury in carrying the first-mentioned Act into execution; and
(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums recovered by the Crown under the said first-mentioned Act in respect of the rights of the Clearing Offices.—(Mr. Wilson).

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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 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 next.

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 5th November, 1948.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Wages Councils Bill to Standing Committee A.

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Standing Orders.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1948, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received an invitation from the Rector, the President and Members of the Council of the University of Caen to go there on Saturday to receive an Honorary Degree as Speaker of the House, in recognition of the collection of books which the House presented to the University last year; and he had therefore to ask the indulgence and leave of the House to absent himself.

The House signified its assent.

Civil Defence Bill.

Bill 14.

Ordered, That the Motion relative to Standing Orders of which notice has been given by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Bevan, and Mr. Secretary Woodburn may be made at the time of Public Business notwithstanding that it relates in part to Standing Orders relating to Private Business.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Standing Orders.

A Motion being made, That the new Standing Order relating to Public Business hereinafter stated in Part I of the Schedule be made; That the several Amendments to Standing Orders and new Standing Orders relating to Private Business hereinafter stated in Part II of the Schedule be made, and that in the Standing Orders relating to Private Business, Standing Order 191 (Tolls and charges in the nature of a tax) be repealed:

SCHEDULE.

PART I.

NEW STANDING ORDER RELATIVE TO PUBLIC BUSINESS.

In relation to private bills, provision order bills and bills introduced under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, or the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, the standing orders relating to public money shall have effect subject to any exceptions prescribed by the standing orders of this House relative to private business in the case of provisions affecting the exchequer equalisation grant under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948.

PART II

STANDING ORDERS RELATIVE TO PRIVATE BUSINESS.

1. After Standing Order 156, page 195, line 3, at end, insert the following new Orders:

"156A. (Modification of practice as to charges on public revenue.) In the case of a Private Bill, it shall not be necessary to comply with the Standing Orders and practice of this House relating to provisions authorising charges upon the Public Revenue, by reason only that the Bill contains provisions authorising expenditure by a local authority which would or might operate to increase the amount of any Exchequer Equalisation Grant under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948.

156B. (Special clause to be inserted in Bills authorising expenditure affecting grants under Local Government Act, 1948.) Where a Bill contains any provision authorising such expenditure as is mentioned in Standing Order 156A (Modification of practice as to charges on public revenue) and the Standing Orders and practice of this House mentioned in that Standing Order have not been complied with in respect thereof, the Committee on the Bill shall insert a clause providing that the said expenditure shall not be taken into account in computing the expenditure of the local authority for the purposes of section four or section twenty (as the case may be) of the Local Government Act, 1948.

Provided that the Committee shall not be required to insert such a clause in respect of any such provision as aforesaid if a Report made on the Bill on behalf of the Minister of Health or the Secretary of State recommends that the expenditure authorised by that provision be taken into account as aforesaid."

2. Standing Order 168, page 201, line 16, at beginning, insert "Subject to the provisions of Standing Order 156A (Modification of practice as to charges on the public revenue)."

3. Standing Order 169, page 201, line 26, at end, add—

"Provided that, for the purposes of this Order, a provision of a Bill shall not be deemed to involve a grant from any Government Department by reason only that it authorises expenditure by a local authority which would or might operate to increase the amount of any Exchequer Equalisation Grant under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948."

4. After Standing Order 190, page 210, line 5, at end, insert the following new Order:

"191. (Tolls and charges not in the nature of a tax.) This House will not insist on its privileges with regard to any provision of a Private Bill sent down from the House of Lords or returned by that House with amendments, on the ground that that provision authorises or affects—

(a) any toll or charge for services performed (not being in the nature of a tax); or
(b) any local rate; or
(c) any expenditure by a local authority which, under the Local Government Act, 1948, fails to be taken into account in calculating the amount of any Exchequer Equalisation Grant payable to that authority under Part I or Part II of that Act."

5. Standing Order 219, page 222, line 26, after "House," insert "156A (Modification of practice as to charges on public revenue)."
6. Standing Order 228A, page 229, line 21, at end, insert the following paragraph:—
   "(3) Standing Order 156A (Modification of practice as to charges on public
   revenue) shall apply to Bills to confirm Provisional Orders issued under the
   Procedure Act subject to the modification that after the words ' local authority ' there
   shall be inserted the words ' or altering the boundaries of the area of a local
   authority '.

7. After Standing Order 248, page 243, line 7, at end, insert the following new Order:—
   "248A. (Application of S.O. 156A and
   191.) Standing Orders 156A (Modification
   of practice as to charges on public
   revenue) and 191 (Tolls and charges not
   in the nature of a tax) shall apply to Bills
   introduced under the Special Procedure
   Act as they apply to Private Bills"—(Mr.
   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 re-
solved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved
itself into a Committee on the Colonial Stock
Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Clearing Office (Money)
Debts Clearing
Offices.

Amendment Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 2091),
dated 14th September 1948, a copy of which was
presented on the 15th day of September, in
the last Session of Parliament, be approved.

—(Mr. Glenvil Hall.)

Resolved, That the Import Duties (Imperial Import Duties.
Preference) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 1813),
dated 31st July 1948, a copy of which was
delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 3rd day of
August 1948, in a former Session of Parlia-
ment, be approved.—(Mr. Bottomley.)

Resolved, That the Ottawa Duties (Geneva Imperial Trade
Agreement) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 1816),
dated 31st July 1948, a copy of which was de-
leted to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 3rd day of
August 1948, in a former Session of Parlia-
ment, be approved.—(Mr. Bottomley.)

Mr. Richard Adams reported from the Committee on Savings Banks [Money], a Reso-
|   lution; which was read, as followeth:
|   That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to
|   Trustee Savings Banks and to extend the powers of the Postmaster General under sec-
|   tion two of the Savings Banks Act, 1904, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of
|   the Consolidated Fund of any increase result-
|   ing from any provision of the said Act of the present Session in the amounts falling to be
|   paid from the Consolidated Fund by virtue of section seventy-two of the Finance Act, 1947.
|   The said Resolution, being read a second
time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Richard Adams.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 5th November, 1948.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers.
Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Saving
Banks Bill to Standing Committee A.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1948, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Superannuation) 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 8th November 1948, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Licences and Prohibitions) (Amendment) 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,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Unemployment Benefit) (Transitional) Amendment 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 Kent Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee Selection of That, in pursuance of Subsection (3) of Section 1 of the Parliament Act, 1911, they had appointed the following Two Members whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had appointed the following Twenty Members to be the Panel of Members to serve on Committees on Unopposed Bills under Section 132 relating to Private Business (Committee of Selection on Unopposed Bills (Panel)).

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had appointed the following Eight Members to be the Panel of Members to serve on the Standing Orders Committee under Standing Order 103 relating to Private Business (Standing Orders Committee (Panel)).

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That, in pursuance of Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Committee of Selection) they had selected the following Twenty Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners under the
The Water (Scotland) Bill was, according to Water Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law with respect to rating and charging for water supplies in Scotland; to amend Part V of the Local Government Act, 1948, with respect to the ascertainment of the standard amounts thereafter in Scotland; to increase the financial assistance that may be given to local authorities in Scotland under the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944; and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session increasing to twenty million pounds the aggregate amount which the Secretary of State may expend in making under section one, as read with section seven, of the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944, contributions towards the expenses of local authorities for rural water supplies and sewerage; and

(b) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, attributable to the said Act of the present Session—

(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

Resolved, to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Chigwell, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th 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 I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Sevenoaks, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th 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 I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Skipton, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th 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 Southgate, a copy of which Order was presented on the 5th day of this instant November, be approved.

—(Mr. Younger.)

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 at 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, till to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, 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 relating to Shipping which are existing or accruing in the Headquarters and other offices of the Ministry of Transport, and which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. Secretary Jones, supported by Mr. Hall and Mr. Rees-Williams presented a Bill to authorise the Treasury to guarantee certain loans by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to the Governments of colonial territories: 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 the Second Reading of the Wireless Telegraphy 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 contains onerous provisions that cannot be justified by public need, which enables the Postmaster General to compel citizens to incur expense as a condition of using apparatus lawfully manufactured and acquired; and which confers on the Government further powers to invade the privacy of the home"—(Mr. Grimston), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collindridge, 256. 
Mr. Wilkins; 
Major Conant, 96.

Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Wheatley: 
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. George Wallace.)

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to wireless telegraphy, it is expedient to
authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) the expenses incurred by the advisory committee to be established under that Act, to such extent as may be determined by the Postmaster General with the consent of the Treasury, including such sums in respect of the expenses of the members of the committee as may be so determined;

(b) the expenses incurred by the appeal tribunal to be established under that Act, to such extent as aforesaid, including such sums by way of fees or other remuneration to, and in respect of the expenses of, the members or persons acting as members of the tribunal, as may be so determined;

(c) any expenses incurred by the Postmaster General for the purposes of that Act;

and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Postmaster General under that Act and any fines imposed for offences under that Act.—(Mr. Wilfred Paling)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Army and Air Force (Women’s Service).

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Army and Air Force (Women’s Service) (Adaptation of Enactments) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 18th October 1948, entitled the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948, No. 2319), a copy of which was delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 19th day of October, 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 Yeas, Mr. Drayson : 50.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Wallace : 242.

So it passed in the Negative.

Adjournment.

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

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

Adjournment.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 10th November, 1948.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Touche Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Wages Councils Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Basil Neven-Spence Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill referred under paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland).

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Carmarthen Wages Council or of His Majesty’s Household.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 10th November, 1948, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order, 1948, and
(2) the London Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Gaitskell also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statistical Digest relative to the Ministry of Fuel and Power, for 1946 and 1947.

Mr. Gaitskell also presented, pursuant to Motor Spirit. the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th November, 1948, entitled the Motor Spirit (Amendment) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth from the Panel of Members to serve on Committees on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 132 relating to Private Business (Committees on Unopposed Bills), and had added Sir Charles MacAndrew thereto.
Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Mr. Price-White; and had appointed in substitution Mr. McCorquodale.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Savings Banks Bill): Mr. Jennings; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Challen.

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

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

2. That 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.

The Special Roads Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the construction of roads reserved for special classes of traffic, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required to be paid into the Road Fund for the purpose of defraying out of that Fund—

(i) expenses incurred by the Minister of Transport with the approval of the

Treasury under the said Act of the present Session in the construction, maintenance, repair or improvement of roads;

(ii) sums required by that Minister for making advances under section eight of the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909, in respect of roads provided or to be provided in accordance with schemes under the said Act of the present Session (including advances in respect of expenses which, under the said Act of the present Session, are deemed for the purposes of the said Act of 1909 to be incurred in the construction of such roads);

(iii) such other expenses of that Minister under the said Act of the present Session (not being administrative expenses) as may be determined by that Minister with the consent of the Treasury;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the said Minister under the said Act of the present Session, other than those required to be defrayed out of the Road Fund, to such amount as may be approved by the Treasury, and of any increase in the Exchequer Equalisation Grant payable under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, attributable to any expenditure of a local authority under the said Act of the present Session;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer in accordance with section one hundred and seventeen of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, of all fines imposed in respect of offences under the said Act of the present Session.

—(Mr. Barnes.)

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Snow.)

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th November 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1948.

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 Report of a Visit of Inspection to Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum in 1948, by Commissioners of the Board of Control.

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 Amending Scheme made by the University of Oxford for administering certain funds of the University.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Silkin and Mr. Younger, presented a Bill to extend State management to new towns and adjoining areas and to make further provision as respects State management districts; to amend the law relating to licensing justices and confirming and compensation authorities; to provide for the payment of allowances to members of licensing courts and courts of appeal in Scotland; to prohibit in certain cases the supply and consumption of intoxicating liquor outside the permitted hours and to make further provision as respects refreshment houses and spirit and wine dealers; to amend the Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Acts, 1945 and 1946, and to extend the provisions of the Finance Act, 1946, as to the suspension of justices' licences; to provide for the application of the licensing laws to the Isles of Scilly; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: 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 the Prize Bill.

Second Reading of the Prize Bill;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer acquainted the House, That he had it in command from His Majesty, to signify to the House that His Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the Bill, has been graciously pleased to place the rights and privileges of the Crown at the disposal of Parliament in connection with the Bill.

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

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

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 Recall of Army and Air Force Pensioners Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Occasion for and period of recall.

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, to leave out the words "as from," and insert the word "at."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That the words "as from" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Procedure for the recall of pensioners).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 24, to leave out from the word "notice" to the word "requiring."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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. 38, to leave out subsection (4), and insert the words:—

"(4) Every notice served otherwise than by registered post shall require the person upon whom it is served to acknowledge receipt thereof within such time as may be specified in the requirement; and if acknowledgment is not received the Service Authority may cause a further notice to be served on him by registered post and may by that notice direct that the former notice shall be deemed never to have had effect.

(5) A person who fails to comply with a notice shall be liable to be apprehended and unless he has some reasonable excuse punished in the same manner as a person enlisted in the regular forces or the regular air force according as he was an Army pensioner or an Air Force pensioner."—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

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

And it being Four o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means
report. That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Adjourned.  
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. George Wallace.)

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

[ No. 15. ]

Monday, 15th November, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment).

The following Papers, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before this House, on the 13th day of this instant November, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of an Order, dated 12th November 1948, entitled the Utility Handkerchiefs (Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 12th November 1948, entitled the Raw Materials (Various Controls) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Statistics relating to Police Preparations and Criminal Proceedings in Scotland for 1946.

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

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

(1) made by the University of Oxford, on the 5th day of June 1948, amending the Statutes of the University.

(2) made by the Governing Body of Balliol College, Oxford, on the 11th day of June 1948, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(3) made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on the 23rd day of April 1948, amending the Statutes of the House.

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 Report of the Cotton Board on the discharge of its functions during the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of April 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 Services (Food) Orders, dated 15th November 1948, entitled—

(1) the Edible Gelatine Order, 1948, and

(2) the Establishments (Christmas Turkeys) Order, 1948.

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

Austen Harry Albu, Esquire, Member for the New Borough of Edmonton, was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Iron and Steel Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Lyttleton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Water (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution which was read, as follows:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law with respect to rating and charging for water supplies in Scotland; to amend Part V of the Local Government Act, 1948, with respect to the ascertainment of the standard amounts thereunder in Scotland; to increase the financial assistance that may be given to local authorities in Scotland under the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944; and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session increasing to twenty million pounds the aggregate amount which the Secretary of State may expend in making under section one, as read with section seven, of the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944, contributions towards the expenses of local authorities for rural water supplies and sewerage; and

(b) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, attributable to the said Act of the present Session. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjourned.  

—(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 16th November, 1948.

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

P R A Y E R S.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 10th day of this instant November relative to Army and Air Force (Women's Service) 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 Army and Air Force (Women's Service) (Adaptation of Enactments) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

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

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, the Minutes of the further Proceedings of the Committee.

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

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty to congratulate His Majesty, Her Majesty the Queen and Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the birth of a son to Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh. — (The Prime Minister.)

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment Bill, which, yesterday, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Iron and Steel Bill be now read a second time;

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

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

An it being Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House 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.
Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1948, entitled the General Footwear (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

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 Session 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Register of Temporary Laws for the Third and Fourth Sessions, Thirty-eighth Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Sir Basil Neven-Spence reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had considered the Education (Scotland) Bill in relation to the principle of the Bill, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Robert Young reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Odey; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Savings Banks Bill): Mr. Burden and Mr. Renton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Longden and Mr. Niall Macpherson.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the following Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee B: Mr. Baird, Mr. Beechman, Mr. Binns, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Stephen Davies, Mr. Deer, Mr. Digby, Sir Gifford Fox, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Medland, Mr. Mokson, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Pargiter, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Sargood, Mr. Harry Thorneycroft, Mr. Tiffany and Mr. York.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Special Roads Bill): Mr. Albu, Mr. Alpass, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Callaghan, Colonel Hutchinson, Mr. Hector Hughes, Mr. Janner, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Jowyn-Hicks, Mr. King, Mr. Renton, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Skeffington-Lodge, Mr. Henry Strauss, Mr. Symonds, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, Major Vernon, Sir Wavell Wakefield, Mr. Walkden and Mr. George Wallace.

Mr. Wilson, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Bottomley, presented a Bill to make temporary provision for the lending of money to be employed in financing the production or distribution of cinematograph films; to provide for the taking over by a national corporation established for the purpose aforesaid of the assets and liabilities of National Film Finance Company Limited; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Marquand, supported by Mr. Alexander, Mr. Secretary Eden, Mr. Secretary Shinwell, Mr. Secretary Henderson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Dugdale, presented a Bill to amend the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Act, 1943: 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 the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 15th day of this instant November, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Iron and Steel Bill be now read a second time:

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

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

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Robert Taylor: {373.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Drewe: {211.

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. Eden);
The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Drew, 
Mr. Popleweir, Mr. George Wallace.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Champion, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Corlet, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Edward Davies, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Sir Ralph Glyn, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Mr. Herbert Hughes, Wing-Commander Hubert, Mr. Kirby, Mr. John Lewis, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Low, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Sir Peter Macdonald, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mrs. Manning, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Mr. Parkin, Mr. Reid, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. Ross, Mr. Scott-Elliot, Mr. Norman Smith, Mr. Sparks, Mr. William Wells, Mr. West, Mr. Frederick Willy, Mr. Willis and Mr. Yates.

Ordered, That Seven be the Quorum of the Committee.

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

(i) remuneration and allowances to, and expenses of, stockholders' representatives appointed under the said Act;
(ii) 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 such referee or board;

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

(iv) the administrative expenses incurred under the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department;

(v) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by any Minister of the Crown or Government department under or by virtue of the said Act.—(Mr. George Strauss).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Popleweir, Mr. George Wallace.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Studholme.

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.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine such of the Estimates presented to this House as may seem fit to the Committee, and to suggest the form in which the Estimates shall be presented for examination, and to report what, if any, economies consistent with the policy implied in those Estimates may be effected therein.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Thirty-six Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Arthur Allen, Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. Barton, Mr. Birch, Mr. Champion, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Corlet, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Edward Davies, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Sir Ralph Glyn, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Mr. Herbert Hughes, Wing-Commander Hubert, Mr. Kirby, Mr. John Lewis, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Low, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Sir Peter Macdonald, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mrs. Manning, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Mr. Parkin, Mr. Reid, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. Ross, Mr. Scott-Elliot, Mr. Norman Smith, Mr. Sparks, Mr. William Wells, Mr. West, Mr. Frederick Willy, Mr. Willis and Mr. Yates.

Ordered, That Seven be the Quorum of the Committee.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Iron and Steel (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 Mr. Speaker directed his Vote to be disregarded, and the Tellers accordingly declared the numbers, Ayes, 212; Noes, 366.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Bill was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Commitill of Bills).

Iron and Steel (Money).

Member enters lobby after doors have been ordered to be locked: his Vote disregarded.

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

(i) subsidies to the Corporation in respect of amounts by which the total cost of imported iron and steel and other imported materials acquired by the Corporation exceeds the price at which they are sold in Great Britain;

(ii) the Corporation's borrowing powers and issued for the purpose of the exercise of those powers and in respect of amounts by which the total cost of imported iron and steel and other imported materials acquired by the Corporation exceeds the price at which they are sold in Great Britain;

(iii) the payment of such sums as may be required to—

(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 or temporarily borrowed by the said Corporation or any publicly-owned company within the meaning of the said Act, so, however, that the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of the stock so issued for the purpose of the exercise of the Corporation's borrowing powers and in respect of any moneys temporarily borrowed as aforesaid do not at any time exceed the sum of three 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) the meaning of the said Act), so, how-

(ii) the amount of any publicly-owned company within the meaning of the said Act provided by the Treasury, in respect of amounts by which the total cost of imported iron and steel and other imported materials acquired by the Corporation exceeds the price at which they are sold in Great Britain;

(iii) the meaning of any Act of Parliament of

(iv) the purpose of any Act of the present Session or by virtue of the said Act;—

(v) the payment of such sums as may be required to—

(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 or temporarily borrowed by the said Corporation or any publicly-owned company within the meaning of the said Act, so, however, that the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of the stock so issued for the purpose of the exercise of the Corporation's borrowing powers and in respect of any moneys temporarily borrowed as aforesaid do not at any time exceed the sum of three 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) subsidies to the Corporation in respect of amounts by which the total cost of imported iron and steel and other imported materials acquired by the Corporation exceeds the price at which they are sold in Great Britain;

The House divided.

To the consideration of the House: Where-
upon the House, pursuant to the said Stand-
ing Order (Money Committees), in a Com-
mittee of the House, recommends it to the
consideration of the House:—Where-
upon the House, pursuant to the said Stand-
ing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question put, That, for
the purposes of any Act of the present Session
to provide, amongst other things, for the
establishment of an Iron and Steel Corpora-
tion of Great Britain and for defining their
functions, and for the transfer to that Corpo-
ation of the securities of certain companies
engaged in the working, getting and smelting of iron ore, the production of steel, and the
shaping of steel by rolling, it is expedient to
authorise—
Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time Minutes of Evidence taken before Sub-Committees. (Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 17th November, 1948.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Special Roads Bill to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. William Wells Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Special Roads Bill and Sir Basil Neven-Spence Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Water (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 18.] Thursday, 18th November, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of Proposed Action by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom regarding a Convention and two Recommendations adopted at the Thirtieth Session of the International Labour Conference, in 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 17th November 1948, entitled:

(1) the Bacon (Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1948 (General Licence No. 2) 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 17th November 1948, entitled the Control of Machine Tools (Electrical Equipment) (No. 3) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

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

Sir Robert Young reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A in respect of the Savings Banks Bill: Mr. Niall Macpherson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Henderson Stewart.

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to abolish the Railway and Canal Commission and make provision for the future exercise and performance of their functions; to amend and repeal certain enactments relating to their functions; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Touche reported from Standing Committee A; That they had gone through the Wages Councils Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to make legal aid and advice available for persons of small or moderate means, to enable the cost of legal aid or advice for such persons to be defrayed wholly or partly out of moneys provided by Parliament, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.
Mr. Hall, supported by Mr. Silkin, Mr. Jay and Mr. Hardman, presented a Bill to authorise the Treasury to contribute towards the cost of a national theatre, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Hall, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Thomas Fraser and Mr. Robertson, presented a Bill to authorise the increase of the number of judges of the Court of Session to fifteen, and to amend the law relating to the sessions of that Court, to the appointment of the Lord Ordinary in Exchequer causes and to the office of sheriff substitute: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

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

The House divided,

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

Tellers for the[Mr. Simmons, Yeas: Mr. Wilkins: 251.] 
Tellers for the[Major Conant, Noes: Brigadier Mackeson: 111.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Richard Adams reported from the Committee on Wireless Telegraphy [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 wireless telegraphy, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) the expenses incurred by the advisory committee to be established under that Act, to such extent as may be determined by the Postmaster General with the consent of the Treasury, including such sums in respect of the expenses of the members of the committee as may be so determined;

(b) the expenses incurred by the appeal tribunal to be established under that Act, to such extent as aforesaid, including such sums by way of fees or other remuneration to, and in respect of the expenses of, the members or persons acting as members of the tribunal, as may be so determined;

(c) any expenses incurred by the Postmaster General for the purposes of that Act; and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Postmaster General under that Act and any fines imposed for offences under that Act.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wireless Telegraphy Bill.

(Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Fees and charges for wireless telegraphy licences).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 43, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that the amount payable to the Postmaster General in respect of a broadcasting receiving licence (excluding television) shall not exceed the sum of twenty shillings per year."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 8, to leave out from the word "person" to the word "the" in l. 9.—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Prohibition of certain misleading messages, interception of private messages, etc.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 47, at the end, to add the words "but it shall not be an offence under this Act for any person holding an ordinary broadcast receiving licence to listen to any station coming within the wave bands in which are included any of the authorised broadcasting stations and licensed amateur stations."—(Mr. John Lewis.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Territorial extent of preceding provisions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 40, to leave out the words "one hundred," and insert the word "ten."—(Mr. Hollis.)

Question, That the words "one hundred" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Powers of Postmaster General as to wireless personnel).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 27, at the end, to insert the words—

"Regulations shall provide that any person whose authority granted under the last preceding subsection is revoked by the Postmaster General may require the Postmaster General to give reasons in writing and may appeal to the tribunal established by section nine of this Act and the tribunal on any such appeal shall hear the Postmaster General and the person at whose instance the appeal is made and the decision of the tribunal shall be final. Regulations may also provide for suspending the person to whom the authority refers from duty until the decision of the tribunal is known."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 39, at the end, to add the words—

"Provided that no charge exceeding the sum of twenty shillings shall be made under this subsection."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Advisory committee and appeal tribunal).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 11, to leave out from the beginning, to the word "to" in l. 12.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)
Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, 223,
Mr. Snow: 99.]

Yea:

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Noes:
Mr. Studholme:]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 20, to leave out the words "of legal experience," and insert the words, "who is a practising barrister or solicitor of not less than seven years' standing."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That the words "of legal experience" stand part of the Clause:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 40, to leave out from the word "the" to the word "appoint" in l. 41, and insert the words "circumstances of any particular case require in his opinion that he should."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Regulations as to radiation of electro-magnetic energy, etc.). Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 23, to leave out the word "regulations," and insert the word "orders."—(Captain Crookshank.)

Question proposed, That the word "regulations" stand part of the Clause:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 38, at the end, to insert the words—

"(c) in the case of any apparatus which is liable to cause interference with wireless telegraphy such regulations relating to manufacture as may be necessary to ensure that no undue interference is caused by the use of the manufactured article."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 3, to leave out L. 3.—(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. 11 (Enforcement of regulations under last preceding section).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 16, to leave out from the beginning to the end of l. 17, and insert the words—

"(b) he is satisfied that the use of the apparatus in question is likely to cause undue interference with any wireless telegraphy used for the purposes of any safety of life service or for any purpose on which the safety of any person or of any vessel, aircraft or vehicle may depend."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, 188,
Mr. Richard Adams: 67.]

Yea:

Tellers for the [Major Comant, Noes:
Colonel Wheatley:]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 21, after the word "heard," to insert the words "either in person or by counsel or solicitor."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 9, at the end, to insert the words "and, unless the parties otherwise agree, in the same county."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 12, to leave out the words "or permits."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question, That the words "or permits" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Penalty for deliberate interference).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 21, to leave out from the beginning to the end of l. 23.—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Penalties and legal proceedings).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 45, to leave out the words "or apparatus."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question, That the words "or apparatus" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress; and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Prize.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision as to the payment, and the distribution or application, of any prize money granted by His Majesty out of the proceeds of prize captured in the late war, or other provision as to prize, it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of unclaimed sums in the custody of prize courts.—(Mr. Dugdale.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means
Partnerships. Medical Legal
(Furniture). Services Supplies and Advice Bill.

Legal Aid and Advice Bill.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Summary of the proposed new service under the Legal Aid and Advice Bill.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. 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 three minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 18th November, 1948.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Burden Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Savings Banks Bill.

[No. 19.]

Friday, 19th November, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 19th November 1948, in pursuance of the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the appropriate Vote.

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 19th November 1948, entitled the Furniture (Utility Mark) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by his Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Legal Committee on Medical Partnerships.

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

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Ordered. That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the National Theatre Bill.

The Railway and Canal Commission (Abolition) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

The Judges Pensions (India and Burma) Bill 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 Noel-Baker, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Judges Pensions (India and Burma) [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 out of moneys provided by Parliament of pensions to certain persons who were serving as judges in India before the fifteenth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, or as judges in Burma before the fourth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required for the payment of, or by way of commutation of the whole or any part of, any pension granted under that Act.—(Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker.)

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 Colonial Loans Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the Treasury to guarantee certain loans by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to the Governments of colonial territories, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and the interest on any such loan, so, however, that the amount of the principal of the loans so guaranteed shall not in the aggregate exceed the equivalent of fifty million pounds;

(b) the charge on and issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling any such guarantee;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by way of the repayment of any sums so issued. (Mr. Rees-Williams.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Special Roads [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the construction of roads reserved for special classes of traffic, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required to be paid into the Road Fund for the purpose of defraying out of that Fund—

(i) expenses incurred by the Minister of Transport with the approval of the Treasury under the said Act of the present Session in the construction, maintenance, repair or improvement of roads;

(ii) sums required by that Minister for making advances under section eight of the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909, in respect of roads provided or to be provided in accordance with schemes under the said Act of the present Session (including advances in respect of expenses which, under the said Act of the present Session, are deemed for the purposes of the said Act of 1909 to be incurred in the construction of such roads);

(iii) such other expenses of that Minister under the said Act of the present Session (not being administrative expenses) as may be determined by that Minister with the consent of the Treasury;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the said Minister under the said Act of the present Session, other than those required to be defrayed out of the Road Fund, to such amount as may be approved by the Treasury, and of any increase in the Exchequer Equalisation Grant payable under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, attributable to any expenditure of a local authority under the said Act of the present Session;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer in accordance with section one hundred and seventeen of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, of all fines imposed in respect of offences under the said Act of the present Session.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Adjournment, being 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 twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 20.]

Monday, 22nd November, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.
Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Return of the amount of Notes issued more than 40 years and outstanding on the 27th day of October 1948 which have been written off from the total amount of Notes issued from the Issue Department of the Bank of England.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd November 1948, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 4) Order, 1948.

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 Scheme made by Pembroke College, Cambridge, for administering certain funds of the College.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, on the 29th day of June 1948, amending the Statutes of the College.

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 mentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—

(1) Caerphilly Urban District Council.

(2) Ilkeston Borough Council.

Copy of Regulations, dated 19th November 1948, entitled the National Health Service (Venereal Diseases) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Hall, Mr. Solicitor-General for Scotland, Mr. Thomas Fraser and Mr. Robertson, presented a Bill to make legal aid and advice in Scotland more readily available for persons of small or moderate means and to enable the cost of legal aid or advice for such persons to be defrayed wholly or partly out of moneys provided by Parliament; to establish a Law Society of Scotland; to amend the law relating to solicitors in Scotland; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons, Mr. Wilkins: 172.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Colonel Wheatley: 85.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 18th day of this instant November, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Prize.

That, for the purposes of any Act of the Prize present Session to make provision as to the payment, and the distribution or application, of any prize money granted by His Majesty out of the proceeds of prize captured in the late war, or other provision as to prize, it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of unclaimed sums in the custody of prize courts.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Aggregate amounts of Naval and Marine, and R.A.F. prize payments). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the word "four," and insert the word "six."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.) Question put, That the word "four" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Mr. Richard Adams: 178.

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Noes, Major Conant: 94.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, at the end, to add the words—

c into the Royal Naval Prize Fund and the Royal Air Force Prize Fund, respectively, all further moneys (other than moneys certified by the Treasury to be payable under section six of this Act) which are or may be in the Supreme Court Prize Deposit Account in such proportions as the said sums specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of this section bear to the aggregate of the proceeds of prize captured in the late war in the Supreme Court Prize Deposit Account.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.) Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Conant, Yeas, Brigadier Mackeson: 92.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Richard Adams: 183.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Distribution of Naval and Marine prize payments). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words "after the conditions of entitlement and the scale of shares of the different ranks have received the approval of a Select Committee of the House of Commons."—(Mr. James Thomas.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Yeas, Major Conant: 85.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, Mr. Richard Adams: 188.

Clause agreed to.

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Clause No. 3 agreed to.
Clause No. 4 (His Majesty's forces to which this Act applies).
Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 14, to leave out the first word “and.”—(Sir Ronald Ross)
Question put, That the word “and” stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the 
Yea, 
Mr. Richard Adams: 189.
Tellers for the 
Noes, 
Commander Agnew, 
Colonel Whealey: 84.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 5 to 8 agreed to.
Clause No. 9 (Short title and definition).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the 
Yea, 
Mr. Collindridge, 
Mr. Wilkins: 196.
Tellers for the 
Noes, 
Major Studholme, 
Brigadier Mackeson: 69.
A Clause (Disposal of certain sums standing to the credit of Prize Deposit Account or prize causes)—(Mr. Dugdale)—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 
Yea, 
Mr. Snow, 
Mr. George Wallace: 196.
Tellers for the 
Noes, 
Major Studholme, 
Brigadier Mackeson: 68.
Clause added.
Title amended.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title, as followeth:
A Bill to make provision as to the payment, and the distribution or application, of any prize money granted by His Majesty out of the proceeds of prize captured in the late war, as to payments and receipts in respect of proceeds of prize to or from the Government or a court of a part of His Majesty's dominions outside the United Kingdom, to extinguish for the future the prerogative rights to make grants of prize money to captors and to grant prize bounty, to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of certain unclaimed sums in prize courts, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.
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.

Recall of Army and Air Force Pensioners Bill

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Recall of Army and Air Force Pensioners Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clause No. 3 (Procedure for the recall of pensioners).
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 38, to leave out subsection (4), and insert the words—
“(4) Every notice served otherwise than by registered post shall require the person upon whom it is served to acknowledge receipt thereof within such time as may be specified in the requirement; and if acknowledgement is not received the Service Authority may cause a further notice to be served on him by registered post and may by that notice direct that the former notice shall be deemed never to have had effect.

(i) A person who fails to comply with a notice shall be liable to be apprehended and unless he has some reasonable excuse punished in the same manner as a person enlisted in the regular forces or the regular air force according as he was an Army pensioner or an air force pensioner.

Question again 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. 4 and 5 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 6 agreed to.
A Clause (Attachment rights on recall) (Brigadier Head)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.
Another Clause (Rank on recall)—(Mr. Manningham-Buller)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.
Schedule.
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, to leave out ll. 4 and 5.—(Mr. Emrys Hughes)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, 1. 21, at the end, to add the words—
“4. A person certified by a local authority as essential to the completion of houses within its area.”—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)
Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

Resolved, That the Draft Furniture Industry Development Council Order, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 9th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Wilson.)

Resolved, That the Draft Happisburgh to Yarmouth Coast Protection Order, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 26th day of October last, be approved.—(Mr. John Edwards.)

Resolved, That the Draft Walney Island Coast Protection Order, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 26th day of October last, be approved.—(Mr. John Edwards.)

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Explanatory Memorandum on the provisions of the Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) Bill relating to Legal Aid and Legal Advice.

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

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

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

Tuesday, 23rd November, 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 a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 22nd November, 1948.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker yesterday certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Administration of Justice (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 21.]

Tuesday, 23rd November, 1948.

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 Stornoway Harbour: And the same was read the first time, and ordered, under Section 9 of the Act, to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of December next.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Herring Industry Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, Registration of pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninety-second Annual Report of the Registrar-General for Scotland, 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 November 1948, entitled the General Apparel, Furnishings and Textiles (Distributors' Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd November 1948, entitled the Education (Compensation Forms) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Coal Industry, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th November 1948, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Superiorities) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. George Strauss presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd November 1948, entitled the Machinery, Plant, and Appliances (General) (No. 20) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd November 1948, entitled the Wireless Receivers and Radio-gramophones (No. 2) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

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 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 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

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

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

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz., That it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Defence Bill;

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

Mr. Gallacher, Member for the County of Fife (Western Division), having made use of a grossly disorderly expression, was ordered by Mr. Deputy Speaker to withdraw the same, but he declined to comply with that direction;

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order (Disorderly Conduct), ordered Mr. Gallacher to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of to-day’s Sitting:—And he withdrew accordingly.

And the Question being put;

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

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. 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 Civil Defence [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for civil defence, 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 Corporation or the principal of and interest on moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Corporation or any publicly-owned company (within the meaning of the said Act), so, however, that the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of the stock so issued for the purpose of the exercise of the Corporation’s borrowing powers and in respect of any moneys temporarily borrowed as aforesaid do not at any time exceed the sum of three 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) subsidies to the Corporation in respect of amounts by which the total cost of imported iron and steel and other imported materials acquired by the Corporation exceeds the prices which they are sold in Great Britain;

(ii) remuneration and allowances to, and expenses of, stockholders’ representatives appointed under the said Act;

(iii) 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 such referee or board;

(iv) 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;

(v) the administrative expenses incurred under the said Act by any Minister of the Crown or Government department;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received 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.

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

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the construction of roads reserved for special classes of traffic, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required to be paid into the Road Fund for the purpose of defraying out of that Fund—

(i) expenses incurred by the Minister of Transport with the approval of the Treasury under the said Act of the present Session in the construction, maintenance, repair or improvement of roads;

(ii) sums required by that Minister for making advances under section eight of the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909, in respect of roads provided or to be provided in accordance with schemes under the said Act of the present Session (including advances in respect of expenses which, under the said Act of the present Session, are deemed for the purposes of the said Act of 1909 to be incurred in the construction of such roads);

(iii) such other expenses of that Minister under the said Act of the present Session (not being administrative expenses) as may be determined by that Minister with the consent of the Treasury;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the said Minister under the said Act of the present Session, other than those required to be defrayed out of the Road Fund, to such amount as may be approved by the Treasury, and of any increase in the Exchequer Equalisation Grant payable under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, attributable to any expenditure of a local authority under the said Act of the present Session;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer in accordance with section one hundred and seventeen of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, of all fines imposed in respect of offences under the said Act of the present Session. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued until twenty-five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Committee C.
Standing Committee C.
Standing Committee B.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 23rd November 1948, entitled the Imported Deciduous Fruit Order, 1947 (Amendment) Order, 1948,
(2) dated 24th November 1948, entitled the Raw Cocoa (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948,
(3) dated 24th November 1948, entitled the Poultry (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1947 (Amendment) Order, 1948,
(4) dated 24th November 1948, entitled the Poultry (Control and Maximum Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1947 (Amendment) Order, 1948, and
(5) dated 24th November 1948, entitled the Rabbitts and Hares (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1944 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Lindgren presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of the National Civil Aviation Consultative Council on Accident Investigation Procedure, with a Memorandum by the Minister of Civil Aviation.

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

Sir Robert Young reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Molson; and had appointed in substitution Colonel Dower.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the following Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee C: Sir John Barlow, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Ewart, Mr. Fairhurst, Mr. Glanville, Mr. Granville, Captain Hewiston, Mr. House, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Mr. William Paling, Mr. Peake, Mr. Edward Porter, Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Viant and Mr. Octavius Willey.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Iron and Steel Bill): Mr. Alexander, Mr. Anderson, Major Bruce, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Digby, Mr. Stanley Evans, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Hall, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Colonel Hutchinson, Mr. John Hynd, Mr. Jennings, Mr. John Jones, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Joseph Mallalieu, Mr. Mikardo, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mort, Mr. Poplewell, Mr. Peter Roberts, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. George Strauss, Mr. Ivor Thomas, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Ward and Mr. West.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee C.

Mr. Isaacs, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Bevin, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Secretary Shinwell, Mr. Secretary Henderson and Mr. Ness Edwards, presented a Bill to substitute eighteen months for twelve months as the term of whole-time service under the National Service Act, 1948, and five and a half years for seven years as the aggregate of the terms of whole-time and part-time service thereunder, and to make certain other amendments in that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at a quarter of an hour after Ten of the clock, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 24th November, 1948.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Iron and Steel Bill to Standing Committee C.

PRAYERS.

Mr. 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 1948, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the Transport directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the
16th day of November 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 Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1948, amending in certain respects the Orders providing for the government and discipline of the Royal Air Force Reserve and the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 24th November 1948, entitled the Mental Deficiency (Amendment) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. George Strauss presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 25th November 1948, entitled the Control of Machine Tools (Electrical Equipment) (No. 4) (Revocation) Order, 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 Colonial Stock Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Debts Clearing Offices Bill, without any Amendment.

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

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.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Committee on Civil Defence [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Proceedings on the Committee stage, Report stage, and Third Reading of the Iron and Steel Bill shall be proceeded with as follows:—

(1) Committee Stage

(a) The Standing Committee to which the Bill is referred shall report the Bill to the House on or before the seventeenth day of March next.

(b) At a Sitting at which any Proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee, the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the Sittings of the Committee until the Proceedings have been brought to a conclusion.

(c) At a Sitting at which any Proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under such a Resolution, no Motion relating to the Sittings of the Committee, no dilatory Motion with respect to Proceedings on the Bill or the Adjournment of the Committee, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, shall be moved except by the Government, and the Question on any such Motion (other than a Motion relating to the Sittings of the Committee), if moved by the Government, shall be put forthwith without any debate.

(d) On the conclusion of the Committee stage of the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without Question put.

(2) Report Stage and Third Reading

(a) Four allotted days shall be given to the Report stage (including any Proceedings on the re-commitment of the Bill).

(b) One allotted day shall be given to the Third Reading, and the Proceedings thereon shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at half an hour after Nine of the clock on that day.

(c) Any day other than a Friday on which the Bill is put down as the first Order of the day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order.

(d) Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration at Seven of the clock and any Motion for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on a definite matter of urgent public importance) on an allotted day shall on that day, instead of being taken as provided by the Standing Orders, be taken at the conclusion of the Proceedings on the Bill or under this Order for that day, and any Private Business or Motion for Adjournment so taken may be proceeded with, though opposed, notwithstanding any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House.

(e) On a day on which any Proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under any Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House or under this Order, those Proceedings shall not be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House.

(f) On a day on which any Proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under any Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House or under this Order, no dilatory Motion with respect to Proceedings on the Bill or under this Order, nor Motion to re-commit the Bill, shall be moved unless moved by the Government, and the Question on any such Motion, if moved by the Government, shall be put forthwith without any debate.

(3) General

(a) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any Proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee, as agreed to by the Standing Committee, or by a Resolution of the Business Committee, as agreed to by the House, or by this Order, and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall, at the time so appointed, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and, in the case of a new Clause which
has been read a second time, also the Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, and shall next proceed to put forthwith the Questions on any Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules moved by the Government of which notice has been given (but no other Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules), and any Question necessary for the disposal of the Business to be concluded, and, in the case of Government Amendments or Government new Clauses or Government new Schedules, he shall put only the Questions that the Amendments be made or that the Clauses or Schedules be added to the Bill, as the case may be.

(b) Nothing in this Order or in a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee or Business Committee shall—

(i) prevent any Proceedings which thereunder are to be concluded on any particular day or at any particular Sitting being concluded on an earlier day or at an earlier Sitting, or necessitate any particular day or Sitting or part of a particular day or Sitting being given to any such Proceedings if those Proceedings have been otherwise disposed of; or

(ii) prevent any other business being proceeded with on a particular day, or part of a particular day, in accordance with the Standing Orders of this House, if any Proceedings to be concluded on that particular day, or part of a particular day, have been disposed of.

(c) In this Order the expressions “Business Committee” and “Business Sub-Committee”, respectively mean the Committee appointed under Standing Order No. 41 (Business Committee), and the Sub-Committee appointed under Standing Order No. 64 (Business Sub-Committee) of the Standing Committee to which the Bill is referred—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House declines to assent to the arbitrary curtailment of debate upon a measure vitally important to the economic life of the nation”—(Mr. Eden)—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. Snow, 319.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Wallace; Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, 195.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Committee stage, Report stage and Third Reading of the Iron and Steel Bill shall be proceeded with as follows:

(1) Committee stage

(a) The Standing Committee to which the Bill is referred shall report the Bill to the House on or before the seventeenth day of March next.

(b) At a Sitting at which any Proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under a resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee, the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the Sittings of the Committee until the Proceedings have been brought to a conclusion.

(c) At a Sitting at which any Proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under such a Resolution, no Motion relating to the Sittings of the Committee, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, shall be moved except by the Government, and the Question on any such Motion (other than a Motion relating to the Sittings of the Committee), if moved by the Government, shall be put forthwith without any debate.

(d) On the conclusion of the Committee stage of the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without Question put.

(2) Report stage and Third Reading

(a) Four allotted days shall be given to the Report stage (including any Proceedings on the re-committal of the Bill).

(b) One allotted day shall be given to the Third Reading, and the Proceedings thereon shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at half an hour after Nine of the clock on that day.

(c) Any day other than a Friday on which the Bill is put down as the first Order of the day shall be considered an allotted day for the purposes of this Order.

(d) Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration at Seven of the clock and any Motion for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on a definite matter of urgent public importance) on an allotted day shall on that day, instead of being taken as provided by the Standing Orders, be taken at the conclusion of the Proceedings on the Bill or under this Order for that day, and any Private Business or Motion for Adjournment so taken may be proceeded with, though opposed, notwithstanding any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House.

(e) On a day on which any Proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under any Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House or under this Order, those Proceedings shall not be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the Sittings of the House.

(f) On a day on which any Proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under any Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House or under this Order, nor Motion to re-commit the Bill, shall be moved unless moved by the Government, and the Question on any such Motion, if moved by the Government, shall be put forthwith without any debate.

(3) General

(a) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any Proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed
by a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee, as agreed to by the Standing Committee, or by a Resolution of the Business Committee, as agreed to by the House, or by this Order, and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall, at the time so appointed, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and, in the case of a new Clause which has been read a Second time, also the Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, and shall next proceed to put forthwith the Questions on any Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules moved by the Government of which notice has been given (but no other Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules), and any Question necessary for the disposal of the Business to be concluded, and, in the case of Government Amendments or Government new Clauses or Government new Schedules, he shall put only the Questions that the Amendments be made or that the Clauses or Schedules be added to the Bill, as the case may be.

(b) Nothing in this Order or in a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee or Business Committee shall

(i) prevent any Proceedings which thereunder are to be concluded on any particular day or at any particular Sitting being concluded on an earlier day or at an earlier Sitting, or necessitate any particular day or Sitting part of a particular day or Sitting given to any such Proceedings if those Proceedings have been otherwise disposed of; or
(ii) prevent any other business being proceeded with on a particular day, or part of a particular day, in accordance with the Standing Orders of this House, if any Proceedings to be concluded on that particular day, or part of a particular day, have been disposed of.

(c) In this Order the expressions " Business Committee" and " Business Sub-Committee" respectively mean the Committee appointed under Standing Order No: 41 (Business Committee) and the Sub-Committee appointed under Standing Order No. 64 (Business Sub-Committee) of the Standing Committee to which the Bill is referred.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Wireless Telegraphy Bill;

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 Civil Defence [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for civil defence, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) of any expenses incurred by any Minister in discharging functions exercisable by him under or by virtue of that Act, including any sums required for paying grants or compensation; and
(ii) of any increase resulting from any of the provisions of the said Act in the sums which, under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, fall to be paid out of moneys so provided;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received under or by virtue of the said Act of the present Session by any Minister.

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 upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till tommorrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 25th November, 1948.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Charles MacAndrew Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Iron and Steel Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Simmons reported from the Committee on Judges Pensions (India and Burma) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of pensions to certain persons who were serving as judges in India before the fifteenth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, or as judges in Burma before the fourth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required for the payment of, or by way of commutation of the whole or any part of, any pension granted under that Act.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Judges Pensions (India and Burma) Bill, into a Committee on the Judges Pensions (India and Burma) Bill, (in the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 5 and 6 agreed to.
Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 8 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN,
Speaker.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes after Two of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 29th November, 1948.

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 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:

26th November 1948:—
Copy of an Order, dated 26th November 1948, entitled the Utility Quilts (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948.

27th November 1948:—
Copy of an Order, dated 26th November 1948, entitled the Control of Non-Ferrous Metals (No. 33) (Copper, Lead, and Zinc) Order, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 25th November 1948, entitled the National Insurance and Industrial Injuries (Stampa) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 26th November 1948, entitled—
(1) the Food (Licensing of Establishments) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Food (Licensing of Retailers) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th November 1948, entitled the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 26th November 1948, entitled the Voluntary Homes (Registration) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Jewellery and Silverware Development Council Order, 1948.

Order, 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 Widnes Town Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations entitled the National Insurance (Compensation) Regulations, 1948.

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

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of paragraph 27 of the Agricultural Lime Scheme, 1947, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account of the Land Fertility (Research) Land Fertility Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Order, That the said Account be printed.

Sir Robert Young reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Special Roads Bill): Major Vernon; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Standing Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Mr. Viant; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tiffany.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings in the Committee on Coal Industry [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 Yes: Mr. Simmons, Mr. Richard Adams: 171.
Tellers for the Noes, Brigadier Mackeson: 87.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Industry Second Reading of the Coal Industry 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, while extending widely the functions and activities of the National Coal Board, fails to make provision for essential changes in its machinery and framework which the experience of the last two years has shown to be necessary "—(Mr. Bracken), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes: Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 267.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholm: 118.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to alter the composition of the National Coal Board, extend the area within which their activities may be carried on and empower them to terminate certain long-term contracts and (amongst other things) to authorise the making of certain payments in connection with the settlement of disputes arising under regulations made under section thirty-seven of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of fees and allowances to a referee or the members of a board of referees appointed under regulations so made to whom disputes arising under the regulations are referred and of allowances to persons giving evidence before any such referee or board.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the 23rd day of this instant November communicating the Resolution, That it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision 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 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 and County Borough of Stoke-on-Trent, which was presented on the 27th day of October last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

Resolved, That the Draft of the Special Gas (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 Wellington (Salop) Gas Company, which was presented on the 27th day of October last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 29th November, 1948.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Business Sub-Committee), Mr. Speaker this day nominated the following Members of Standing Committee C to be Members of the Business Sub-Committee in respect of the Iron and Steel Bill:—Sir Charles MacAndrew (Chairman), Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Edward Mallalieu, Mr. Peake, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. George Strauss and Mr. Octavius Willey.

[No. 26.]

Tuesday, 30th November, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, by His Central Office Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Central Office of Information for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Mr. Herbert Morrison also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Durham amending the Statutes of the University.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st October 1948.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th November 1948, entitled the Petworth (Fittleworth) Housing Confirmation 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 Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Accounts and Balance Sheets of the Post Office for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, including Accounts of the Postal, Telegraph and Telephone Services and certain subsidiary Accounts, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; also certain Returns relating to capital borrowings and a Report and Statistics relating to various services.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1948, entitled the Labelling of Food Order, 1946 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948. Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1948, entitled the Sugar (Rationing) 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 30th November 1948, entitled the Family Allowances (New Zealand Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations, 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ended the 1st day of July 1948.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, that they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, with Appendices.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, that they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, with Appendices.

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. Burden reported from Standing Committee A, that they had gone through the Savings Banks 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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of an humble Address to be presented to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a Mace and Speaker's Chair be presented on behalf of this House to the House of Representatives of Ceylon, and assuring His Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.—(Mr. Whiteley.) 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, 258.

Yeas, 

{Mr. Wilkins: }

Noes, 

{Tellers for the } {Major Conant, }

{Colonel Wheatley: } 122.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for civil defence, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) of any expenses incurred by any Minister in discharging functions exercisable by him under or by virtue of that Act, including any sums required for paying grants or compensation; and

(ii) of any increase resulting from any of the provisions of the said Act in the sums which, under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, fall to be paid out of moneys so provided;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received under or by virtue of the said Act of the present Session by any Minister.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Civil Defence itself into a Committee on the Civil Defence Bill.

(In the Committee.) Clause No. 1 (Civil defence functions of Ministers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out from the word "be" to the second word "of," and insert the words "the duty,"—(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, 245.

{Mr. Richard Adams: }

Tellers for the {Brigadier Mackeson, Noes, 135.

{Colonel Wheatley: }

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out from the first word "for" to the word "any" in l. 11.—(Mr. Elliot.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Grant towards expenses of local and police authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, to leave out from the word "Treasury" to the end of l. 27, and insert the words "shall provide for and require the complete reimbursement by the designated Minister of the whole amount
of any expenses incurred by local authorities or police authorities or statutory water undertakers, as defined in section one of the Water Act, 1948, not being local authorities, in or in connection with the discharge of functions conferred on them any of them under the last preceding section or in connection with civil defence."—(Mr. Nicholls.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word "by" in l. 23, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Powers as to land).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 12, to leave out the words "civil defence."—(Brigadier Prior-Palmer.)

Question proposed, That the words "civil defence" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Civil defence obligations of constables, firemen, etc., and of members of civil defence forces and services).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 20, to leave out from the word "brigades" to the word "are" in l. 23. —(Mr. Burden.)

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

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Saving for, and power to revive and amend, existing Acts relating to civil defence).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 23, to leave out from the word "force" to the word "any" in l. 25, and insert the words "(c) adapt as may appear to him necessary."—(Sir John Anderson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of l. 24, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Interpretation). 

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 30, after the word "not," to insert the words "being measures taken for the purposes of the armed forces nor."—(Brigadier Head.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 18, to leave out from the word "Minister" to the word "as."—(Mr. Peake.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Snow," Yeas, 237.
Tellers for the "Mr. George Wallace," Noes, 95.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 10 and 11 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wireless Telegraphy Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 14 (Entry and search of premises, etc.).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 39, to leave out the words "forty-eight hours," and insert the words "one week."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question proposed, That the words "forty-eight hours" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 2, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) No action shall be taken under subsection (1) or subsection (2) of this section unless,

(a) safety considerations are involved or the offence is under Part I of this Act, or

(b) the person who is alleged to be at fault has had an opportunity of being heard by the Justice of the Peace or sheriff as the case may be."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Commander Agnew," Yeas, 94.
Tellers for the "Mr. Studholme," Noes, 243.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 9, at the end, to add the words—

"(5) If any person who, in compliance with any of the foregoing provisions of this Act or with a warrant issued thereunder, is admitted into any premises, discloses to any person any information obtained by him there with regard to any manufacturing process or trade secret, he shall, unless such disclosure was made in the performance of his duty, be liable in respect of each offence—

(a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment;

(b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 15 to 17 agreed to.

 Clause No. 18 (Interpretation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 23, to leave out from the word "person" to the
word "post," and insert the words "shall be served by registered."—(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. 19 agreed to.

A Clause (Cost of Apparatus)—(Sir Richard Acland)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time put, and negatived.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 6, to leave out para. 4.—(Mr. Grimston.)

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.

Bill 29.

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

Statistics of Trade.

Closure claimed. Asent withdrawn.

Question put pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Charles Taylor, Yeas, Mr. Baker White; ] 90.
Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, Noes, Mr. Wilkins; ] 218.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 30th November, 1948.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Coal Industry Bill to Standing Committee A.

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Wednesday, 1st December, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the several Amendments Standing Orders relating to Private Business hereinafter stated in Schedule (A) be made, that Standing Orders 190 (Order of Proceedings in the House on Private Business) and 245 (Withdrawal of Petitions and Memorials), relating to Private Business, be repealed, and that the new Standing Orders hereinafter stated in Schedule (B) be made.

Schedule (A)—(Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Private Business).

Standing Order 27, line 62, leave out "Committee and."
Standing Order 29, line 13, leave out "Committee and."
Standing Order 38, line 4, leave out "Committee and."
Standing Order 39, line 3, after "Treasury," insert "the Board of Trade."
Standing Order 45, line 2, leave out "Committee and."
Standing Order 47, line 14, leave out "Committee and."

Line 11, leave out "Committee and."
Standing Order 39, line 5, after "Transport," insert "the Ministry of Supply."
Line 8, after "Transport," insert "the Ministry of Supply."
Line 22 to 25.
Line 58, leave out "1929," and insert "1947."

Standing Order 45, line 2, leave out "Committee and."
Standing Order 47, line 14, leave out "Committee and."

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Standing Order 61, line 15, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 62, line 75, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 63, line 4, leave out “1929,” and insert “1948.”
Line 12, leave out “1929,” and insert “1948.”
Line 17, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 33, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 51, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 65, line 91, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 66, line 7, leave out “1929,” and insert “1948.”
Line 24, leave out “1929,” and insert “1948.”
Line 28, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 43, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 61, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 71, line 2, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 73, line 6, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 27, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 74, line 15, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 83, line 8, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 87, line 9, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 111, line 5, leave out “the Committee on Unopposed Bills,” and insert “a committee.”
Standing Order 113, line 7, leave out “an opposed,” and insert “a.”
Standing Order 126, line 4, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 11, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 129, line 7, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 13, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 132, line 1, leave out “The Committee on unopposed Bills,” and insert “The committee on an unopposed bill.”
Lines 9 and 10, leave out “on Unopposed Bills.”
Leave out lines 13 to 28.
Line 33, leave out “the Committee on Unopposed Bills,” and insert “a committee on an unopposed bill.”
Standing Order 134, line 3, leave out “on Unopposed Bills.”
Standing Order 140, line 5, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 12, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 144, line 5, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 165, line 4, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 167, line 8, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 171, line 4, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 172, line 18, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 173, line 3, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 174, line 8, leave out “half-past.”
Line 13, leave out “half-past.”
Standing Order 179, line 11, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 185, line 6, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 186, line 6, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 187, line 6, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 189, line 6, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 192, line 1, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 193, line 3, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 194, line 2, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 195, line 5, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 196, line 2, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 197, line 3, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 198, line 4, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 199, line 10, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 200, line 7, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 17, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 19, leave out “on Unopposed Bills.”
Standing Order 201, line 4, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 202, line 5, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 203, line 4, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 204, line 7, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 205, line 3, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 206, line 7, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 207, line 2, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 208, line 4, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 209, line 2, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 210, line 1, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 212, line 16, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 214, line 40, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 220, line 19, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 33, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 39, leave out “Committee and.”
Line 57, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 224, line 14, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 235, line 6, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 239, line 7, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 240, line 4, leave out “applicable to Petitions against Private Bills.”
Line 6, leave out “Committee and.”
Standing Order 241, line 4, leave out “present to this House a Memorial.”
Line 11, leave out from beginning, to end of line 13.
Line 15, leave out “presented,” and insert “deposited.”
Standing Order 242, line 1, leave out "presented to this House," and insert "deposited in the Private Bill Office."

Line 3, leave out "the Committee and Private Bill," and insert "that."

Line 7, leave out "presented," and insert "deposited."

Line 13, leave out "Committee and."

Standing Order 243, line 42, leave out "Committee and."

Standing Order 244, line 21, after "House," insert "shall be prepared and signed in strict conformity with the rules and orders of this House and."

Line 22, leave out "Committee and."

Line 30, leave out "Member, Party or Agent," and insert "party."

Line 31, leave out "presented," and insert "signed."

Line 43, after "Petitioner," insert "or his agent."

Appendix (C), line 4, leave out "Committee and."

Schedule (B)—(New Standing Orders relating to Private Business).

190.—(1) Each day, so soon as the House is ready to proceed to private business the clerk at the table shall read from the private business list the titles of the several bills set down therein, and if, upon the reading of any such title as aforesaid, no motion is made with respect to the bill, further proceeding thereon shall stand adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

(2) Any bills set down in the private business list in pursuance of notices given by the agents thereof shall be arranged in the following order: consideration of Lords amendments, third readings, consideration of bills ordered to lie upon the table, second readings. They shall be followed by the orders of the day, if any, relating to private bills arranged in the same order.

245.—Standing Order 173 shall apply to the withdrawals of petitions presented and memorials deposited under the orders contained in this chapter.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th November 1948, entitled the Fish Sales (Charges) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 26th day of October 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Iceland extending the Visa Abolition Agreement of the 20th day of June 1947 to certain British Overseas Territories (with Annex).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 26th and the 30th days of October 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Norway extending the Visa Abolition Agreement of the 26th day of February 1947 to certain British Overseas Territories (with Annex).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 26th day of October 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Sweden extending the Visa Abolition Agreement of the 20th day of March 1947 to certain British Overseas Territories (with Annex).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 26th day of October 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Denmark extending the Visa Abolition Agreement of the 20th day of February 1947 to certain British Overseas Territories (with Annex).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 26th day of October 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Luxembourg extending the Visa Abolition Agreement of the 14th day of February 1947 to certain British Overseas Territories (with Annex).

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

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Report for 1947, showing the Quantities of Spirituous Beverages imported into certain Territories under British Administration in Africa, and the import duties levied thereon.

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

Mr. Isaac presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Order, dated 1st December 1948, entitled the Control of Engagement (Amendment) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Order, entitled the Scottish Standing Committee; That they had gone through the Water (Scotland) 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.

No. 24.

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 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 A on the 30th day of November last; And the Report was brought up and read.

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Committee on National Service (Amendment) [Money] 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 National Service (Amendment) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Ellis Smith.)

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

The House divided.

The Yeas were:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 338,

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. George Yates, Mr. George Walker: 51.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to substitute eighteen months for twelve months as the term of whole-time service under the National Service Act, 1948, and five and a half years for seven years as the aggregate of the terms of whole-time and part-time service thereunder, and to make other amendments in that Act, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act of the present Session in the expenses directed to be defrayed out of moneys so provided by section fifty-five of the said Act of 1948.—(Mr. Alexander.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to alter the composition of the National Coal Board, extend the area within which their activities may be carried on and empower them to terminate certain long-term contracts and (amongst other things) to authorise the making of certain payments in connection with the settlement of disputes arising under regulations made under section thirty-seven of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of fees and allowances to a referee or the members of a board of referees appointed under regulations so made to whom disputes arising under the regulations are referred and of allowances to persons giving evidence before any such referee or board.

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

Mr. Snow, one of the Tellers in the Yeas Division Lobby, in the Division this day on the Question, That the word "now" stand part of the Question, came to the Table and stated that they had erroneously reported the number of the Yeas as 438, instead of 338, which was the correct number;—(Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Coal Industry [Money], a Resolution to be reported.)

Whereupon Mr. Speaker directed the Clerk to correct the number in the Journal accordingly:—Yeas 338, Noes 51.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, dated 11th November 1948, entitled the Motor Spirit (Amendment) Regulations, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 2442), a copy of which was presented on the 11th day of November last, be annulled—(Sir Jocelyn Lucas)—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 five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 1st December, 1948.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Butcher Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Coal Industry Bill.
7th DECEMBER, 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 Hubert Beaumont, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Batley and Morley, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

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

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 Commons, pursuant to sub-section (5) of Section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That Petitions against the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board Order, 1948, have been presented by—

1. the River Nene Catchment Board,
2. the Wellingborough Urban District Council,
3. the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and others,
4. the Higham Ferrers and Rushden Water Board, Higham Ferrers Corporation and Rushden Urban District Council,
5. the Rural District Council of Northampton, and
6. the Wellingborough Rural District Council;

and, That they have certified all these Petitions as proper to be received and as Petitions for Amendment.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing (1) Particulars of all Aliens to whom Certificates of Naturalisation have been issued and whose Oaths of Allegiance have, during the year ended the 31st day of December 1947, been registered at the Home Office; (2) Information as to any Aliens who have, during the same period, obtained Acts of Naturalisation from the Legislature; and (3) Particulars of cases in which Certificates of Naturalisation have been revoked during the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 125 of Session 1946-47).—(Mr. Younger.)

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Sir Robert Young reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Mr. Kenyon; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ernest Davies.

Thomas Galloway Dunlop Galbraith, New Member Esquire, Member for the Burgh of Glasgow sworn. (Hillhead Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Committee of Selection on Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Bill 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 Ceylon (Gift of Mace and Speaker's Chair).

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a Mace and Speaker's Chair be presented on behalf of this House to the House of Representatives of Ceylon, and assuring His Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the said Petitions be laid upon the Table.

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

(Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) [Money].)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the lending of money to be employed in financing the production or distribution of cinematograph films, and to provide for the taking over by a national corporation established for the purpose aforesaid of the assets and liabilities of National Film Finance Company Limited, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required to enable the Board of

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Police Pensions (Scotland) (Amendment) 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 Tynemouth 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 Directions, dated 1st December 1948, entitled—

1. the Christmas Food Directions, 1948,

2. the New Year (Scotland) Food Directions, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 2nd December 1948, entitled the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams, supported by Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. Secretary Woodburn, presented a Bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Acts, 1931 to 1933, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read as followeth:

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Ceylon (Gift of Mace and Speaker's Chair), a Resolution; which was read as followeth:

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will give directions that a Mace and Speaker's Chair be presented on behalf of this House to the House of Representatives of Ceylon, and assuring His Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Wages Councils Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded Civil Defence to take into consideration the Civil Defence 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Supplies and put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 25th October 1948, entitled the Knacker's Yard Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 2253), a copy of which was presented on the 26th day of October last, be annulled—(Sir John Mellor):—It passed in the Negative.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes before 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 Parliamentary 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:—

3rd December 1948:

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1948, entitled the Exchange Control.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1948, entitled the Furniture (Maxima Prices and Charges) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1948, entitled the Sales by Auction and Tender (Control) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

4th December 1948:


Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1948, entitled the Sale by Auction and Tender (Control) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1948, entitled the Manufacture and Supply Services, (Various Controls) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1948, entitled the Manufacture and Supply Services, (Various Controls) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1948, entitled the Manufacture and Supply Services, (Various Controls) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1948, entitled the Manufacture and Supply Services, (Various Controls) (Revocation) Order, 1948.
Copies of Orders, dated 3rd December 1948, entitled—
(1) the Cheese (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Treasury Minute dated 1st December 1948, relative to a gift of items of scientific plant and equipment to certain British Universities.

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 9th day of September 1948, on loans proposed to be raised by the British European Airways Corporation.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 17th day of November 1948, on loans proposed to be raised by the British European Airways Corporation.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 22nd day of October 1948, on loans proposed to be raised by the British South American Airways Corporation.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th December 1948, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 5) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Civil Aviation be printed.

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 1946.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Chile concerning Military Service, signed at Santiago on the 27th day of October 1947.

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 3rd December 1948, entitled the Display of Photographs (Cinematograph Film Industry) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

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

Sir Robert Young reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Mr. House; and had appointed in substitution Major Vernon.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Iron and Steel Bill): Major Bruce; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Attewell.

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

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of seven Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as a joint Committee on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision 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 the Proceedings on Government business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on National Service (Amendment) Bill, a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to substitute eighteen months for twelve months as the terms of whole-time service under the National Service Act, 1948, and five and a half years for seven years as the aggregate of the terms of whole-time and part-time service thereunder, and to make other amendments in that Act, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act of the present Session in the expenses directed to be defrayed out of moneys so provided by section fifty-five of the said Act of 1948.

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

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

Clause No. 1 (Substitution of eighteen months as term of whole-time service).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

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

Question put, That the Question be now put. Question put. That the Question be now put, pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Mr. Hannan:
209.

Tellers for the Noes,
Major Conant,
Colonel Wheatley:
102.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Mr. Hannan:
257.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Byers,
Mr. Wadsworth:
30.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 6 agreed to.
A Clause (Service outside the United Kingdom) (Mr. Emrys Roberts)—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. Question put. That the Question be now put, pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Snow,
    Yes,   Mr. George Wallace: 190.
Tellers for the Mr. Byers,
    Noes,    Mr. Wadsworth:  82.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Byers,
    Yes,   Mr. Wadsworth:  25.
Tellers for the Mr. Snow,
    Noes,    Mr. George Wallace: 224.

Another Clause (interval between notice of call-up and registration for service)—(Mr. Swingler)—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 (appointment of director general of national service)—(Mrs. Manning)—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 (limit on liability to be called up)—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Boyd-Carpenter,
    Yes,   Sir John Mellor:  74.
Tellers for the Mr. Simmons,
    Noes,    Mr. George Wallace: 117.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on 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 four minutes after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[No. 31.]

Tuesday, 7th December, 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 new forest bill [lords], pending in the lords, the standing orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

Report from one of the examiners of national petitions for private bills, pursuant to the standing order made upon the 19th day of November last, that in the case of the national theatre bill no standing orders are applicable.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an act of parliament,—Copies of draft orders in council, entitled—

(1) the double taxation relief (estate duty) (Netherlands) order, 1948,
(2) the double taxation relief (taxes on income) (Barbados) order, 1948,
(3) the double taxation relief (taxes on income) (Dominica) order, 1948,
(4) the double taxation relief (taxes on income) (Falkland islands) order, 1948,
(5) the double taxation relief (taxes on income) (Grenada) order, 1948,
(6) the double taxation relief (taxes on income) (Jamaica) order, 1948,
(7) the double taxation relief (taxes on income) (Netherlands) order, 1948,
(8) the double taxation relief (taxes on income) (St. Lucia) order, 1948, and
(9) the double taxation relief (taxes on income) (St. Vincent) order, 1948.
Copy of an Order dated 7th December 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 10) 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,—Copy of a Petition and Draft Charter relating to the incorporation of North Staffordshire University 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 7th December 1948, entitled the Footwear Repairs (Control) (Revocation) 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 Orders (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pensions Appeal Tribunals Bill.

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Mr. Percy Morson reported from the Committee on Administration of Justice (Scotland) Bill.

Clause No. 4 (Qualification for office of Sheriff-Substitute) agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 1 (Number of judges of Court of Session) agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the word "State" to the word "is" in l. 11.—(Lieutenant-Commander Hutchison.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, after the word "qualified," to insert the words "and has been for at least five years in practice as a solicitor or advocate."—(Lieutenant-Commander Hutchison.)

Amendment proposed, That the words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 read 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 Railway and Canal Commission (Abolition) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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 Railway and Canal Commission (Abolition) [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 the Railway and Canal Commission and make provision for the future exercise and performance of their functions; to amend and repeal certain enactments relating to their functions; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of pensions to or in respect of persons who suffer loss of employment in consequence of the abolition of the said Commission.—(Mr. Attorney-General.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, in pursuance of Section seven of the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947, praying that Regulation seventy-six of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, which would otherwise expire on the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, be continued in force until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.—(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.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, Cinematograph Entertainments, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Bilston, a copy of which Order was presented on the 3rd day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

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

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the directions of an Act of Parliament, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th December 1948, entitled—

(1) the Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1948, and

(2) the Raw Opium Regulations, 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 1st day of December 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the United States Government for the Duty-free Treatment of American Relief Goods.

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 Draft Order, entitled the Lace Industry (Levy) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of an Agreement, dated 7th December 1948, between His Majesty's Postmaster General and the British Broadcasting Corporation relative to Broadcasting in the Far East.

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. McCorquodale, Commander Maitland, Mr. Edward Mallalieu, Mr. Douglas Marshall and Colonel Stoddart-Scott; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bracken, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Grey, Colonel Lancaster and Mr. Raikes.

Standing Committee A.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Coal Industry Bill): Mr. Birch, Mr. Blyton, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Thomas Brown, Colonel Clarke, ColonEL Crosthwaite-Eyre, Mr. Eccles, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Gaitskell, Mr. Gallacher, Major Lloyd George, Mr. Arnold Grilly, Mr. David Griffiths, Miss Herbison, Mr. Holmes, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tyrwhitt, Mr. McCorquodale, Mr. Murray, Mr. Neal, Mr. Pickthorn, Mr. Pryde, Major Ramsay, Mr. Robens, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Sylvester, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Henry White, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Wilks, Mr. David Williams and Mr. Ronald Williams.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings in the Committee on the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Simmons, 252.
Mr. Wilkins:]

Tellers for the Noes, [Commander Agnew, 107.
Brigadier Mackeson:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) [Money].

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the lending of money to be employed in financing the production or distribution of cinematograph films, and to provide for the taking over by a national corporation established for the purpose aforesaid of the assets and liabilities of National Film Finance Company Limited, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) 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 limits, namely, that the aggregate amount of the principal outstanding in respect of such advances shall not at any time exceed five million pounds;

(b) 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;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of sums received by the Board of Trade from the said corporation in respect of advances, 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;

(d) on the dissolution of the said corporation, the cancellation of the whole or any part of any liability of the said corporation to the Board of Trade;

(e) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received after the dissolution of the said corporation in respect of any of the property or rights aforesaid and the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required after the dissolution of the said corporation to defray any liabilities thereof.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (The National Film Finance Corporation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out the words "on a commercially successful basis."—(Mr. Gallacher.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Loans by the Corporation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 29, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) The Corporation may make a loan to any person in respect of whom the circumstances set out in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section one of this Act apply for the purpose of financing the production of a cinematograph film and in considering the propriety of making such a loan shall have regard to the sufficiency of the security for its repayment;

Provided that a loan shall not be made under this subsection unless the Corporation are satisfied that the person to whom the loan is to be made will himself bear not less than one quarter of the total expenditure and liabilities incurred in the production and distribution of such film."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) The Corporation shall not make a loan to any person in respect of the production or distribution of any film the cost of which
exceeds such amount as in the opinion of the Corporation is recoverable by exhibiting the same in the United Kingdom."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, at the end, to add the words—

" (5) The Corporation shall not make a loan to any distribution company whose charges for distributing the film or films for whose production the loan is made exceed twelve and a half per cent.

(6) The Corporation shall make no loans without the right to examine and amend the budgeted costs of production and without being satisfied that all reasonable economies are made.

(7) For the purpose of fulfilling subsections (5) and (6) of this section the Corporation shall appoint an officer equipped with the necessary experience and ability unless one or more members of the Corporation are so equipped."—(Mr. Levy.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 11 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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.

Resolved, That the Draft Order, entitled the Jewellery and Silverware Development Council Order, 1948, 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 29th day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Wilson.)

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.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 8th December, 1948.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Mathers Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 33.]

Thursday, 9th December, 1948.

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

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household Ceylon (Gift of Mace and Speaker's Chair) reported to the House, That their Address of the 3rd day of this instant December relative to Ceylon (Gift of Mace and Speaker's Chair) 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 I will give directions that a Mace and Speaker's Chair be presented on behalf of your House to the House of Representatives of Ceylon, and assuring me that you will make good the expenses attending the same.

It gave me the greatest pleasure to learn that your House desire to make such a presentation to My House of Representatives in Ceylon and I will gladly give directions for carrying your proposal into effect.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947, be continued in force until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

I will give directions accordingly.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947, be continued in force until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

I will give directions accordingly.

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 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.:—

- Crewe Corporation.
- Dover Harbour.
- Falmouth Docks.
- Grimsby Corporation.
- Harwich Harbour.
- Huddersfield Corporation.
- Hurst Park Race Course.
- Manchester Ship Canal.
- Oldbury Corporation.
- Rhodesia Railways Limited (Pension Schemes and Contracts).
- Rochdale Canal.
- Royal Alexandra and Albert School.
- Royal Holloway College.
- Slough Corporation.
- Staffordshire Potteries Water Board.
- Tyne Improvement.
- Wandsworth and District Gas.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Catering Wages Commission, a copy of which was presented on the 24th day of November last, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 4th day of November 1948, prolonging the Monetary Agreement of the 1st day of November 1945, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Czecho-Slovak Republic.

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

Mr. William Wells reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Special Roads 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.

Standing Committee B, Special Roads Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee 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 Judges Pensions (India and Burma) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Recall of Army and Air Force Pensioners Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Recall of Army and Air Force Pensioners Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Dundee Corporation Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Dundee Harbour and Tay Ferries Order Confirmation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Recall of Army and Air Force Pensioners Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

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

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Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

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

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 Ebbw Vale Urban District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th December 1948, entitled...
the Ware Potatoes (1948 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Michael Stewart):—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. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next.

[No. 35.]

Monday, 13th December, 1948.

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

PRAYERS:

THE Dundee Corporation 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 Dundee Harbour and Tay Ferries 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.

Copy of a Licence, dated 10th December 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Special Coupon Rates) Licence, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1948, entitled the Return of Clothing Coupons (Footwear) Order, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1948, entitled the National Service (Miscellaneous) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1948, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1948.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Rome, on the 26th day of November 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government abrogating and replacing the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 17th day of April 1947 (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,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Pensionable Employment) (Scotland) (No. 2) 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 13th December 1948, entitled the Control of the Cotton Industry (Revocation) 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 11th December 1948, entitled the Buckwheat, Millet and Canary Seed (Control of Cultivation) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to National Insurance: the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Guardian's Allowances) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of a Report of the National Insurance National Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection (4) of section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the National Insurance (Guardian's Allowances) 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 Report be printed.

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 Petworth (Fittleworth) Housing Confirmation Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Petition be read upon the Table.

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

Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics between the 1st day of April 1948 and the 30th day of September 1948.

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.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Mr. Wadsworth; and had appointed in substitution Lady Megan Lloyd George.

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 Prize Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Prize Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make certain provision of a financial nature in connection with the assistance furnished by or to the United Kingdom in pursuance of the Act of the Congress of the United States of America known as the Economic Co-operation Act of 1948, or any other Act of the Congress of the United States of America for amending or supplementing that Act or for making appropriations thereunder, and any assistance furnished by or to the United Kingdom in pursuance of agreements entered into by members of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Lloyd George have leave of absence to present, on behalf of this House, a Mace and Speaker's Chair to the House of Representatives of Ceylon.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Whiteley):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Colonels Mackeson, Wheatley: 117.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 216.

So it passed in the Negative.

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 Supply of Ways and Means:

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

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the 6th day of this instant December relating to the appointment of a Committee on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Seven Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider all Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills in the present Session.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Challen, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Thomas Macpherson, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Reid, Mr. Emrys Roberts and Mr. Watson.

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 Seven Members of whom Three shall be a Quorum, with power to send for persons, papers and records, to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider the Bills aforesaid: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

A Motion was made, and the Question Purchase Tax, being proposed. That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 5th November 1948, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 3) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 2398), a copy of which was presented on the 5th day of November last, be annulled.—(Sir John Mellor) :

The said Motion was, and the Question was put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. John Mellor):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. George Wallace.)

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

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Agriculture, a copy of which was presented on the 16th day of November last, be printed.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of the First Report on Operations under the Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America, covering the second and third calendar quarters of 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th December 1948, entitled the Raw Materials (Various Controls) (Revocation) (No. 21 Order, 1948).

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Summary of Returns made to the Minister of Health of the Income and Expenditure of Local Authorities in England and Wales for the year ended the 31st day of March 1946.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the River Great Ouse Catchment Board (Appeals against Precepts) 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 13th December 1948, entitled the Limitation of Packages by Passenger Train (Revocation) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, Education (Scotland) Bill, that they had gone through the Education (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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 National Service (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Wages Councils Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills do meet in Committee Room C on Thursday the 27th day of January next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wages Councils Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Committee on Licensing [Money] and on Consideration of the Amendment made by the Lords to the Recall of Army and Air Force Pensioners 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 the Second Reading of the Licensing Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which extends State ownership of the liquor and catering trades to new towns and undefined districts adjacent to them, and thereby deprives residents in those areas of their freedom of choice, ousts the jurisdiction of licensing justices, and limits the powers of new towns corporations in the planning and management of their areas"—(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. George Wallace: 307.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn: 203.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was read a second time.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe):
The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Brigadier Mackeson, Colonel Wheatley: 195.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Wilkins: 295.

So it passed in the Negative:

The Bill was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Commitment of Bills).

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 Licensing (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 State management to new towns and adjoining areas and to make further provision as respects State management districts, to provide for the payment of allowances to members of licensing courts and courts of appeal in Scotland, and to make provision for other matters, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Secretary of State incurred under the said Act in the State management of the liquor trade in the existing State management districts, in new towns and in adjoining areas, and the payment into the Exchequer of the receipts of the Secretary of State arising therefrom;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, being an increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to the payment of allowances to members of licensing courts and courts of appeal in Scotland.—(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 to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Recall of Army and Air Force Pensioners Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Goods and Services (Price Control).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 5th November 1948, entitled the Clocks and Watches (Maximum Prices) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 2421), a copy of which was presented on the 8th day of November last, be annulled—(Colonel Hutchinson):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

Wednesday, 15th December, 1948:

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 eight minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[No. 37.]

Wednesday, 15th December, 1948.

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. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December 1948, entitled the Increase of Pensions (General) Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Awards to Majesty's Command,—Copy of the First Report of the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant Church Temporalities (Wales).
Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th December 1948, entitled the Control of Check Trading 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 2nd December 1948, entitled the Lee Valley and Luton Area (Conservation of Water) Amendment 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 December 1948, entitled the Pupils' Registration Amending 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 14th December 1948, entitled the Meat Products and Canned Meat (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948. 

Copy of an Order, dated 15th December 1948, entitled the Sugar (Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948. 

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

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Paper containing Details of the Increases in Pay and Marriage Allowances of Members of the Forces (other than the Women's Services) announced to Parliament on the 24th day of November 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 in the Office formerly occupied by the British Colonies Supply Mission, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

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 Administration of Justice (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Strachey, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Jones, Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, Mr. Thomas Williams and Mr. Wilson, presented a Bill to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums required by the Minister of Food to fulfil contracts or arrangements entered into by him, whether before or after the passing of this Act, including contracts or arrangements involving commitments extending beyond the financial year current when the contracts or arrangements were made: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. Hall and the Lord Advocate, presented a Bill to repeal the enactments requiring certain legal practitioners in Great Britain to take out stamped practising certificates, and to make consequential provision as to their right to practise and other matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings in the Committee on Legal Aid and Advice [Money] and on Consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Prize Bill and the Wages Councils Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) — (Mr. Whiteley); 

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; 

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Simmons, 

Major Conant, 258. 

Mr. George Wallace, 92.

Tellers for the Noes, 

Colonel Wheatley: 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Legal Aid and Advice Bill was, Legal Aid and Advice Bill, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, by His Majesty's Legal Aid and Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Legal Aid and Advice [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 legal aid and advice in England and Wales, and in the case of members of the forces legal advice elsewhere, more readily available for persons of small or moderate means, to enable the cost of legal aid or advice to such persons to be defrayed wholly or partly out of moneys provided by Parliament, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the net sums required to meet payments out of any fund set up under the Act in connection with the provision of legal aid and legal advice if (subject to any discretion of the Lord Chancellor to modify the Act by regulations thereunder to meet special cases)—

(a) legal aid under the Act—

(i) is not made available for persons whose disposable income as determined under the Act exceeds four hundred and twenty pounds a year; and
Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Macpherson be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimating the Consolidation of Schemes made by the Lords on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills, and that Mr. Malcolm MacPherson be added to the Committee. (Mr. Popplewell.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded Prize Bill, to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Prize Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Wages Councils: to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wages Councils Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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

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

MR. Dugdale presented, by His Majesty's Command,—List of Exceptions to the King's Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances during the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

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

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

(1) Isle of Wight County Council.
(2) Lowestoft Town Council.
(3) Oxfordshire County Council.
Order, That the Proceedings on the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Secretary the House. Woodburn relating to the Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) Bill and in the Committee on Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House.)—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to- Adjournment morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 18th day of January next.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) 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 Ascent. Sir Geoffrey Blake, K.C.B., D.S.O., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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

10. Administration of Justice (Scotland) Act, 1948.

And the Question being put, That the Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Ordered, That notwithstanding anything in paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) and the Standing Order (Scottish Standing Committee) the Bill be considered by the Scottish Standing Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make legal aid and advice in Scotland more readily available for persons of small or moderate means, and to enable the cost of legal aid or advice for such persons to be defrayed wholly or partly out of moneys provided by Parliament; to establish a Law Society of Scotland; and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the net sums required to meet payments out of any fund set up under the Act in connection with the provision of legal aid and legal advice if (subject to any proceedings connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) legal aid under the Act—

(i) is not made available (except in the preliminary stages in criminal proceedings) for persons whose disposable income as determined under the Act exceeds four hundred and twenty pounds a year; and

(ii) may be refused (except as aforesaid) to a person if he has a disposable capital as so determined of more than five hundred pounds and it appears he can afford to proceed without legal aid; and

(b) a person given legal aid under the Act may be required to contribute to the fund up to a maximum equal to one-half the amount by which his disposable income as so determined exceeds one hundred and fifty-six pounds a year together with the full amount by which his disposable capital as so determined exceeds seventy-five pounds (subject, however, to repayment of any excess of the contribution over the net liability of the fund on his account);

B. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the expenses of the National Assistance Board attributable to any provision of the Act relating to the determination of a person's disposable income or capital or to a person's contribution to any such fund as aforesaid.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Lace Industry (Development and Organisations) (Scotland) Order, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 8th day of this instant December, Development, be approved.—(Mr. Bottomley.)

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment 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. Adjournment.

(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 16th December, 1948.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Legal Aid and Advice Bill to Standing Committee A, and the Licensing Bill to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Diamond Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Licensing Bill.

Ordered, That the Draft Lace Industry (Development and Organisations) (Scotland) Order, 1948.

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

Mr. Hall, by His Majesty's Command, presented, a copy of a Statement showing the Numbers of Registered Disabled Persons in Government Employment in Great Britain on the 1st day of October 1948, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury. Resolution to be reported.

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

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the Import Duties (Additional) (Drawback) Order, 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (Additional) Order, 1948.

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

Friday, 17th December, 1948.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

MR. HALL presented, by His Majesty's Command, a copy of a Statement showing the Numbers of Registered Disabled Persons in Government Employment in Great Britain on the 1st day of October 1948, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury. Resolution to be reported.

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

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to an Order, dated 17th December 1948, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 4) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 17th December Import Duties 1948, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (Additional) Order, 11 Order, 1948.
Copy of an Order, dated 17th December 1948, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 6) 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 a Licence, dated 17th December 1948, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Tourist Vouchers) Amendment Licence, 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 17th December 1948, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations, 1948.

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

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. John Edwards, presented a Bill to provide in certain cases for the determination by a Tribunal of standard rents for the purposes of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Acts, 1920 to 1939, and for the adjustment of rents by a Tribunal where premiums have been paid ; to make provision where the tenant shares part of his accommodation with his landlord or other persons ; to amend the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, and the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, as respects security of tenure and as respects the districts for which Tribunals are constituted ; to make certain minor amendments of the said Acts in so far as they apply to Scotland ; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 18th day of January next, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pearson): And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

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 18th day of January next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.
Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment).

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command 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 Memoranda submitted to the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation relating to Economic Affairs in the period from 1949 to 1953.
- Copy of an Agreement for the Establishment of the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council, signed at Baguio on the 26th day of February 1948 (His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have not yet accepted this Agreement).
- Copy of a Draft Agreement, dated 19th December 1948, between the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United States of America, for the Establishment of an International Authority for the Ruhr.
- Copy of the Constitution of the International Rice Commission, approved by the Conference on Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, signed at Washington in November 1948 (The Constitution has not yet been accepted by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).
- Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 27th day of October 1948 and at Monaco on the 10th day of November 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Principality of Monaco, constituting an Agreement for the Reciprocal Abolition of Visas.
- Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 10th day of November 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Danish Government, extending the Anglo-Danish Monetary Agreement of the 16th day of August 1945 to the Faroe Islands.
- Copy of Notes exchanged at Copenhagen between the 4th and the 13th days of November 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Danish Government, extending the time-limit for the renewal of the Agreement for the Participation of a Danish Contingent in the Occupation of Germany of the 22nd day of April 1947.
- Copy of a Sterling Payments Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Spanish State, signed at Madrid on the 15th day of December 1948.
- Copy 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 (This Treaty entered into force on the 25th day of August 1948).
- Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on the 23rd day of December 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Jugoslavia, regarding Compensation for British Property, Rights and Interests affected by Yugoslav Measures of Nationalisation, Expropriation, Dispossession and Liquidation (with Notes exchanged).
- Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on the 23rd day of December 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Jugoslavia regarding Money and Property subjected to Special Measures in consequence of the Enemy Occupation of Jugoslavia (with Notes exchanged).
- Copy of a Trade Agreement, signed at Treaty Series London on the 23rd day of December 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Jugoslavia (with Schedules).
- Copy of an International Convention for Treaty Series the Regulation of Whaling, signed at Washington on the 2nd day of December 1946 (with Annexes).
- Copy of a Cultural Convention between Treaty Series His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Brazil, signed at Rio de Janeiro on the 16th day of April 1947 (Ratifications were exchanged in London on the 21st day of December 1948).
- Copy of Notes exchanged at London between the 6th and the 13th days of September 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Norway, extending the Agreement of the 26th day of February 1947 for the abolition of visas to Norwegian Overseas Territories.
- Copy of a Memorandum of Agreement entered into between Canada and Newfoundland, entitled the Terms of Union of Newfoundland with Canada, signed at Ottawa on the 11th day of December 1948.
- Copy of a Housing Summary dated 30th November 1948.
- Copy of the Report of the Court Investigation of the accident to the Swedish Aircraft SE-BDA on the 4th day of July 1948, held under the Air Navigation Investigation Accident Regulations, 1922.
- Copy of Details of rates of Pay, Retirement Pay, Service Pensions and Gratuities for Members of the Women's Services, announced to Parliament on the 15th day of December 1948.

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment).

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 undermentioned dates, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

18th December 1948:—

- Copy of an Order, dated 17th December 1948, entitled the Lace and Woven Curtain Net (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948.
- Copy of an Order, dated 17th December 1948, entitled the Utility Mark and Apparel Textiles (General Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1948.
- Copy of a Treaty for the year 1947.
- Copy of a Cultural Convention between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Brazil, signed at Rio de Janeiro on the 16th day of April 1947 (Ratifications were exchanged in London on the 21st day of December 1948).
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Supreme Court Services (Price Control).

Goods and Services (Price Control).

Copies of Orders, dated 20th December 1948, entitled—
(1) the Candles (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Footwear Repairs (Maximum Charges) (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Supply and Services.

Copies of an Order, dated 17th December 1948, entitled the Utility Braces (Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) Order, 1948.

Copies of an Order, dated 20th December 1948, entitled the Glassware (Control of Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 20th December 1948, entitled—
(1) the Control of Flax (Various Orders) (Revocation) Order, 1948,
(2) the Control of Hemp Order, 1948, and
(3) the Control of Rope (Revocation) Order, 1948.

Agriculture.

Copies of an Order, dated 16th December 1948, entitled the Agriculture (Procedure of Agricultural Land Tribunals) (No. 2) Order, 1948.

Copies of Regulations, dated 15th December 1948, entitled the Gas (Stockholders' Representative) Regulations, 1948.

Industrial Assurance.

Copies of Regulations, dated 17th December 1948, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Assurance (Premium Receipt Books) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) the Industrial Assurance (Returns) Regulations, 1948.

Education (Scotland).

Copies of Regulations, dated 18th December 1948, entitled—
(1) the Education (Scotland) Miscellaneous Grants Regulations, 1948, and
(2) the Residential Special Schools and Orphanages (Scotland) Grant Regulations, 1948.

Goods and Services (Price Control).

Copies of Orders, dated 20th December 1948, entitled—
(1) the Clocks and Watches (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1948,
(2) the Mechanical Lighters (Maximum Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1948,
(3) the Miscellaneous Goods (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1948, and
(4) the Utility Bedding (Maximum Prices) (No. 6) Order, 1948.

Statistics of Trade.


Copies of an Order, dated 20th December 1948, entitled the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 6) Order, 1948.

Coal Industry.

Copy of Regulations, dated 21st December 1948, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Satisfaction of Compensation) (No. 2) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1948, entitled the Pigs (Sales) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 20th December 1948, entitled—
(1) the Bacon (Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1948 (General Licence No. 3) Order, 1948.

22nd December 1948:

Copy of an Order, dated 21st December Gas, 1948, entitled the Gas (Areas of Area Boards) Order, 1948.

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 20th December 1948, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 4), 1948.

23rd December 1948:

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd Air December 1948, entitled the Civil Aviation Navigation (Application of Enactments) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1948, entitled the Northern Rhodesia Naturalization Orders in Council (Revocation) Order in Council, 1948.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 22nd December 1948, entitled—
(1) the Greenwich Hospital (Dependants) Pensions Order, 1948, and
(2) the Greenwich Hospital School (Regulations) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd December 1948, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Fees (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd December 1948, entitled the Floor Coverings (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 22nd December 1948, entitled—
(1) the Dried Fruits (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948, and
(2) the Pulse (Control and Prices) Order, 1943 (Amendment No. 9) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1948, entitled the Soap (Licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment) Order, 1948.

29th December 1948:

Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd December 1948, entitled the Agricultural Records (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd December 1948, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1948.

Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 22nd December 1948, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Development Plans) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and
(2) dated 24th December 1948, entitled the Claims for Depreciation of Land Values (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1948.

Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 24th December 1948, entitled the Jute Yarn (Prices) (Consolidation) Order, 1948,
(2) dated 29th December 1948, entitled the Newsprint (Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1948, and
(3) dated 29th December 1948, entitled the Paper (Prices) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1948.

30th December 1948:—

Copy of an Order, dated 29th December 1948, entitled the Household Textiles (Marking and Manufacturers’ Prices) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 30th December 1948, entitled the Mustard Seed Order, 1945 (Revocation) Order, 1948.

31st December 1948:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th December 1948, entitled the Registration of Births and Deaths (Consular Officers) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th December 1948, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services Fees) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 30th December 1948, entitled the Control of Silk Yarn Order, 1948.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th December 1948, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Guildford Street, Chertsey) Regulations, 1948,

(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 14) Regulations, 1948, and

(3) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 15) Regulations, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 29th December 1948, entitled the Control of Non-Ferrous Metals (No. 34) (Copper, Lead and Zinc) Order, 1948.

1st January 1949:—

Copy of an Order, dated 31st December 1948, entitled the Utility Overalls and Aprons (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st December 1948, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) Order, 1948 (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 4th January 1949, entitled the Preserves (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 4th January 1949, entitled the Cooked Beetroot (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 4th January 1949, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Fees), 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 3rd January 1949, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 68) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th January 1949, entitled the Imported Deciduous Fruit (General Licence) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th January 1949, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women’s and Maids’ Outerwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1949.

10th January 1949:—

Copies of Orders, dated 10th January 1949, entitled—

(1) the General Hollow-ware (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Imported Carpets (Maximum Prices) Order, 1949.

11th January 1949:—


13th January 1949:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 12th January 1949, entitled the Milk and Cheese Factories (Hours of Women and Young Persons) Regulations, 1949.

14th January 1949:—

Copy of an Order, dated 14th January 1949, entitled the Utility Corsets (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1949.

15th January 1949:—

Copy of an Order, dated 14th January 1949, entitled the Cloth and Household Textiles (Utility) (Maximum Prices) (No. 20) Order, 1949.

17th January 1949:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 17th January 1949, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Fees Regulations, 1949.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.— Appropriation Account of the Surplus granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Navy Accounts.

Authorization Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Army Accounts.

Authorization Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Air Services Accounts.

Authorization Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes I-IX, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.

Authorization Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, Class X, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.

Authorization Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Revenue Departments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and certain Store Accounts.
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Appropriations in Aid.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th January 1949, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for the Ministry of Fuel and Power and Superannuation and Retired Allowances respectively.

Bank Notes.

No. 44.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 21st December 1948, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Bank Notes.

No. 45.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 4th January 1949, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Consolidated Fund.

No. 46.

Abstract Account showing the Issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, in the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, 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.

Crown Lands.

No. 47.

Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Crown Lands for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Development Fund.

No. 48.

Abstract Account of the Receipts into, and Issues out of, the Development Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Government Departments (Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets).

No. 49.

Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments in the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Road Fund.

No. 50.

Account of the Receipts into, and Payments out of, the Road Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Double Taxation Relief.

Copies of Draft Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Federation of Malaya) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Singapore) Order, 1949.

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


Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report as to the Expulsion, Registration and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of December 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 several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1948, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 27th April 1939, and included in Part I (3rd Edition) of a Volume entitled Regulations for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, the Royal Auxiliary Air Force Reserve (including the Royal Auxiliary Air Force Reserve of Officers) and for County Associations.

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) Clydebank Town Council.

(2) Rutherglen 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 22nd December 1948, approving an Admiralty Memorial for the enrolment on the Royal Naval Emergency List of British Officers on the Retired List of the Royal Indian Navy.

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 254 (No. 87 of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh) (Regulations for Degrees in Medicine, Supplementary to University Court Ordinance, No. XXXII, Edinburgh, No. 12).

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Copy of an Order, dated 7th January 1949, Housing Confirmation Order, 1949, 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 Superannuation Act, 1937:—

(1) Abertillery Urban District Council.

(2) Alfreton Urban District Council.

(3) Bury St. Edmunds Town Council.

(4) Cheltenham Town Council.

(5) Chigwell Urban District Council.

(6) Congleton Town Council.

(7) Croydon Town Council.

(8) Exmouth Urban District Council.

(9) Glamorgan County Council.

(10) Heanor Urban District Council.

(11) Keighley Town Council.

(12) Leicestershire Superannuation Joint Committee.

(13) Lincoln, Parts of Lindsey County Council.

(14) Malvern and Coombe Town Council.

(15) Portsmouth Town Council.

(16) Radcliffe Town Council.

(17) Spalding Urban District Council.

(18) Whitehaven Town Council.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December Air Force. 1948, making provision for the formation of the Royal Air Force (Malta).

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(18) Whitehaven Town Council.
Copies of the Registrar-General's Statistical Reviews of England and Wales—(1) for 1943 (New Annual Series, No. 23) Tables, Part II, Civil, and (2) for 1946 (New Annual Series, No. 26) Tables, Part I, Medical.

Copy of an Order, dated 11th December 1948, entitled the North-East Lincolnshire 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 Orders do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the National Insurance (Mariners) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

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 Draft of the National Insurance (Mariners) Amendment Regulations, 1949, 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 Report be printed.

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 Order (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Lee Valley and Luton Area (Conservation of Water) Amendment Order, 1948.

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

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

Account of the transactions of the Accountant-General of the Supreme Court under the County Court Funds Rules for the year ended the 31st day of December 1947:

Also, Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same year in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the County Court Funds Investment Account, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Commonwealth Relations Office and in the Offices of the United Kingdom Representatives abroad, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify the preservation in the Public Record Office.

Account showing the Nature and Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 4th day of July 1948 as Investments for Moneys, forming part of the Unemployment Fund, paid over to them by the Ministry of National Insurance under Subsection (3) of Section 58 and Subsection (9) of Section 114 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1935.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

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 (Rulings of the House) (The Prime Minister); The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 
Mr. Hannan: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Commander Agnew, 
Mr. Digby: 153.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(1) save as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Order, Government Business shall have precedence at every Sitting for the remainder of the Session;

(2) Public Bills other than Government Bills shall have precedence over Government Business on Friday the 11th day of February next and on the six next succeeding Fridays; 

(3) on and after Friday, the 24th day of June next, Public Bills other than Government Bills shall be arranged on the order paper in the following order:—

Considerations of Lords Amendments, Third Readings, Considerations of Report not already entered upon and adjourned Proceedings on Consideration; and Bills so arranged shall have precedence over Government Business on Friday the 24th day of June next and on the two next succeeding Fridays;

(4) the ballot for unofficial Members' Bills shall be held on Thursday the 27th day of this instant January under arrangements to be made by Mr. Speaker, and the Bills shall be introduced at the commencement of public Business on Friday the 28th day of this instant January; and

(5) for the remainder of the Session no Public Bills other than Government Bills or Bills introduced under paragraph (4) of this Order shall be introduced—

(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 29, by leaving out from the word "January" to the end of the Question.—(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 Yeas, 
(Mr. Joseph Henderson, 
Mr. Hannan: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Commander Agnew, 
Mr. Digby: 148.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put; 
Resolved, That—

(1) save as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Order, Government Business shall have precedence at every Sitting for the remainder of the Session;
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded Savings Banks Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Orders under Savings Banks Act, 1920, s. 2, to be subject to annulment)—(Mr. Hall)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 6, by inserting, after the first word “Commissioners,” the words “and the Association.”—(Mr. Howard.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—

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

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 8, by inserting, after the word “Commissioners,” the words “and the Association.”—(Mr. Howard.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Ede reported from the Committee on Licensing [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend State management to new towns and adjoining areas and to provide for the payment of allowances to members of licensing courts and courts of appeal in Scotland, and to make provision for other matters, it is expedient to authorize—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Secretary of State incurred under the said Act in the State management of the liquor trade in the existing State management districts, to provide for the payment of allowances to members of licensing courts and courts of appeal in Scotland, and to make provision for other matters, it is expedient to authorize—

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, being an increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to the payment of allowances to members of licensing courts and courts of appeal in Scotland.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Mr. Collindridge reported from the Committee on Legal Aid and Advice [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make legal aid and advice in England and Wales, and in the case of members of the forces legal advice elsewhere, more readily available for persons of small or moderate means, to enable the cost of legal aid or advice for such persons to be defrayed wholly or partly out of moneys provided by Parliament, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the net sums required to meet payments out of any fund set up under the Act in connection with the provision of legal aid and legal advice if (subject to any discretion of the Lord Chancellor to modify the Act by regulations thereunder to meet special cases)—

(a) legal aid under the Act—

(i) is not made available (except in the preliminary stages in criminal proceedings) for persons whose disposable income as determined under the Act exceeds four hundred and twenty pounds a year; and

(ii) may be refused to a person if he has a disposable capital as so determined of more than five hundred pounds and if it appears he can afford to proceed without legal aid; and

(b) a person given legal aid under the Act may be required to contribute to the fund up to a maximum equal to one-half the amount by which his disposable income as so determined exceeds seventy-five pounds, subject, however, to repayment of any excess of the contribution over the net liability of the fund on his account;

B. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the expenses of the National Assistance Board attributable to any provision of the Act relating to the determination of a person's disposable income or capital or to a person's contribution to any such fund as aforesaid;

C. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the net sums required to meet payments out of any fund set up under the Act in connection with the provision of legal aid or advice for such persons to be defrayed wholly or partly out of moneys provided by Parliament; to establish a Law Society of Scotland; and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the net sums required to meet payments out of any fund set up under the Act in connection with the provision of legal aid or advice if (subject to any discretion of the Secretary of State to modify the Act by regulations thereunder to meet special cases)—

(a) legal aid under the Act—

(i) is not made available (except in the preliminary stages in criminal proceedings) for persons whose disposable income as determined under the Act exceeds four hundred and twenty pounds a year; and

(ii) may be refused to a person if he has a disposable capital as so determined of more than five hundred pounds and if it appears he can afford to proceed without legal aid; and

(b) a person given legal aid under the Act may be required to contribute to the fund up to a maximum equal to one-half the amount by which his disposable income as so determined exceeds seventy-five pounds, subject, however, to repayment of any excess of the contribution over the net liability of the fund on his account;

B. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the expenses of the National Assistance Board attributable to any provision of the Act relating to the determination of a person's disposable income or capital or to a person's contribution to any such fund as aforesaid.

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

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 18th January, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Colonel Ropner Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Legal Aid and Advice Bill.
Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Industrial Assurance and Friendly Societies Act, 1948 (Northern Ireland), Order, 1948, Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, &c., 1948.

Copy of an Index to the Treaty Series, 1948, Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Army and Air Force Courts-Martial Committee, 1946, Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th January 1949, entitled the Rabbits and Hares (Amendment) Order, 1949, 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 Sums received into and paid out of the Herring Marketing Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon;—Also, Audited Statements with respect to the application of Moneys advanced to the Herring Industry Board, &c.:

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of the House of Lords on the following Three Members to serve on the Selection Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the House of Lords on the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board Order, 1948 (Petitions against the Order) (Joint Committee).

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the following Three Members to serve on the Select Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the House of Lords on the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board Order, 1948 (Petitions of River Nene Catchment Board, &c.):—Captain Marsden, Mr. Rankin and Mr. Harry Thorneycroft.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Legal Aid and Advice Bill):—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Blyton, Mr. Crawley, Mr. Donovan, Mr. Eric Fletcher, Mr. Gammons, Major Gates, Mr. Hare, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Howard, Wing Commander Hubert, Mr. Janner, Mr. Elwyn Jones, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Martin Lindsay, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, Mr. Low, Commander Mainland, Brigadier Medlicott, Mr. Monslow, Mr. Nield, Mr. Pager, Mr. Piratin, Mr. Renton, Mr. Royle, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. David Thomas, Mr. Ungood-Thomas, Mr. Harry Wallace and Mr. Younger.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Licensing Bill):—Mr. Richard Adams, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Mr. Burke, Mrs. Corbet, Sir William Darling, Mr. Secretary Ede, Commander Galbraith, Mr. Gilzean, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Grimston, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Hollis, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Henry Hynd, Mr. King, Mr. Lavers, Sir Joecelyn Lucas, Mr. Lynne, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Marlowe, Mr. Hopkin Morris, Mr. Nally, Mr. Orr-Ewing, Dr. Segal, Mr. Charles Taylor, Mr. Walden, Mr. Frederick Willey, Mr. Secretary Woodburn and Mr. Younger.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) Bill:—Mr. Bechervaise, Mr. Herbert Butler, Mr. Delargy, Mr. Albert Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Longden, Mr. McKay, Mr. Moody, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Perrins, Mr. Randall, Mr. Scott-Elliot and Mr. Sydney Smith.

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

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

Mr. Barnes, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Silkin, Mr. Key and Mr. Callaghan, presented a Bill to provide, in connection with the Festival of Britain, 1951, for conferring further powers on the British Transport Commission and the London Transport Executive, for the making by the Minister of Transport of grants in respect of expenses incurred by or on behalf of those bodies, for suspending or restricting the use by the public of certain streets and for other matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed:

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Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Committee on Agricultural Marketing [Money] 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 Agricultural Marketing Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
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 Standing Committee.

Mr. Thomas Williams, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Agricultural Marketing [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, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Agricultural Marketing Acts, 1931 to 1933, and for purposes connected therewith, to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—
(a) any increase in the sums payable, out of moneys so provided, under section eleven of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1931, to the Agricultural Marketing Fund and the Agricultural Marketing (Scotland) Fund, being an increase attributable to so much of the said Act of the present Session as provides for extending the functions of boards or the areas to which schemes apply, extends the definition of the expression "agricultural product" or enables schemes to be made applicable to Northern Ireland or any part of Northern Ireland;
(b) any increase in the sums payable, out of moneys so provided, under subsection (5) of section sixteen of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1931, in respect of the remuneration of the chairman or other members of, or of the secretary, officers, agents or servants of, or in respect of other expenses of, commissions or committees constituted or appointed under the last mentioned Act, being an increase attributable to so much of the said Act of the present Session as extends the functions of such commissions or committees or requires that when such commissions or committees are considering schemes applicable to Northern Ireland or any part of Northern Ireland there shall be additional members thereof. — (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.

Resolved, That the Fish Sales (Charges) Supplies and Services (Fish Sales).—(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 eighteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

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

MR. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th January 1949, entitled the Fire Services (Pensionable Employment) Regulations, 1949.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

MR. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Hydro-Electric Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 16 (Glascarnoch—Loch Luichart—Torr Achnily Project.)

MR. Secretary Woodburn also presented, Hydro-Electric pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th January 1949, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 16) Confirmation Order, 1949.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

MR. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of
Regulations, dated 18th January 1949, entitled—
(1) the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations, 1949,
(2) the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1949, and
(3) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (Rathbone Street, West Ham) (Revocation) Regulations, 1949.

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 1949.—(Mr. Wilson.)

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Public Works (Festival of Britain) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business.

Mr. Wilson, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Bottomley, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the powers of the Board of Trade to give guarantees in connection with overseas transactions; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Committee on Minister of Food (Financial Powers) [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The Solicitors, Public Notaries, &c., 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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums required by the Minister of Food to fulfil contracts or arrangements entered into by him, whether before or after the passing of the said Act, including contracts or arrangements involving commitments extending beyond the financial year at which the contracts or arrangements were made, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required by the said Minister to fulfil any such contracts or arrangements entered into by him, whether before or after the passing of the said Act, as may be specified in the said Act, including contracts or arrangements involving commitments extending beyond the financial year current when the contracts or arrangements were made.—(Mr. Strachey.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Agreement, dated 7th December 1948, between His Majesty's Postmaster-General and the British Broadcasting Corporation, a copy of which was presented on the 8th day of December last, be approved.—(Mr. Hobson.)

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

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

MEMORANDUM.


In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Mathers Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 43.]

Friday, 21st January, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Greek Loan Command, Account of Moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan which was guaranteed by this country under the authority of the said Acts,
and of the Amount repaid by the Greek Gov-
ernment on account of the same, up to the
31st day of December, 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majestys Command,—Copy of the Report of the Tribunal appointed to inquire into Allegations reflecting on the Official Conduct of Ministers of the Crown and other Public Servants.

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

Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an
Order, dated 20th January, 1949, entitled the
Owners of Contractors' Plant (Returns) (Revo-

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 Commit-
tee A (added in respect of the Legal Aid and Advice Bill): Mr. Janner; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hector Hughes.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Com-
mittee, That they had discharged the follow-
ing Member from Standing Committee B: Mr.
Medland; and had appointed in substitution Squadron Leader Kinghorn.

The National Theatre 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 Com-
mitee.

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 National Theatre (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:—Where-
upon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any
Act of the present Session to authorise the
Treasury to contribute towards the cost of a
national theatre, it is expedient to authorise
the payment out of moneys provided by Par-
lament, upon such terms and subject to such
conditions as the Treasury think fit, of contri-
butions not exceeding one million pounds to
the funds of the Trustees of the Shakespeare
Memorial Trust, in respect of the cost of erect-
ing and equipping a national theatre in
accordance with a scheme to be submitted to the
Treasury for the purposes of the said Act,
—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the
Deputy 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 Ad-
journment, being 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 con-
tinued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 44.]


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

P R A Y E R S.

THE following Paper, required by an Act of Parliamentary
Parliament to be laid before this House, Papers
and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings
Office on the 22nd day of this instant January,
pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation
of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie
upon the Table:—

Copy of an Order, dated 21st January 1949, Supplies and
entitled the Proprietary Infant Milk Foods
Amendment) Order, 1949.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the direc-
Purchase Tax,
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an
Order, dated 24th January 1949, entitled the
Purchase Tax (No. 1) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series
Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes ex-
changed at London, on the 31st day of July
1948, between His Majesty's Government in
the United Kingdom and the Norwegian
Government, prolonging the Agreement of the
5th day of June 1947 for the Participation of a
Norwegian Brigade Group in the Occupation
of Germany (with Agreed Minute).

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant Air Force.
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of an Order, dated 10th January 1949,
providing for the issue of new Forms of Com-
mision to Officers of His Majesty's Air Forces.

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 22nd January 1949, entitled—

(1) the General Apparel, Furnishings and Textiles (Manufacturers' Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1949,

(2) the General Apparel, Furnishings and Textiles (Distributors' Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949, and

(3) the Women's and Maids' Outerwear (Price Control Mark and Manufacturers' Maximum Prices) Order, 1949.

Copies of Orders, dated 22nd January 1949, entitled—

(1) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 94) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 95) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories for 1947.

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 24th January 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Classification) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

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) Amendment Regulations, 1949, 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.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committees on Landlord and Tenant (Rent Control) [Money] and Wireless Telegraphy [Money] (No. 2) 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 Landlord and Tenant (Rent Control) Bill:

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which will discourage and arrest the provision by private enterprise of houses and flats to let; which breaks existing contracts; and which, so far from remedying the many injustices of the Rent Restrictions Acts, will increase them still further."—(Mr. Elliot),—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: 286.
Mr. Studholme: 118.

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. Popplewell.)

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

Mr. Bevan, by His Majesty's Command, Landlord and Tenant (Rent Control) [Money].

having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Landlord and Tenant (Rent Control) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide in certain cases for the determination by a Tribunal of standard rents for the purposes of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Acts, 1920 to 1939, and for other purposes for amending the law relating to housing and arrest the provision by private enterprise of houses and flats to let; which breaks existing contracts; and which, so far from remedying the many injustices of the Rent Restrictions Acts, will increase them still further:—(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. Secretary Edie, by His Majesty's Command, Landlord and Tenant (Rent Control) [Money].

acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Wireless Telegraphy [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 amend the law relating to wireless telegraphy, 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 payable out of such moneys under subsection (5) of section one of the Rent of Furnished Houses (Scotland) Act, 1943, and paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946.—(Mr. Bevan.)

Resolution to be reported.

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determined in respect of the expenses of the members of any such committee. (Mr. Wilfred Paling.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House do now adjourn (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, thirteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 45.]

Tuesday, 25th January, 1949:

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, Orders, dated 24th January 1949, entitled—

(1) the Cambridge Watch Committee Order, 1949,

(2) the North Cumberland Water Board Order, 1949, and

(3) the West Kent Main Sewerage Board Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Interim Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Tenure of Shops and Business Premises in Scotland.

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 24th January 1949, entitled the Control of Fertilisers (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th January 1949, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 1) Regulations, 1949, and

(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 2) Regulations, 1949.

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 all Applications made by the First Bank of Ireland as a token of friendship and goodwill on the part of the British House of Commons and people towards the House of Representatives and that that House had come to the following Resolution:

That this House accepts with thanks and appreciation the gift of a Speaker's Chair and a Mace from the Commons House of Parliament of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as a token of friendship and goodwill on the part of the British House of Commons and people of Ceylon.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Deer; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Watson.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Statutory Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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 Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have appointed a Committee of three Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board Order, 1948, and propose that the Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room No. 2 on Tuesday the 8th day of February next, at Eleven of the clock.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Wilkins: 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Wheatley: 113.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Telegraphy

Wireless

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Wireless Telegraphy [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to wireless telegraphy, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by any advisory committee established under that Act, to such extent as may be determined by the Postmaster General with the consent of the Treasury, including such sums as may be so determined in respect of the expenses of the members of any such committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Wireless Telegraphy 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. 7, l. 26, l. 27 and l. 28 ; Clause No. 10, p. 9, l. 22, l. 24 and l. 38 and p. 10, l. 7, l. 8, l. 9 and l. 11 ; Clause No. 11, p. 10, l. 14 ; Clause No. 12, p. 12, l. 21 ; Clause No. 13, p. 13, l. 4 and l. 5 ; Clause No. 14, p. 15, l. 17 ; in respect of the new Clause (Enforcement of regulations as to sales, &c., by manufacturers and others); and in respect of the new Schedule (Procedure in relation to suspension and revocation of authorities to wireless personnel) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Wilfred Paling.—(Mr. Wilfred Paling.)

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. 7 and 10 to 14 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Enforcement of regulations as to sales, &c., by manufacturers and others)—(Mr. Wilfred Paling)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

A Schedule (Procedure in relation to suspension and revocation of authorities to wireless personnel)—(Mr. Wilfred Paling)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 34, at the end, to insert the words "and if he revokes the authority or continues the suspension he shall on demand by the person to whom the notice was issued, communicate to him the report of the Advisory Committee."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

Schedule added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added a Clause and a Schedule to the Bill.

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

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 10, by inserting, after the word "appointed," the words "as to half."—(Mr. Grimston.)

And the Question being put. That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "line," the words "not in a private dwelling-house."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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. 10, line 6, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that, except where safety considerations arise, no such regulations shall apply to any factory, as defined by the Factories Act where such factory was in operation prior to the installation of any wireless telegraphy apparatus, notwithstanding that there is any such apparatus in that factory which might cause interference with wireless telegraphy."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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. 10, line 6, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(4) Before any regulations are made under this Act, the Minister or Ministers making the regulations shall publish in the Gazette and in such other manner as he or they may think best adapted for informing persons affected notice of the proposal to make the regulations, and of the place where copies of the draft regulations may be obtained, and of the time (not being less than twenty-eight days) and the manner in which objection may be made to the regulations.

(5) If any objection is duly made and is not withdrawn, the said Minister or Ministers shall, before making the regulations, either cause a public inquiry to be held or afford to any person by whom any objection has been duly made and not withdrawn an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the said Minister or Ministers for the purpose, and shall consider the objection and the report of the person who held the inquiry or the person appointed as aforesaid before making the regulations.

(6) Notice of any such inquiry as aforesaid shall be given in such manner as appears to the said Minister or Ministers to be appropriate for the purpose of informing the persons affected, and the provisions of subsections (2), (3), and (5) of section two hundred and ninety of the Local Government Act, 1933 (which relate to evidence and costs), shall apply in relation to any such inquiry as if for any reference therein to the department there were substituted a reference to the said Minister or Ministers."—(Mr. Grimston.)

And the Question being put. That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 17, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(5) No action shall be taken under subsection (1) or subsection (2) of this section until the expiration of two years from the date appointed for the coming into operation of this part of this Act provided that this subsection shall not apply where safety considerations are involved."—(Mr. Grimston.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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. George Brown reported from the Committee on Agricultural Marketing [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient, for the purposes of and for purposes connected therewith, to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase in the sums payable, out of moneys so provided, under section eleven of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1931, to the Agricultural Marketing Fund and the Agricultural Marketing (Scotland) Fund, being an increase attributable to so much of the said Act of the present Session as provides for extending the functions of boards or the areas to which schemes apply, extends the definition of the expression "agricultural product" or enables schemes to be made applicable to Northern Ireland or any part of Northern Ireland;

(b) any increase in the sums payable, out of moneys so provided, under subsection (5) of section sixteen of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1931, in respect of the remuneration of the chairman or other members of, or of the secretary, officers, agents or servants of, or in respect of other expenses of, commissions or committees constituted or appointed under the last mentioned Act, being an increase attributable to so much of the said Act of the present Session as extends the functions of such commissions or committees or requires that when such commissions or committees are considering schemes applicable to Northern Ireland or any part of Northern Ireland there shall be additional members thereof.

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. Wilkins);

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.
Twenty Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Agricultural Marketing Bill): Mr. Alpass, Mr. Beechman, Mr. George Brown, Mrs. Castle, Lieutenant-Colonel Corbett, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Forman, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mrs. Ganley, Mr. Gooch, Mr. Hurd, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Orr-Ewing, Mr. Pear, Major Ramsay, Mr. Snow, Mr. Turton, Mr. Thomas Williams and Mrs. Wills.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lords Message of the 25th day of this instant January relative to the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board Order, 1948 (Petitions against the Order).

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.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Thomas Fraser and Mr. Robertson, presented a Bill to make provision with regard to the tenancies of shops in Scotland; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Motion for the Adjournment of the House moved by a Minister of the Crown be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley);—The House divided;—The Yeas to the Right;—The Noes to the Left;—Tellers for the Yeas, 193;—Tellers for the Noes, 283;—So it passed in the Negative.

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 eighteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 26th January, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers): Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Agricultural Marketing Bill transferred from Standing Committee B to Standing Committee D.

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[No. 47.]


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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 15th day of this instant January, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland), a Memorandum explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Schemes, No. 20 (Loch Dubh (Ullapool) Project), No. 22 (Extensions to Loch Sloy Project), and No. 27 (Allt-na-Lairige Project).

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 21st January 1949, entitled—

(1) the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 20) Confirmation Order, 1949,
(2) the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 22) Confirmation Order, 1949, and
(3) the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 27) Confirmation Order, 1949.

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 25th January 1949, entitled the Local Authorities (Charges for Dustbins) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom, a Memorandum of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

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 26th January 1949, entitled the Ware Potatoes (1948 Crop) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Watson reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills, that they had considered the Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and directed him to make a Report on it.

Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills (Joint Committee), Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and directed him to make a Report on it.

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Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th January 1949, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services Fees) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

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


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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th January 1949, entitled the Cheese (Amendment) Order, 1949.

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

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

Schedule containing Particulars of a Class of Public Records of Documents existing or accruing in the Hydrographic Department of the Admiralty, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Department of the English Law Officers of the Crown, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Agricultural Marketing Bill): Mr. Secretary Ede; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Younger.

Mr. Piratin, supported by Mr. Ayles, Mr. Bing, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Gallacher, Dr. Jeger, Mr. MacAdam, Mr. Paget, George Porter, Mr. Pritt and Mr. Julius Silverman, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the liability of employers for the safety of their employees; to include the law relating to the employment of children; and for connected with the matters aforesaid; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of February next, and to be printed.

Mr. Nield, supported by Sir William Darling, Brigadier Peto, Sir Arnold Gridley, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Nichol and Mr. Janner, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the adoption of children; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of February next, and to be printed.

Mr. Cocks, supported by Mr. Alpass, Mr. Carson, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. John Hynd, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. McGehee, Mr. Randall, Mr. Royle, Mr. Sargood, and Mr. Symonds, presented a Bill to prohibit the hunting and coursing of certain animals in respect thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the report was brought up and read.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the American Aid and European Payments (Financial Provisions) Bill:

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Pritt.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" 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 tomorrow.

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 at 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, till to-morrow.

[No. 48.]
Friday, 28th January, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Batley and Morley in the room of Hubert Beaumont, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in the year 1948.

Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended the 21st day of December 1948:—Also a separate Account of Capital to the same date.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to—

1. the Borough of Tenterden, and
2. the Urban District of Nantwich.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
for purposes of sport; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of February next, and to be printed.

Mr. William Brown, Mr. Pitman, Sir Patrick Hannon, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Proctor, Colonel Stoddart-Scott, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Odey, Mr. Delargy, Mr. Haire and Mr. Morley, presented a Bill to set up a committee to introduce a rational system of spelling with a view to making English a world language and to eliminate unnecessary drudgery and waste of time at school: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Follick, supported by Mr. William Brown, Mr. Pitman, Sir Patrick Hannon, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Proctor, Colonel Stoddart-Scott, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Odey, Mr. Delargy, Mr. Haire and Mr. Morley, presented a Bill to regulate the sale of pet animals; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Edward Smith, supported by Mr. Levy, Mr. Maude, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Hopkin Morris, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Paget, Sir Wavell Wakefield, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Sir William Darling, Mr. Morley and Mr. Foot, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the censorship of plays and licensing of theatres so as to exempt the theatre from restrictions upon freedom of expression in the process of those applicable to other forms of literature; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Fairhurst, supported by Mr. Alpass, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. John Hynd, Mr. Keswick, Mr. McHge, Mr. Randall, Mr. Royle, Mr. Sargood, Mr. Sparks and Mr. Symonds presented a Bill to prohibit the hunting of foxes for purposes of sport; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Morley, supported by Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Ridealgh, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. Braddock, Mr. Kinley, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Viant, Mr. Medland and Mrs. Manning, presented a Bill to amend section thirty-one of the War Damage Act, 1943, in order to confer on the Treasury the powers exercised by the War Damage Commission under sub-section (2) of that section: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Monslow, supported by Mr. Royle, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Chetwynd, presented a Bill to amend the Married Women (Maintenance) Acts, 1895 and 1920; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of February next, and to be printed.

Mr. Grimston, supported by Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Renton, Mr. Beswick and Mr. Byers, presented a Bill to provide for the admission of the Press to the meetings of certain bodies exercising public functions; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, supported by Colonel Hutchison, Sir William Darling, Mr. Nield, Sir Wavell Wakefield, Mr. Edward Smith, Mrs. Manning, Lady Megan Lloyd George, Lady Tweedsmuir, Colonel Stoddart-Scott, Dr. Haden Guest and Mrs. Castle, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the administration of analgesia to women in childbirth; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Sparks, supported by Mr. Leslie, Mr. Harry Thorneycroft, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Kinley, Mr. Viart, Mrs. Bradock, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Irving, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, Mr. Herbert Butler and Mr. James Hudson, presented a Bill to provide for the registration of hairdressers and to regulate the practice of hairdressing; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of February next, and to be printed.

Mr. Bing, supported by Mr. Parker, Mr. Licensing (Amendment) Bill, Mr. Richard Acland, Mr. Haydn Davies, Mr. Edelman, Mr. Hale, Mr. Foot and Mr. Sydney Hileman, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to licensed premises; to abolish the tied house; to protect licensees against covenants restricting their right to buy beer, wine and spirits from brewers, distillers and merchants of their own choice; to prevent monopoly and restrictive practices in the liquor trade; to enable persons to purchase and consume in any licensed premises intoxicating drinks of their own choice; and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Osborne, supported by Mr. Shephard, Mr. William Filling, Mr. Thomas Brown, Sir William Darling, Mr. Watkins, Mr. George Thomas and Sir Thomas Moore, presented a Bill to amend certain provisions in the Coal Mines Act, 1911, relating to the care and protection of horses and other animals: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read
a second time upon Friday the 18th day of March next, and to be printed.

Sir Dymoke White, supported by Sir Ralph Glyn, Lieutenant-Colonel Boles, Colonel Gomm-Duncan, Mr. Price, Brigadier Thorp, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Colonel Clarke, Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Mr. Dodds-Parker, Sir Wavell Wakefield and Sir Thomas Moore, presented a Bill to restrict the docking and nicking of horses and to prohibit the importation of horses with docked or nicked tails: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of February next, and to be printed.

Sir Henry Morris-Jones, supported by Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Price-White, Lady Megan Lloyd George, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Hopkin Morris and Mr. Richards, presented a Bill to increase the number of Secretaries of State and Under Secretaries capable of sitting and voting in the Commons House of Parliament; to provide for and appoint a Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire and for the transfer of powers and duties to such Secretary of State in and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of February next, and to be printed.

Sir Peter Macdonald, supported by Sir Alan Herbert and Mr. Manningham-Buller, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to divorce; to alter the law with regard to making infants wards of Court; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of February next, and to be printed.

Mr. Guy, supported by Mr. Abery, Mr. Gibson, Mr. McLeavy, Mr. Sargood and Mr. Mellish, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of compensation for loss of employment after long service: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of February next, and to be printed.

Sir Wavell Wakefield, supported by Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Charles Taylor, Sir John Mellor, Mr. Challen, Sir Dymoke White and Sir Peter Macdonald, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to statutory instruments; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of February next, and to be printed.

Major Ramsay, supported by Sir Thomas Moore, Sir William Darling, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Stollan, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Mr. Ross, Mr. McKinlay, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Watson, Mr. Malcolm McPherson and Colonel Gomm-Duncan, presented a Bill to extend the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Act, 1928, to the slaughter of swine: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of February next, and to be printed.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport, supported by Mr. Keeling, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, Mr. Mott-Radcliffe, Captain Crowder, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Major Ramsay, Mr. Dodds-Parker and Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to maintenance orders; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of February next, and to be printed.

Mr. Dodds-Parker, supported by Sir William Darling, Major Ramsay, Sir Dymoke White, Mr. John Morrison, Brigadier Peto, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Mr. Eccles, Sir Wavell Wakefield, Sir Peter Macdonald, Sir Thomas Moore and Mr. Sicliiffe, presented a Bill to amend the Exportation of Horses Act, 1937; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of February 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 American Aid and European Payments (Financial Provisions) Bill be now read a second time:

Which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months"; And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—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. Joseph Henderson.)

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to the American Aid and European Payments (Financial Provisions) (Money) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

In the Committee.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make certain provision of a financial nature in connection with the assistance furnished to the United Kingdom in pursuance of certain Acts of the Congress of the United States of America and any assistance furnished by or to the United Kingdom in pursuance of agreements entered into by members of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation, it is expedient to authorize such issues out of the Consolidated Fund to the Civil Contingencies Fund, such repayments to the Exchequer and such issues from the Consolidated Fund for the repayment of debt as result from any provision of the said Act of the present Session enabling temporary advances to be made from the Civil Contingencies Fund, making the European Account opened under the said Act American Aid and European Payments (Financial Provisions) (Money).
of the present Session and applying the provisions of section three of the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act, 1946, in relation to those temporary advances.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 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.

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 28th January, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Frank Anderson Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Agricultural Marketing Bill.

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 Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 49.]


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 this House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 29th day of this instant January, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:


Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1949, entitled the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 96) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st January 1949, entitled the Control of Flax (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

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


Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1949, entitled the Control of the Cotton Industry (No. 96) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 31st January 1949, entitled the Control of Flax (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

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) Hendon Town Council.
And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "reasons," 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. 5, l. 22, by leaving out the words "reasons for," and inserting the words "circumstances justifying them in"—(Mr. Barnes), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "reasons for" 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. 11, l. 16, by leaving out from the first word "land" to the word "required" in l. 18.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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. 12, l. 34, by leaving out the words "crossing of such roads," and inserting the words "use of such roads, at crossing places"—(Mr. Callaghan), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 25, l. 38, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(c) by any other local authority or person appearing to the Minister to be affected by the Scheme."—(Mr. Peter Thorneycroft.)

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.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Barbados) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 7th day of December last.—(Mr. Hall.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Dominica) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 7th day of December last.—(Mr. Hall.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 7th day of December last.—(Mr. Hall.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Grenada) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 7th day of December last.—(Mr. Hall.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Jamaica) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 7th day of December last.—(Mr. Hall.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (St. Lucia) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 7th day of December last.—(Mr. Hall.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (St. Vincent) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 7th day of December last.—(Mr. Hall.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (Netherlands) Order, 1948, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 18th day of this instant January.—(Mr. Hall.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Federation of Malaya) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 18th day of this instant January.—(Mr. Hall.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Singapore) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 18th day of this instant January.—(Mr. Hall.)

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

Resolved, That the Purchase Tax (No. 6) Order, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 2720), dated 17th December 1948, made by the Treasury under the Finance Act, 1948, a copy of which was presented on the 7th day of December last, an Order may be made in the form of that Draft.—(Mr. Hall.)

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Adjourned at Eight of the clock, to be continued till half an hour after Eight of the clock.)
A BILL to provide for the vesting in the Secretary of State for War of certain lands in the county of Sussex forming part of Ashdown Forest and for the acquisition and addition to the Forest of other lands in exchange therefor; to make provision for the use of the Forest for the purposes of military training; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enlarge the powers of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the county borough of Barnsley in relation to Locke Park and the Harvey Institute; to increase the tolls leviable by the Corporation in connection with their markets undertakings; and to make further and better provision with respect to the improvement health and local government of the borough; and the finances of the Corporation; 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 County Borough of Bolton and to make further provision with regard to the transport undertaking and the markets undertaking of the Corporation; to confer further powers upon them with reference to the acquisition and user of lands; to make further provision for the improvement health and good government of the borough; to authorise the supply of heat by means of hot water or steam; to make further provision with reference to the redemption of gas annuities and the finances 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 Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Bradford in connection with their transport and market undertakings; to authorise the supply of heat by means of hot water or steam; to make further provision for the health improvement good government and finances of the city; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Swindon with reference to the supply of hot water and of heat; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the British Transport Commission to construct works and to acquire lands; to empower the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board to dispose of certain lands to the Commission; to make provision as to the rates dues and charges leviable by the Commission at certain of their docks; to authorise the closing for navigation of portions of certain inland waterways; to amend in certain respects the River Lee Water Act 1855 as amended by subsequent enactments; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands the completion of certain works and the exercise of certain powers; to confer further powers on the Commission; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make provision with respect to the Ward Elections in the City of London; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to revise the existing obligations of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the county borough of Halifax with respect to compensation water; to empower them to construct waterworks and to acquire lands; to make further provision with respect to their water undertaking and with respect to the local government of the said county 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 Board of the Edinburgh College of Medicine; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to revise the existing obligations of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the county borough of Halifax with respect to compensation water; to empower them to construct waterworks and to acquire lands; to make further provision with respect to their water undertaking and with respect to the local government of the said county 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 in connection with the tunnel authorised by the Mersey Tunnel Acts 1925 to 1933; to amend those Acts in certain respects; 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 People's Dispensary for Sick Animals; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the River Great Ouse Catchment Board to construct works for the prevention of flooding within their Catchment Area and to acquire lands for the purposes of those works and for other purposes; to authorise the Board to borrow money; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Southampton Harbour Board; 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 Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Swindon with reference to the supply of hot water and of heat; 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 sale or abandonment of the ferry undertaking of the Teignmouth and Shaldon Bridge Company and the winding up of the Company; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to dissolve University College Nottingham and to transfer all the rights property and liabilities of that College to the University of Nottingham; 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 City of London Council (General Powers) Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers in connection with the tunnel authorised by the Mersey Tunnel Acts 1925 to 1933; to amend those Acts in certain respects; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to increase the tolls of Ashdown Forest and for the acquisition of lands in the county of Sussex forming part of the use of the Forest for the purposes of military training; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged Mr. Harry Thorneycroft from the Select Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the House of Lords on the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board Order, 1948 (Petitions against the Order) (Joint Committee), and had added Mr. Brooks thereto.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Railway and Canal Commission (Abolition) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision for the naval defence of overseas territories; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Colonial Naval Defence Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Wilfred Paling, supported by Mr. Secretary Jones and Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, presented a Bill to give effect to certain provisions of an agreement for promoting and co-ordinating the efficiency and development of the external telegraph services of the Commonwealth, and to make provision for certain matters incidental thereto and for extending the system, heretofore embodied in the arrangement made by the Postmaster General with Cable and Wireless, Limited, in pursuance of subsection (4) of section one of the Imperial Telegraphs Act, 1938, for the sharing of revenue derived from telegrams transmitted to or from places outside the United Kingdom: And the same 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:—

That the House, according to Order, resolved:—

1. That the Solicitors, Public Notaries, &c., Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Juries [Money].

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 Juries [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 making of payments in respect of jury service in Great Britain, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of —

(a) expenses incurred by way of the making of payments to persons who serve, or attend for service, as jurors, other than payments attributable to —

(i) the transaction of criminal business at a court held by virtue of a commission of assize, a commission of oyer and terminer and a commission of gaol delivery or any of them;

(ii) service, or attendance for service, at the Central Criminal Court, a court of quarter sessions, a court (other than a county court or, in Scotland, a sheriff court) exercising local civil jurisdiction, or a coroner’s court; or

(iii) service, or attendance for service, for the purposes of an inquiry under the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845; and

(b) any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act of the present Session in the sums which, under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, are payable out of moneys so provided. — (Mr. Solicitor General.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

Resolved, That the Draft National Insurance (Mariners) Amendment Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was presented on the 18th day of January last, be approved. — (Mr. Steele.)

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 Nantwich, a copy of which Order was presented on the 28th day of January last, 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 Tenterden, a copy of which Order was presented on the 28th day of January last, be approved. — (Mr. Younger.)

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

And the Question having been proposed at 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, till to-morrow.

[No. 51.]

Wednesday, 2nd February, 1949.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the Appropriations direction of several Acts of Parliament, in Aid — Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 24th January 1949, in pursuance of the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the appropriate Vote of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

Copy of Rules, dated 1st February 1949, entitled the Superannuation (Transfer of Sickness Medical Officers) Rules, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty’s Command. — Copy of an Agreement, (No. 10, 1949), signed at Warsaw on the 14th day of January 1949, between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Polish Government relating to Money and Property subjected to Special Measures since the 1st day of September 1939 (with Annex).


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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th January 1949, approving an Admiralty Memorial for the substitution of the title Boy
Musician for Band Boy in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Orderd, 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 1st February 1949, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) Amendment Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 1st February 1949, entitled—

(a) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 3) Regulations, 1949, and

(b) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 4) Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st February 1949, entitled the Bread (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Orderd, 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,—Reports by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Committee of the whole House : Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

Docking and Nicking of Horses Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday the 11th day of this instant February, the Docking and Nicking of Horses Bill was read, and discharged.

Orderd, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next.

Mr. McNeil, supported by Mr. Mayhew, Mr. Thomas Fraser and Mr. Callaghan, presented a Bill to confer upon the consular officers of foreign States with which consular conventions are concluded by His Majesty certain powers relating to the administration of the estates and property of deceased persons ; to restrict the powers of constables and other persons to enter the consular offices of such States ; and to amend sections one hundred and seventy-six and five hundred and twenty-one of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 : And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

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

Business of the House.

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Bowden; Mr. Snow; 

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Digby; Mr. Studdholm.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Export Guarantees Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Orderd, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, by His Majesty's Export 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 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") to make further provision with respect to the powers of the Board of Trade to give guarantees in connection with overseas transactions, it is expedient,—

A. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of the Board of Trade under the Act in connection with arrangements—

(i) for giving, after consultation with an Advisory Council, guarantees (up to an aggregate amount of five hundred million pounds in respect of the liability of the Board at any one time under the Act and certain other enactments) for the purpose of encouraging trade with places outside the United Kingdom (as defined in the Act), being guarantees given in connection with matters which appear to the Board of Trade conducive to the said purpose ;

(ii) for giving further guarantees (up to an aggregate amount of one hundred million pounds in respect of the liability of the Board at any one time under the Act and certain other enactments) for the purpose of encouraging trade as aforesaid or for the purpose of rendering economic assistance to countries outside the United Kingdom, being such guarantees as appear to the Board to be expedient in the national interest.

B. To provide that in the event of any amount required for fulfilling any guarantee given under the Act not being paid out of moneys provided by Parliament it shall be charged on, and issued out of, the Consolidated Fund.

C. To authorise the making from time to time out of the Consolidated Fund of issues of such sums as may be required to
enable the Board of Trade to acquire securities guaranteed by them under the Act and certain other enactments.

D. To authorise, for providing money for making such issues, or for replacing such sums, the raising of money in any manner in which it is authorised to be raised under the National Loans Act, 1939.

E. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of interest on such sums, the repayment into the Exchequer of such sums, and the payment into the Exchequer of the amount by which the receipts of the Board of Trade in respect of the securities acquired by them as aforesaid exceed the amounts required for the said payment and repayment, and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such payments and repayments and their application in redemption or repayment of debt or, so far as they represent interest, in payment of interest otherwise payable out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt (Mr. Jay.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Standing Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Collindridge): 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 three minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 2nd February, 1949.

In pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. 5, c. 76, s. 2 (2)), Mr. Speaker this day nominated Edward Herbert Keeling, Esquire, M.C., to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee, in the room of the Right Honourable Henry Urstom Willink, M.C., K.C., resigned.

[No. 52.]

Thursday, 3rd February, 1949.

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

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household Double reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 31st day of January last relative to Double Taxation Relief had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Barbados) Order, 1948, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Dominica) Order, 1948, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order, 1948, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Grenada) Order, 1948, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Jamaica) Order, 1948, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order, 1948, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (St. Lucia) Order, 1948, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (St. Vincent) Order, 1948, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Federated Malay States) Order, 1949, and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Singapore) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the respective drafts laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Public Works from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made upon the 20th day of January last, That, in the case of the Public Works (Festival of Britain) Bill, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with.

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

Mr. 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 1949 for Civil Departments.

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,—Copy of a Supplementary Estimate, 1948-49, No. 61.

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 Legal Aid and Advice Bill): Mr. Donovan, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Janner.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Hammersmith (South Division).
The War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.) 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 War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.) (Money), ordered to be brought up, 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 repeal section seventy of the War Damage Act, 1943, and to make provision with respect to war damage to immoveable property, goods and commodities which belonged to certain undertakings or in which both such undertakings and others had interests and war damage causing obstruction in waterways, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund to any Account established under the said Act of the present Session (in this Resolution referred to as “the Act”) of sums which are at any time required, and which the moneys then standing to the credit of the Account are insufficient to provide, for making payments required by the Act to be made out of the Account in respect of war damage to land, goods or commodities so related to public utility undertakings as defined in the Act as may be therein specified, or in respect of war damage causing an obstruction in a waterway or in the approaches thereto, being damage notified in accordance with arrangements in that behalf made for the purposes of consultations as to the amounts of such payments had between the Treasury or other Government departments and bodies concerned or representative organisations;

(b) any increase in the sums required to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund by virtue of section two of the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act, 1946, attributable to any provision of the Act (including any retrospective provision) for—

(i) applying the provisions of the War Damage Act, 1943, as to payments under Part I thereof in respect of war damage to land in relation to war damage to a hereditament occupied as mentioned in section seventy of that Act;

(ii) treating as a payment under a policy issued under the business scheme operated under Part II of the War Damage Act, 1943, and as such a payment by the Board of Trade as is mentioned in the said section two, any payment for satisfying a right conferred by the Act to receive, in respect of war damage to goods of an undertaking other than a public utility undertaking as defined in the Act which was a public utility undertaking as defined for the purposes of the said section seventy, the equivalent of the indemnity which the body carrying on the undertaking would have been entitled to receive if they had insured the goods under the said scheme;

(iii) treating as such a payment by the War Damage Commission or the Board of Trade as is mentioned in the said section two any payment by the said Commission or Board in respect of war damage causing an obstruction in a waterway or in the approaches thereto;

(iv) excluding the operation of section fourteen of the War Damage Act, 1943, where the enactment relevant for the purposes of that section is an enactment in an Act embodying a scheme for the carrying on of any industry, or part of an industry, under national ownership or control;

(v) extending to grants payable under section thirty-eight of the Civil Defence Act, 1939, the provisions of section seventy-four of the War Damage Act, 1943, as to grants payable under section twenty-two of that Act;

(vi) treating as such a payment by the Board of Trade as is mentioned in the said section two a payment of interest made by virtue of any amendment by the Act of subsection (5) of section eighty-five of the War Damage Act, 1943 (whether in its primary operation or as applied by regulations under section ninety-five of that Act or as applied by the Act) so as to render interest at the rate mentioned in that subsection payable in the case of early settlements under or by reference to the business scheme where the date of the settlement is after the twentieth day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-six;

(vii) amending the provisions of the War Damage Act, 1943, for determining whether any plant or machinery is to be treated, in relation to any land, as land or goods;

(viii) treating as such a payment by the War Damage Commission as is mentioned in the said section two any payment, or interest on a payment, by the War Damage Commission in respect of war damage to land so related to a public utility undertaking as defined in the Act as may be therein specified, being damage affecting an interest in the land other than that of the body carrying on the undertaking;

(c) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase resulting from any provision of the Act (including any retrospective provision) in the sums which, under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, fall to be paid out of the moneys so provided, and of any increase in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under section eighty-two of the War Damage Act, 1943, resulting from any application by the Act of the
provisions of that section in relation to any liability of the Public Works Loan Commissioners under the Act;

(d) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any money required for the purpose of providing sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under paragraph (a) of this Resolution.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

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

(in the Committee.)

War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.).

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to repeal section seventy of the War Damage Act, 1943, and to make provision with respect to war damage to immovable property, goods and commodities which belonged to certain undertakings or in which both such undertakings and others had interests and to war damage causing obstruction in waterways, it is expedient to make provision for the following matters, that is to say,

(a) for the making, in respect of public utility undertakings as defined in the said Act of the present Session (in this Resolution referred to as “the Act”), being undertakings carried on during such period on or after the third day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, as may be specified in the Act, of contributions towards the expense of making war damage payments under the Act in respect of public utility undertakings, being contributions of amounts not exceeding one cent. in the case of each such group other than a group to be constituted thereunder to comprise harbour and dock undertakings comprised in any group of public utility undertakings constituted under the Act, the following percentage of such sum as may be fixed by the Act as the aggregate of the amounts (reckoned before making any deductions therefrom provided for by the Act) of war damage payments to be made under the Act in respect of undertakings in that group, that is to say twenty-seven and one half per cent. in the case of each such group other than a group to be constituted thereunder to comprise harbour and dock undertakings and ten per cent. in the case of the last-mentioned group;

(b) for imposing the liability to make a contribution to be made in respect of an undertaking (except in the case of contributions in respect of undertakings in any group to be constituted under the Act to comprise sewerage and sewage disposal undertakings or to comprise lighthouse undertakings) on the body by whom the undertaking was being carried on at the end of the said period, subject to any provision which may be made by the Act for determining that that contribution is to be made by another in any circumstances therein specified, for imposing the liability to make contributions to be made in respect of undertakings in any group to be constituted under the Act to comprise sewerage and sewage disposal undertakings on local authorities, their contributions as a whole being in respect of the undertakings comprised in that group as a whole, and for the determination by the Treasury of the bodies or local authorities to be liable as aforesaid and of the several amounts of their contributions with provision for giving effect to determinations made at any time on or after the first day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-eight;

(c) for the taking effect, as to the ultimate incidence of the liability for the contributions mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Resolution as between landlords, tenants and mortgagees of land so related to a public utility undertaking as may be specified in the Act, of provisions corresponding to the provisions of Part I of the War Damage Act, 1943, as to the ultimate incidence of the liability for contributions under the said Part I as between landlords, tenants and mortgagees of properties contributory under that Act;

(d) for the taking effect of the said corresponding provisions in the case of requisitioned land which immediately before the beginning of the period of requisition was land so related as aforesaid to a public utility undertaking with such modifications as may be prescribed by regulations under the Act (including regulations having retrospective effect so far as may be requisite for securing their operation as regards any year in which instalments of contribution under Part I of the War Damage Act, 1943, fell due);

(e) for the extension of the said provisions of the said Part I and of the said corresponding provisions so as to authorise the exercise of rights of recovery from and by tenants from any tenants and licensees, as to which conditions specified in the Act are satisfied;

(f) for imposing in respect of goods of certain undertakings other than public utility undertakings as defined in the Act liabilities to pay amounts equal to the premiums which bodies carrying on such undertakings would have been required to pay if, being as regards those goods, and as regards any period of insurance for the purposes of the business scheme operated under Part II of the War Damage Act, 1943, under the obligation to insure imposed by section eighty-six of that Act, they had insured them in accordance with that obligation;

(g) for prohibiting the deduction in computing profits or gains or income for the purposes of any tax, or the inclusion for the purposes of any tax in computing expenses of management or supervision or the cost of maintenance, repairs or insurance, of—

(a) payments made in or towards the discharge of any liability or premium
imposed or payable by or under the Act or the War Damage Act, 1943, or the joint operation of both, or
(b) expenditure on making good war damage or detriment caused by war damage in so far as any person has received or is entitled, by virtue of the Act or the War Damage Act, 1943, or the joint operation of both, to a payment in respect of the damage or detriment or a payment deemed under the Act to be made in respect thereof, or expenditure on making good war damage of any class specified in the Act or on measures for meeting the circumstances created by an obstruction in a waterway or the approaches thereto,
for the recovery, by assessment or additional assessment made in such manner and at such time as may be specified in the Act, of amounts of past reductions of liability or repayments, in respect of any tax, effected by reason of deductions or inclusions of a kind prohibited; and for extending to payments under the Act provisions of the enactments relating to exceptional depreciation allowance as to payments under other enactments relating to war damage;
(h) for the payment into the Exchequer of any moneys standing to the credit of any Account established under the Act, into which contributions mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Resolution are paid thereunder, on the winding-up of the Account; of payments for satisfying liabilities imposed as mentioned in paragraph (f) of this Resolution; and of any contribution in respect of coal-mining properties made by the National Coal Board under Part I of the War Damage Act, 1943, as modified by the Act.—(Mr. Hall.)
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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.

Adjournment.

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 Monday next.

Monday, 7th February, 1949.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Barnsley Corporation Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the City of London (Various Powers) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The Mersey Tunnel Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Southamptom Harbour Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

The Teignmouth and Shaldon Bridge Bill was read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The University of Nottingham Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Urmston Urban District Council Bill was read a second time, and committed.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Order, dated 4th February 1949, entitled the Chocolate, Sugar Confectionery and Cocoa Products (Amendment) Order, 1949.

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:—

Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on the 5th day of January 1949.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Agricultural Marketing Bill): Mrs. Ganley; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Sparks.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Orders of the House—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Hannan, 186.

Mr. Bowden:

Tellers for the Noses,

Colonel Wheatley, 79.

Mr. Digby

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Water (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 7, p. 4, l. 10, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Woodburn.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

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

Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made a further Amendment to the Bill.

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

A Clause (Amendment of definition of "communication pipe," &c.)—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn)—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. 18, l. 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"In no case shall such compensation exceed twenty years' purchase price of the value of the concession at the time it was obtained by the present holder of the vested interest."—(Mr. Willis.)

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 adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Hannan);

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

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 7th February, 1949.

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 Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 55.]

Tuesday, 8th February, 1949.

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 George House, Esquire, Member for the Borough of St. Pancras (North 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 Ashdown Forest Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Bolton Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of this instant February.

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

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The River Great Ouse (Flood Protection) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barnsley 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 British Transport Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
City of London (Various Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London (Various Powers) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Halifax Corporation Bill.

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

Swindon Corporation Bill.

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

West Bromwich Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the West Bromwich Corporation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1855.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account up to the 31st day of December 1948, 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,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Cheshire Police (Amalgamation) Order, 1949, with a Report by Mr. John Catterall Jolly, K.C., of an Inquiry into the proposed compulsory Amalgamation of the Police Forces of the County of Chester and the City and County Borough of Chester, held at the Town Hall, Chester, on the 21st and 22nd days of July 1948.

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

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

That, in the case of the Public Works (Festival of Britain) Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the Bill be permitted to proceed.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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 had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to render compulsory the use of special designations on sales of milk by retail in specified areas, to enact certain provisions ancillary thereto as to the use of such designations, and to amend certain enactments in relation to such designations; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Milk (Special Designations) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on American Aid and European Payments (Financial Provisions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make certain provision of a financial nature in connection with the assistance furnished to the United Kingdom in pursuance of certain Acts of the Congress of the United States of America and any assistance furnished by or to the United Kingdom in pursuance of agreements entered into by members of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation, it is expedient to authorise such issues out of the Consolidated Fund to the Civil Contingencies Fund, such repayments to the Exchequer and such issues from the Consolidated Fund for the repayment of debt as result from any provision of the said Act of the present Session enabling temporary advances to be made from the Civil Contingencies Fund to any Intra-European Account opened under the said Act of the present Session and applying the provisions of section three of the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act, 1946, in relation to those temporary advances.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved American Aid and European Payments (Financial Provisions) to itself into a Committee on the American Aid and European Payments (Financial Provisions) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 6 and 7 agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deuty Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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. Richard Adams 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 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) to make further provision with respect to the powers of the Board of Trade to give guarantees in connection with overseas transactions, it is expedient:

A. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of the
Board of Trade under the Act in connection with arrangements—

(i) for giving, after consultation with an Advisory Council, guarantees (up to an aggregate amount of five hundred million pounds in respect of the liability of the Board at any one time under the Act and certain other enactments) for the purpose of encouraging trade with places outside the United Kingdom (as defined in the Act), being guarantees given in connection with matters which appear to the Board of Trade conducive to the said purpose;

(ii) for giving further guarantees (up to an aggregate amount of one hundred million pounds in respect of the liability of the Board at any one time under the Act and certain other enactments) for the purpose of encouraging trade as aforesaid or for the purpose of rendering economic assistance to countries outside the United Kingdom, being such guarantees as appear to the Board to be expedient in the national interest.

B. To provide that in the event of any amount required for fulfilling any guarantee given under the Act not being paid out of moneys provided by Parliament it shall be charged on, and issued out of, the Consolidated Fund.

C. To authorise the making from time to time out of the Consolidated Fund of issues of such sums as may be required to enable the Board of Trade to acquire securities guaranteed by them under the Act and certain other enactments.

D. To authorise, for providing money for making such issues, or for replacing such sums, the raising of money in any manner in which it is authorised to be raised under the National Loans Act, 1939.

E. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of interest on such sums, the repayment into the Exchequer of such sums, and the payment into the Exchequer of the amount by which the receipts of the Board of Trade in respect of the securities acquired by them as aforesaid exceed the amounts required for the said payment and repayment, and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such payments and repayments and their application in redemption or repayment of debt or, so far as they represent interest, in payment of interest otherwise payable out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Further powers to give guarantees in national interest).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 21, to leave out the words " one hundred," and insert the word " sixty."—(Mr. Eccles.)

Question, That the words " one hundred " stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 9 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:—

1 hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

Mr. Collindridge reported from the Committee on War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to repeal section seventy of the War Damage Act, 1943, and to make provision with respect to war damage to immovable property, goods and commodities which belonged to certain undertakings or in which such undertakings had interests and war damage causing obstruction in waterways, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund to any Account established under the said Act of the present Session (in this Resolution referred to as "the Act") of sums which are at any time required, and which had the moneys then standing to the credit of the Account are insufficient to provide, for making payments required by the Act to be made out of the Account in respect of war damage to land, goods or commodities so related to public utility undertakings as defined in the Act as may be therein specified, or in respect of war damage causing an obstruction in a waterway or in the approaches thereto, being damage notified in accordance with arrangements in that behalf made for the purposes of consultations as to the amounts of such payments had between the Treasury or other Government departments and bodies concerned or representative organisations;

(b) any increase in the sums required to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund by virtue of section two of the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act, 1946, attributable to any provision of the Act (including any retrospective provision) for—

(i) applying the provisions of the War Damage Act, 1943, as to payments under Part I thereof in respect of war damage to land in relation to war damage to a hereditament occupied as mentioned in section seventy of that Act;

(ii) treating as a payment under a policy issued under the business scheme operated under Part II of the War
Damage Act, 1943, and as such a payment by the Board of Trade as is mentioned in the said section two, any payment for satisfying a right conferred by the Act to receive, in respect of war damage, of any increase resulting from any application by the Act of the provisions of that section in relation to any liability of the Public Works Loan Commissioners under the Act;

(d) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any money required for the purpose of providing sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under paragraph (a) of this Resolution.

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

Mr. Collindridge reported from the Com- mittee of Ways and Means of the 4th day of this instant February, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.)

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to repeal section seventy of the War Damage Act, 1943, and to make provision with respect to war damage to immovable property, goods and commodities which belonged to certain undertakings or in which both such undertakings and others had interests and to war damage causing obstruction in waterways, it is expedient to make provision for the following matters, that is to say:

(a) for the making, in respect of public utility undertakings as defined in the said Act of the present Session (in this Resolution referred to as "the Act"), being undertakings carried on during such period on or after the third day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, as may be specified in the Act, of contributions towards the expense of making war damage payments under the Act in respect of public utility undertakings, being contributions of amounts not exceeding in the aggregate, in the case of undertakings comprised in any group of public utility undertakings constituted under the Act, the following percentage of such sum as may be fixed by the Act as the aggregate of the amounts (reckoned before making any deductions therefrom provided for by the Act) of war damage payments to be made under the Act in respect of undertakings in that group, that is to say twenty-seven and one half per cent. in the case of each such group other than a group to be constituted thereunder to comprise harbour and dock undertakings and ten per cent. in the case of the last-mentioned group;

(b) for imposing the liability to make a contribution to be made in respect of an undertaking (except in the case of contributions in respect of undertakings in any group to be constituted under the Act to comprise sewerage and sewage disposal undertakings or to comprise lighthouse undertakings) on the body by whom the undertaking would have been constituted on the end of the said period, subject to any provision which may be made by the Act
for determining that that contribution is to be made by another in any circumstances therein specified, for imposing the liability to make contributions to be made in respect of undertakings in any group to be constituted under the Act to comprise sewerage and sewage disposal undertakings on local authorities, their contributions as a whole being in respect of the undertakings comprised in that group as a whole, and for the determination by the Treasury of the bodies or local authorities to be liable as aforesaid and of the several amounts of their contributions with provision for giving effect to determinations made at any time on or after the first day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-eight;

(c) for the taking effect, as to the ultimate incidence of the liability for the contributions mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Resolution as between landlards, tenants and mortgagees of land so related to a public utility undertaking as may be specified in the Act, of provisions corresponding to the provisions of Part I of the War Damage Act, 1943, as to the ultimate incidence of the liability for contributions under the said Part I as between landlords, tenants and mortgagees of properties contributory under that Act;

(d) for the taking effect of the said corresponding provisions in the case of requisitioned land which immediately before the beginning of the period of requisition was land so related as aforesaid to a public utility undertaking with such modifications as may be prescribed by regulations under the Act (including regulations having retrospective effect so far as may be requisite for securing their operation as regards any year in which instalments of contribution under Part I of the War Damage Act, 1943, fell due);

(e) for the extension of the said provisions of the said Part I and of the said corresponding provisions so as to authorise the exercise of rights of recovery from and by tenants from and by tenants and licensees under short tenancies, and licences, as to which conditions specified in the Act are satisfied;

(f) for imposing in respect of goods of certain undertakings other than public utility undertakings as defined in the Act liabilities to pay amounts equal to the premiums which bodies carrying on such undertakings would have been required to pay if, being as regards those goods, and as regards any period of insurance for the purposes of the business scheme operated under Part II of the War Damage Act, 1943, under the obligation to insure imposed by section eighty-six of that Act, they had insured them in accordance with that obligation;

(g) for prohibiting the deduction in computing profits or gains or income for the purposes of any tax, or the inclusion for the purposes of any tax in computing expenses of management or supervision or the cost of maintenance, repairs or insurance, of—

(a) payments made in or towards the discharge of any liability or premium imposed or payable by or under the Act or the War Damage Act, 1943, or the joint operation of both, or

(b) expenditure on making good war damage or determined by war damage in so far as any person has received or is entitled, by virtue of the Act or the War Damage Act, 1943, or the joint operation of both, to a payment in respect of the damage or detriment or a payment deemed under the Act to be made in respect thereof, or expenditure on making good war damage of any class specified in the Act or on measures for meeting the circumstances created by an obstruction in a waterway or the approaches thereto for the recovery, by assessment or additional assessment made in such manner and at such time as may be specified in the Act, of amounts of past reductions of liability or repayments, in respect of any tax, effected by reason of deductions or inclusions of a kind prohibited; and for extending to payments under the Act provisions of the enactments relating to exceptional depreciation allowance as to payments under other enactments relating to war damage;

(h) for the payment into the Exchequer of any moneys standing to the credit of any Account established under the Act, into which contributions mentioned in paragraph (a) of this Resolution are paid thereunder, on the winding-up of the Account; of payments for satisfying liabilities imposed as mentioned in paragraph (f) of this Resolution; and of any contribution in respect of coal-mining properties made by the National Coal Board under Part I of the War Damage Act, 1943, as modified by the Act.

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

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

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. Hannan):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at 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, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 8th February, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.) Bill to Standing Committee B.
Wednesday, 9th February, 1949.

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

P R A Y E R S.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bradford Corporation Bill:

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th February 1949, entitled the Representation of the People Regulations, 1949.

Copy of Rules, dated 8th February 1949, entitled the Urban District Council Election Rules, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Nanking, on the 12th day of January and the 18th day of October 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Chinese Republic for the Prevention of Smuggling between Hong Kong and Chinese Ports (with Annexes and Maps).

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

Mr. Dugdale 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 1949.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th February 1949, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Consolidation) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 1st February 1949, entitled—

(1) the South-East Yorkshire Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Warwick Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1949, with Certificates 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. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th February 1949, entitled the Water (Rationing) Order, 1949, (Consumer Services Supplies and (Miscellaneous Provisions) Money).

Mr. Matthews reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated the following Twenty Members to serve on the Standing Committee E: Mr. Bossmor, Mr. Chater, Lieutenant-Colonel Clifton-Brown, Mr. Fernyhough, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, Sir Peter Macdonald, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Morley, Mr. Nicholson, Mrs. Ridealgh, Mr. Scollan, Mr. Skinnard, Mr. Charles Smith, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Symonds, Mr. Viant and Mr. Charles Williams.

Mr. Matthews further reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had designated Standing Committee E as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.

Mr. McIntee reported from the Select Committee on the 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 Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Matthews reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had considered the following Twenty Members to serve on the Standing Committee E:

Mr. McEntee reported from the Select Committee on the 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee upon the 15th day of December last, the 2nd day of this instant February and this day be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Maintenance Orders Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Money) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the
whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to agriculture, including certain enactments relating to milk and dairies, it is expedient to authorise

(a) the making out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) of payments in respect of calves born during the period beginning with the twenty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and ending with the first day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, or such later date not being later than the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, as may be specified under the said Act of the present Session;

(ii) of payments to persons maintaining centres which provide or have provided, during the period beginning with the first day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and ending with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, a service of artificial insemination for cattle from beef bulls of approved breeds;

(iii) of grants or loans to persons in respect of expenses incurred, during the period beginning with the twenty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and ending with the thirtieth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, in the conservation of grass and forage crops;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under section eleven of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1931, to the Agricultural Marketing Fund and the Agricultural Marketing (Scotland) Fund;

(c) the repayment out of moneys so provided of a part, not exceeding three-quarters, of sums paid by a local authority by way of compensation to any person for damage or loss sustained by him on account of any prohibitions or restrictions on the sale, supply or use of milk which is infected or suspected of being infected;

(d) the payment out of moneys so provided—

(i) of remuneration and allowances to the chairman of any tribunal constituted under the Food and Drink (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, for the hearing of objections to a refusal or cancellation of registration of a dairy farm or dairy farmer;

(ii) of expenses incurred by any Minister in providing or making arrangements for the provision by other persons of facilities for training in agricultural or horticultural occupations;

(iii) of any sums which apart from the said Act of the present Session would be authorised to be paid out of the Diseases of Animals Account;

(e) the payment into the Exchequer—

(i) of sums received by any Minister on giving up possession of land taken for agricultural purposes by virtue of powers conferred by any Defence Regulation, being sums payable by the person to whom possession is or has been given up in respect of growing crops and other matters;

(ii) of sums received by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries representing the proceeds of disposal of stocks of tractors and machinery acquired by him under section thirty-one of the Agricultural Development Act, 1939;

(iii) of any sums which apart from the said Act of the present Session would be authorised to be paid into the Diseases of Animals Account;

(iv) of any sums standing to the credit of the Cattle Fund.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mathers reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and moved, 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. Adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 57.]

Thursday, 10th February, 1949.

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

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimates for the Army for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.

Estimate of the further sum required to be voted 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. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th February 1949, entitled

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

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimate for the Ministry of Defence for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; 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 Savings Banks 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 Yeas,
Mr. Hannan,
Mr. Bowden:

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Collindridge,
Mr. Digby:

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Public Works (Festival of Britain) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Mr. Barnes, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Public Works (Festival of Britain) [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 out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Festival of Britain, 1951, the following Certificates are required:—

(a) expenses incurred by or on behalf of the said Commission and the said Council in connection with traffic arrangements for the Festival of Britain, as part of the said Festival.—(Mr. Barnes.)

Resolved to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Collindridge reported from the Committee on Minister of Food (Financial Powers) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums required by the Minister of Food to fulfil contracts or arrangements entered into by him, whether before or after the passing of the said Act, including contracts or arrangements involving commitments extending beyond the financial year current when the contracts or arrangements were made, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required by the said Minister to fulfil any such contracts or arrangements entered into by him, whether before or after the passing of the said Act, as may be specified in the said Act, including contracts or arrangements involving commitments extending beyond the financial year current when the contracts or arrangements were made.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Minister of Food (Financial Powers) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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 Mr. Speaker's within the meaning of the Parliament Certificate, Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN,
Speaker.

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

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. Richard Adams.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 10th February, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee D.

[No. 58.]

Friday, 11th February, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 1948, namely, the Alexander Scott’s Hospital Order, the Clyde Navigation (Superannuation) Order, the Edinburgh and Midlothian Water Order, the Fife County Council Order, the Glasgow Corporation Order and the Royal Bank of Scotland Officers’ Widows’ Fund 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. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the further sum required to be voted for Air Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949,

Estimates for the Air Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.

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,—Copies of Orders, dated 10th February 1949, entitled—
(1) the Clocks and Watches (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949,
(2) the General Footwear (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1949, and
(3) the Utility Footwear (Maximum Prices) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1949, entitled the Woven Cloth (Wool and Animal Fibre) ( Manufacture, Marking and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 1) Order, 1949.

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 10th February 1949, entitled the Central Co-ordinating Committee (Retail Trades and Hairdressing) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Alexander presented, by His Majesty’s Defence Command,—Copy of a Statement on Defence, for 1949.

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 February 1949, Bankruptcy, entitled the Bankruptcy (Amendment) Rules, 1949.

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

The Hairdressers (Registration) Bill was, Hairdressers according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Safety of Employment (Employers’ Liability) Bill ;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The said Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Safety of Employment (Employers’ Liability) 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 Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill ;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Bill ;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put (pursuant to the Standing Order (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland)), That the Bill be committed to the Scottish Standing Committee—(Mr. Thomas Fraser):—

It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The House (deemed to have been read a second time) was committed to the Scottish Standing 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 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.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of the Eighth Report of the Royal Fine Art Commission, for 1946 and 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of an Order on the Proceedings of the First Part of the Third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, held at Paris between the 21st day of September and the 11th day of December 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 28th January 1949, making provision for the application of the King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force to women commissioned or enlisted in His Majesty's air forces.

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. Hall, presented a Bill to confirm and give effect to an agreement made between the Treasury and the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland with a view to assimilating the burdens on the Exchequer of the United Kingdom and the Exchequer of Northern Ireland in respect of certain social and allied services: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

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

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan, Yeas, 196.

Tellers for the [Mr. Bowden; 82.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Report from the Select Committee on Hybrid Bills (Procedure in Committee) be now taken into consideration.

—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the recommendations contained in the Report from the Select Committee on Hybrid Bills (Procedure in Committee) in Session 1947-48 be approved, subject to the qualification that a bill against which no Petition has been lodged may be committed either to a Committee of the whole House or to a Standing Committee, as the House may determine—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan, Yeas, 204.

Tellers for the [Mr. Wilkins; 89.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Secretary Ede reported from the Committee on Juries [Money]. A Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the making of payments in respect of jury service in Great Britain, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) expenses incurred by way of the making of payments to persons who serve, or attend for service, as jurors, other than payments attributable to—

(i) the transaction of criminal business at a court held by virtue of a commission of assize, a commission of oyer and terminer and a commission of gaol delivery or any of them;

(ii) service, or attendance for service, at the Central Criminal Court, a court of quarter sessions, a court (other than a county court or, in Scotland, a sheriff court) exercising local civil jurisdiction or a coroner's court; or

(iii) service, or attendance for service, for the purposes of any inquiry under the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, or the Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845; and

(b) any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act of the present Session in the sums which, under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, are payable 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 Juries Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.
Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.
Clause No. 5 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 6 to 10 agreed to.
Clause No. 11 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 12 and 13 agreed to.
Clause No. 14 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 15 agreed to.
Clause No. 16 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 17 (Abolition of special juries). Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, Yeas, Mr. George Wallace: 200.]
[Mr. Stadholme, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport: 59.]

Clause No. 18 (Saving for City of London special juries in commercial causes). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 27, at the end, to add the words—

"4. Subsection (1) of the last foregoing section shall not apply to the trial of an issue within any place or district within which His Majesty shall, by commission of assize or any other commission, either general or special, assign to such judges of the High Court or other persons as are named therein the duty of trying and determining any causes or matters, or any questions or issues of fact, or of law or partly of fact and partly of law which by reason of the technical or complex nature of the questions or issues involved, require trial by a special jury."

(Mr. Manningham-Buller.) Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Stadholme, Yeas, Major Conant: 59.]
[Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 188.]

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 19 agreed to.
Clause No. 20 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 21 to 23 agreed to.
Clause No. 24 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 25 to 27 agreed to.
Clause No. 28 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 29 to 32 agreed to.

A Clause (Fees in county courts for trials with juries) (Mr. Attorney General) brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule No. 1 agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 amended, and agreed to.
Schedule No. 3 agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

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. George Wallace.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 14th February, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Hairdressers (Registration) Bill and the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee E.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Touche Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Hairdressers (Registration) Bill and Mr. Mathers Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Bill.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Bill. Teignmouth and Shaldon Bridge Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Barnsley Second Reading of the Barnsley Corporation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Transport Commission Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Transport Commission Bill;
The City of London (Various Powers) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London (Various Powers) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The City of London (Various Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Halifax 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 Swindon 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 West Bromwich Corporation Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of all Sums received from and paid to Trustees during the year ended the 20th day of November 1948, with a Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Trustees of Savings Banks and of Friendly Societies on the 20th day of November 1948, and the nature and amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those Liabilities at that date.
Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum of the Secretary of State for War relating to the Army Estimates, 1949-50.
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 Orders, dated 12th February 1949, entitled the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Scotland) Order, 1949.
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 February 1949, entitled—
(1) the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Utility Handkerchiefs (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1949.
Copies of Orders, dated 14th February 1949, entitled—
(1) the Footwear (Supply, Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 7) Order, 1949.
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 4th February 1949, entitled the Stafford and Derby Area (Conservation of Water) Amendment Order, 1949, with a Certificate by the Minister of Health under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1943.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to Sea Fisheries to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries respecting Applications to, and the Proceedings of, the Minister under Part III of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868 (as amended by the Sea Fisheries Act, 1884, and the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938) during 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, dated 14th February 1949, entitled—
(1) the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations, 1949.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Gas (Special directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of—
(1) the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgessess of the Borough of Bolton, and
(2) the Tottenham and District Gas Company.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to the protection of the coast of Great Britain against erosion and encroachment by the sea; to provide for the restriction and removal of works detrimental to navigation; to transfer the management of Crown foreshore from the Minister of Transport to the Commissioners of Crown Lands; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Coast Protection Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time upon Maintenance Orders Bill was withdrawn.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide in certain cases for the determination by a Tribunal of standard rents for the purposes of the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Acts, 1920 to 1939,
and for other matters, 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 payable out of such moneys under subsection (3) of section eleven of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, and paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Landlord and Tenant (Rent Control) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Variation of standard rents fixed by reference to new lettings).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out from the word "the" to the word "or" in l. 9, and insert the words "first day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine."—(Mr. Piratin.)

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

Question put, That the proposed words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Richard Adams, Mr. Wilkins; 249.
Tellers for the Major Conant, Brigadier Mackeson; 117.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, at the end, to insert the words "or"

(c) the maximum rent payable under a tenancy agreement or lease in the case of any dwelling-house let at a progressive rent payable under such tenancy agreement or lease."—(Mr. Janner.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 12, to leave out the word "made," and insert the word "granted."—(Mr. Piratin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, to leave out the word "if."—(Commander Galbraith.)

Question put, That the word "if" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Hannah, Mr. Richard Adams; 269.
Tellers for the Brigadier Mackeson, Mr. Digby; 97.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, to leave out from the first word "the" to the word "be," and insert the words "seventeenth day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-eight."—(Mr. Piratin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words "having regard to the standard rents of similar dwelling-houses in the neighbourhood to which the principal Acts apply."—(Mr. Piratin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) Without prejudice to the generality of the last foregoing subsection there shall be taken into account by the tribunal in determining the rent which is reasonable for a dwelling-house the capital value of the dwelling-house immediately before the date of the application to the tribunal:

Provided that where the dwelling-house in respect of which the application is made forms part of the property the tribunal shall take into account such apportioned part of that value as is reasonably appropriate to the dwelling-house having regard to the extent of the accommodation provided."—(Mr. Elliot.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Brigadier Mackeson, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport; 96.
Tellers for the Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace; 257.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) Without prejudice to the generality of the last foregoing subsection there shall be taken into account by the tribunal in determining the rent which is reasonable for a dwelling-house the capital value of the dwelling-house immediately before the date of the application to the tribunal:

Provided that where the dwelling-house in respect of which the application is made forms part of the property the tribunal shall take into account such apportioned part of that value as is reasonably appropriate to the dwelling-house having regard to the extent of the accommodation provided."—(Mr. Elliot.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Brigadier Mackeson, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport; 96.
Tellers for the Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace; 257.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) Without prejudice to the generality of the last foregoing subsection there shall be taken into account by the tribunal in determining the rent which is reasonable for a dwelling-house the rates payable in respect of the dwelling-house:

Provided that where the dwelling-house in respect of which the application is made forms part of a property the tribunal shall take into account such apportioned part of those rates as is reasonably appropriate to the dwelling-house having regard to the extent of the accommodation provided."—(Mr. Elliot.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Studholme, Mr. Digby; 100.
Tellers for the Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace; 258.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words—

“(5) Without prejudice to the generality of the last foregoing subsection there shall be taken into account by the tribunal in determining the rent which is reasonable for a dwelling-house the cost to the landlord of any services within the meaning of the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, in fact provided by the landlord in connection with the dwelling-house:

Provided that where the dwelling-house in respect of which the application is made forms part of a property the tribunal shall take into account such apportioned part of that cost as is reasonably appropriate to the dwelling-house having regard to the extent of the accommodation provided.”—(Mr. Elliot.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Conant, Yeas, Mr. Digby:] 99.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Wilkins: ] 261.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words—

“(5) Without prejudice to the generality of the last foregoing subsection there shall be taken into account by the tribunal in determining the rent which is reasonable for a dwelling-house the respective liabilities of the landlord and the tenant under or by virtue of the agreement of tenancy in respect of repairs to the dwelling-house:

Provided that where the dwelling-house in respect of which the application is made forms part of a property the tribunal shall take into account such apportioned part of the said liabilities as is reasonably appropriate to the dwelling-house having regard to the extent of the accommodation provided.”—(Mr. Elliot.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Arthur Young, Yeas, Mr. Studholme: ] 103.

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, Noes, Mr. George Wallace: ] 264.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 42, after the word “house,” to insert the words—

“(a) owned by or under the management of a local authority; or

(b) which has been constructed under the authority of a licence granted for the purpose of a Defence Regulation and the licence has been granted subject to a condition limiting the rent at which the house may be let; or

(c).””—(Mr. Charles Williams.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 43, at the end, to add the words—

“(7) Where the rent reserved under the terms of a contract of tenancy is reduced under this section such contract of tenancy shall be deemed to have been terminated upon the making of the determination and the tenant shall be deemed to retain possession of such dwelling-house thereafter by virtue of the provisions of the principal Acts.”—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

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 Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, dated 23rd December 1948, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Fees (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1948 (S.I., 1948, No. 2803), a copy of which was presented on the 18th day of January last, be annulled—(Mr. Baird):—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 a quarter of an hour before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 61.] Wednesday, 16th February, 1949.

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

PRAYERS.

The Bolton Corporation Bill was, according Bolton Corporation Bill, to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read for the Bradford Corporation Bill:

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented a Bill to Clydebank confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the Clydebank Burgh: 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. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Loan Agreement (supplementary to the Agreement concluded on the

United States
26th day of October 1948) between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Export-Import Bank of Washington, dated 16th February 1949, with the text of the Promissory Note and a Letter of Notification, dated 28th January 1949, addressed by the Economic Co-operation Administrator to His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington.

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 28th day of January 1949, on loans proposed to be raised by the Gas Council.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th February 1949, entitled the Utility Footwear (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Gaitkiss presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations entitled the Electricity (Staff Compensation) Regulations, 1949.

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 15th February 1949, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

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 16th February 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

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 Cinematograph Fund showing the Receipts and Payments during the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, Vol. 204.

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

Bill 83.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

No. 75.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee Selection of Selection, That they had added the following Standing Committee.

Thirty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings &c.) Bill): Mr. Amory, Mr. Berry, Lieutenant-Colonel Boles, Mr. Bower, Mr. Challen, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Crossman, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Donner, Mr. Alfred Edwards, Mr. John Edwards, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Hall, Sir Patrick Hannon, Brigadier Head, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Langford-Holt, Mr. Lee, Mr. Linstead, Mr. Manning, Mr. Noel-Baker, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Piratin, Commander Pursey, Mr. Goronwy Roberts, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Shurmer, Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Titterington.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee Selection of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee E:

Mr. Gage and Brigadier Prior-Palmer.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee Selection of Selection, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Mr. Alpass, Mr. Balfour, Sir John Barlow, Mr. Bowden, Mr. George Brown, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Gooch, Mr. Horabin, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Mr. Hard, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Orr-Ewing, Mr. Peart, Brigadier Peto, Mr. Turton, Mr. Walker, Mr. Thomas Williams and Mrs. Wills.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee Selection of Selection, That they had added the following Members from Standing Committee E:

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Mr. Gage and Brigadier Prior-Palmer.
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Hall, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the superannuation and other benefits payable to and in respect of persons who serve or have served in the civil service of the State or in service to which the Superannuation (Various Services) Act, 1938, applies, or any existing Irish officers within the meaning of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920; to authorise the payment of annual allowances and gratuities to and in respect of persons who are injured or contract diseases while employed in a civil capacity for the purposes of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 48, at the end, to insert the words "or one half of the reasonable rent, whichever is the greater."—(Mr. Molson.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Conant, 
Yeas, Colonel Wheatley: 124. 
Mr. Pearson, 
Noes, Mr. Richard Adams: 265. 

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 11, at the beginning, to insert the words "for the purposes of this section only."—(Mr. Hare.)

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

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 25, to leave out subsection (7).—(Mr. Piratin.)

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. 3 (Provisions as to apportionment where s. 1 applies). Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 22, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Piratin.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Register of determinations of Tribunal under foregoing sections). Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 32, to leave out the words "Minister may direct," and insert the words "local authority may determine."—(Mr. Sparks.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Tribunal for purposes of s.1). Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 21, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that when an application is made under this Act the chairman or the clerk of the tribunal shall be an experienced lawyer."—(Mr. Sparks.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 43, at the end, to add the words "(6) The Schedule to the Act of 1946 shall, from such date as the Minister may by regulation appoint, have effect as though at the end of paragraph 1 there were added the words "of whom at least one shall be a barrister or a solicitor of not less than seven years' standing."—(Commander Galbraith.)

Question put, That those words be there added.
Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 13, at the end, to add the words "and every such instrument shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament."—(Sir John Mellor.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 13 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Short title, interpretation and extent).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 45, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) This Act shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty and no longer."—(Commander Galbraith.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause (Prohibition of premiums on grant or assignment of tenancy)—(Mr. Bevan)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Excessive prices for furniture, &c., to be treated as premiums)—(Mr. Blenkinsop)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Amendments to Act of 1946)—(Mr. Janner)—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 (Extension of application of Act of 1946)—(Mr. Janner)—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 (Applications by prospective builder or lessors)—(Mr. Hogg)—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 (Prohibition of premiums on grant or assignment of tenancy)—(Mr. Bevan)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 14, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(1) Section five of the Act of 1946 shall be read and have effect as if for the word "three" there were substituted the word "six":"—(Mr. Sparks.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Provisions where tenant shares accommodation with other persons but not with landlord).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 6, to leave out the word "living," and insert the word "shared."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Power of Tribunal under Act of 1946 to extend security of tenure).

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 14, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(1) Section five of the Act of 1946 shall be read and have effect as if for the word 'three' there were substituted the word 'six':"—(Mr. Sparks.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 17, after the word "served," to insert the words "whether before or after the reference to the tribunal."—(Mr. Janner.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words "so however that the said period shall not exceed six months from the date of the reference to the tribunal."—(Mr. Elliot.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Studholme: 82.
Mr. Bromley-Davenport: 276.
Lieutenant-Colonel
Mr. Collindridge:
Mr. Wilkins:

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 41, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) This section shall not apply in any case in which the circumstances set out in the First Schedule to the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions (Amendment) Act, 1933, apply:"

—(Mr. Elliot.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 10 and 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Orders and regulations).

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Another Clause (Additional definition of tenant under principal Acts)—(Mr. Janner)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Naval Defence Bill [Lords];

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Public Works (Festival of Britain) Bill do consist of Six Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That any Petitions against the Bill deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the fifth day after this day shall stand referred to the Committee, but if no such Petitions are deposited, the Order for the committal of the Bill to a Select Committee shall be discharged and the Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, be heard against the Bill provided that their Petitions are prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House, and Counsel be heard in favour of the said Petitions.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

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

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.  

(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Clydebank Burgh Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Mr. Hall, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Estimates for the Civil and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, with a Memorandum.

Estimate showing the several Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.

Copy of the Report of the Committee on Civil Service Higher Civil Service Remuneration.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; that the other Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimates be printed.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to Workmen's directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th February 1949, entitled the Pneumoconiosis (Medical Arrangements) (Modification) Regulations, 1949.

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

Captain Marsden reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords to whom several Petitions for the Amendment of the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board Order, 1948, were referred, pursuant to Section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That they had considered the said Petitions and heard Counsel in support thereof; and had heard Counsel in favour of the said Order against the said Petitions; and had directed him to report the Order, with Amendments, to the House, with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Frank Anderson reported from Standing Committee D. That they had gone through the Agricultural Marketing Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law of Scotland relating to the probation of offenders, and the powers of courts under the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937; to abolish certain punishments and obsolete sanctions, and otherwise to reform existing methods and provide new methods of dealing with offenders in Scotland; to alter the law relating to the proceedings of criminal courts in Scotland; to amend the False Oaths (Scotland) Act, 1933; to regulate the management of prisons and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords].
other institutions and the treatment of offenders and other persons committed to custody in Scotland and for purposes connected with the aforesaid matters; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to Consolidate the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Scotland) Acts, 1937 to 1947, and so much of the Holidays with Pay Act, 1938, as enables a wage regulating authority to make provision for holidays and holiday remuneration for workers in Agriculture in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

The Agricultural Wages (Scotland) 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.

(Inner Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1948-49.

Class V.


1. £52,800,000 (Supplementary) for the expenses of providing a comprehensive health service in England and Wales and certain other services connected therewith, including the central purchase of medical supplies.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £5,655,000, 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 of providing a comprehensive health service in Scotland and certain other services connected therewith, including the central purchase of medical supplies:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Class II.

Vote 10. Colonial Office.

2. £7,000 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies and the salary of the Minister of State for Colonial Affairs.

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 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. Richard Adams.)

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

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Friday, 18th February, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Clydebank Burgh Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Coroners. the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1949, entitled the County of West Sussex (Coroners' Districts) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Air Estimates, Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum by the Secretary of State for Air relating to the Air Estimates, 1949-50.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant Representation to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1949, entitled the Edinburgh Corporation (Amendment of Local Act) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directio- Local tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the People Government Superaannuation. Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:

(1) Alfreton Urban District Council.
(2) Cambridge Town Council.
(3) Dorset County Council.
(4) Luton Borough Council.
(6) Redcar Town Council.
Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th February 1949, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th February 1949, entitled the Primary and Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations, No. 8, 1949.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th February 1949, entitled the Soft Fruit and Root Vegetables (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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 any charity or educational foundation),—Report by him on the Grimsby Corporation Bill [Lords].

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 D: Mr. Collins; and had appointed in substitution Major Wise.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E (added in respect of the Hairdressers (Registration) Bill): Mr. Marlowe; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lennox-Boyd.

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

The Married Women (Maintenance) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of this instant February, that the Statutory Instruments (Parliamentary Control) Bill be now read a second time;

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 Friday the 4th day of March next.

Ordered, 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.

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 18th February, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mrs. Paton Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

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 19th day of this instant February, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1949, Supplies and Services (Utility Furniture (Buying Permits) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th February 1949, entitled the Utility Furniture (Buying Permits) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Warrant, dated 18th February 1949, authorising the appointment of George Matthew Moore, Esquire, to be an Additional Commissioner of Income Tax (unpaid).

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 18th February 1949, authorising the temporary application of surplus 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 Paper relating to Public Accounts (Army Votes, 1947-48) be printed.
Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th February 1949, entitled the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report to the Minister of Labour and National Service by the Delegates of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Thirty-first Session of the International Labour Conference, held at San Francisco between the 17th day of June and the 10th day of July 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 (a) the Sums received into and paid out of the Tithe Redemption Annuities Account, (b) the Advances to that Account from the Consolidated Fund, (c) the Redemption Stock issued, and (d) Redemption Stock Sinking Fund, for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

The Order made upon the 10th day of this instant February, That the Public Works (Festival of Britain) Bill be committed to a Select Committee, was read, and no Petition against the Bill having been deposited in the Private Bill Office, the said Order was discharged, pursuant to the Order made upon the 16th day of this instant February.

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

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

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 Milk (Special Designations) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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. Hannan.)

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

MEMORANDUM.


In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Adoption Bill and the Married Women (Maintenance) Bill to Standing Committee E.
Tuesday, 22nd February, 1949.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Salford Corporation.

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

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

Twickenham Corporation [Lords].

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

The Barnsley Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bradford Corporation Bill;

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

The Halifax Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Swindon Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the West Bromwich Corporation Bill;

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

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1949, entitled the Eggs (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th February 1949, entitled the Rubber Gloves (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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 22nd February 1949, entitled the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (Brentwood) Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Butcher reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Committee A.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Depositions.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant Inebriates, to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Inspector under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, for 1948.


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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the direc- tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1949, entitled the Supplies and Services (Food) Order, 1949.

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

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Local Loans Fund.

No. 84.

Public Records

Ministry of National Insurance.

Ecclesiastical

Reorganisation

Areas.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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 a second time.

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 agreed to the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Alfred Davis Devonshcer Broughton, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Batley and Morley, was sworn.

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, supported by the Prime Minister and Mr. Herbert Morrison, presented a Bill to confirm and give effect to a second time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

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

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan, 237.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Bowden: 107.]

Mr. Digby:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Colonial Naval Defence Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The Social Services (Northern Ireland Agreement) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, 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 Social Services (Northern Ireland Agreement) [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 this present Session to confirm and give effect to an agreement made between the Treasury and the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland with a view to assimilating the burdens on the Exchequer of the United Kingdom and the Exchequer of Northern Ireland in respect of certain social and allied services, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums payable under or by virtue of the said agreement from the Exchequer of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Bill; as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The Lord Advocate, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purpose 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 British Transport Commission Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

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.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 22nd February, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Milk (Special Designations) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Kinley, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Sutcliffe, Mr. Ponsonby; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ranger.

Mr. Attorneys 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 British Transport Commission Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee B, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B added in respect of the War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.) Bill: Mr. Crossman, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Titterington ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Brumall, Mr. Holman and Mr. Cecil Poole.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Standing Committee E, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee E added in respect of the Hairdressers (Registration) Bill: Mrs. Castle, Mr. Keenan and Colonel Ponsonby ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Kinley, Mrs. Nichol and Sir George Watt.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B added in respect of the Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) Bill: Mr. Palmer ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ranger.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 15th February 1949, entitled—
(1) the Rural District Council Election Rules, 1949, and read.

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

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Report by the Select Committee on Estimates, Second Report.

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: 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.
Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

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

The House divided.
The Yeas were:
Mr. Hannan, 243.
Mr. Bowden,
Colonel Wheatley,
Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport,

The Noes were:
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Consular Conventions 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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Prevention of Damage by Pests Bill [Lords] 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 Prevention of Damage by Pests [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 re-enact with modifications the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, to make permanent provision for preventing the loss of food by infestation and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums required by the Minister (that is to say, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State) for making to local authorities, subject to such conditions as the Minister may with the consent of the Treasury determine, grants equal to one half of the expenditure incurred by those authorities under Part I of the said Act, so far as not recovered thereunder;

(b) any expenses incurred under the said Act by the Minister—

(i) in respect of the exercise on behalf of a local authority of any functions of that authority under Part I of the said Act;
(ii) in respect of steps taken for securing compliance with any directions given by the Minister under Part II of the said Act;

(iii) in repaying to local authorities to whom functions of the Minister under the said Part II are delegated any expenses incurred by them in the performance of those functions;

(iv) in the payment of compensation in respect of damage to land occasioned in the exercise of any power of entry under the said Act;

(c) any increase in the Exchequer Equalisation Grant payable under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, attributable to any expenditure of a local authority under the said Act of the present Session;

(d) any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Agriculture Act, 1947;

(e) any administrative expenses of the Minister under the said Act of the present Session; and

(f) any expenses of the Minister in carrying out research in matters connected with the functions of the Minister and of local authorities under the said Act of the present Session; and

the payment into the Exchequer of any receipts of the Minister under the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to agriculture, including certain enactments relating to milk and dairies, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the making out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) of payments in respect of calves born during the period beginning with the twenty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and ending with the first day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, or such later date not being later than the thirty-first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, as may be specified under the said Act of the present Session;

(ii) of payments to persons maintaining centres which provide or have provided, during the period beginning with the first day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and ending with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, a service of artificial insemination for cattle from beef bulls of approved breeds;

(iii) of grants or loans to persons in respect of expenses incurred, during the period beginning with the twenty-first
day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and ending with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-two; in the conservation of grass and forage crops;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under section eleven of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1931, to the Agricultural Marketing Fund and the Agricultural Marketing (Scotland) Fund;

(c) the repayment out of moneys so provided of a part, not exceeding three-quarters, of sums paid by a local authority by way of compensation to any person for damage or loss sustained by him by reason of any prohibitions or restrictions on the sale, supply or use of milk which is infected or suspected of being infected;

(d) the payment out of moneys so provided

(i) of remuneration and allowances to the chairman of any tribunal constituted under the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, for the hearing, of objections to a refusal or cancellation of registration of a dairy farm or dairy farmer;

(ii) of expenses incurred by any Minister in providing or making arrangements for the provision by other persons of facilities for training in agricultural or horticultural occupations;

(iii) of any sums which apart from the said Act of the present Session would be authorised to be paid out of the Diseases of Animals Account;

(e) the payment into the Exchequer

(i) of sums received by any Minister on giving up possession of land taken for agricultural purposes by virtue of powers conferred by any Defence Regulation, being sums payable by the person to whom possession is or has been given up in respect of growing crops and other matters;

(ii) of sums received by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries representing the proceeds of disposal of stocks of tractors and machinery acquired by him under section thirty-one of the Agricultural Development Act, 1939;

(iii) of any sums which apart from the said Act of the present Session would be authorised to be paid into the Diseases of Animals Account;

: (iv) of any sums standing to the credit of the Cattle Fund.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Adjournment, 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.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 23rd February, 1949.

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 Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 67.]

Thursday, 24th February, 1949.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bradford Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next, at Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Bromwich Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next, at Seven of the clock.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Supplies and Services (Control of Building Operations (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949). 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 Schemes, No. 23 (Moriston Project), and No. 24 (Garry Project).
Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 18th February 1949, entitled:—
(1) the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 23) Confirmation Order, 1949, and
(2) the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 24) Confirmation Order, 1949.
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 Statutes made by the University of Oxford, on the 9th and 23rd days of November 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,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd February 1949, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Underwear and Nightwear) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1949.
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 Barnet Urban District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 London County Council (General Powers) Bill.

Report by him on the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Bill.

Report by him on the Wandsworth and District Gas Bill [Lords].

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 D: Colonel Gomme-Duncan; and had appointed in substitution Major Legge-Bourke.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to the superannuation fund established by the Tyne Improvement Commissioners for their officers and servants; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Tyne Improvement Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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

Mr. Key reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [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 agriculture, including certain enactments relating to milk and dairies, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the making out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) of payments in respect of calves born during the period beginning with the twenty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and ending with the first day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, or such later date not being later than the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, as may be specified under the said Act of the present Session;

(ii) of payments to persons maintaining centres which provide or have provided, during the period beginning with the first day of October, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and ending with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, a service of artificial insemination for cattle from beef bulls of approved breeds;

(iii) of grants or loans to persons in respect of expenses incurred, during the period beginning with the twenty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and ending with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, in the conservation of grass and forage crops;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under section eleven of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1931, to the Agricultural Marketing Fund and the Agricultural Marketing (Scotland) Fund;

(c) the repayment out of moneys so provided of a part, not exceeding three-quarters, of sums paid by a local authority by way of compensation to any person for damage or loss sustained by him by reason of any prohibitions or restrictions on the sale, supply or use of milk which is infected or suspected of being infected;

(d) the payment out of moneys so provided—

(i) of remuneration and allowances to the chairman of any tribunal constituted under the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, for the hearing of objections to a refusal or cancellation of registration of a dairy farm or dairy farmer;

(ii) of expenses incurred by any Minister in providing or making arrangements for the provision by other persons of facilities for training in agricultural or horticultural occupations;

(iii) of any sums which apart from the said Act of the present Session would be authorised to be paid out of the Diseases of Animals Account;

(e) the payment into the Exchequer—

(i) of sums received by any Minister on giving up possession of land taken for agricultural purposes by virtue of powers conferred by any Defence Regulation, being sums payable by the person to whom possession is or has been given up in respect of growing crops and other matters;

(ii) of sums received by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries representing the proceeds of disposal of stocks of tractors and machinery acquired by him under section thirty-one of the Agricultural Development Act, 1939;

(iii) of any sums which apart from the said Act of the present Session would be authorised to be paid into the Diseases of Animals Account;

(iv) of any sums standing to the credit of the Cattle Fund.

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 twenty-eight minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 68.]

Friday, 25th February, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy (Drawback) of an Order, dated 25th February 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His United States Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Consular Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and the President of the United States of America (with Protocol of Signature), signed at Washington on the 16th day of February 1949 (The Convention has not yet been ratified by His Majesty).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Woodburn, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Stirling 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,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th February 1949, entitled the Control of Paper (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st January 1949.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th February 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Ministers) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals (Hunting and Coursing Prohibition) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Webb.)

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

The House divided.

The Yeas were as follows:—

Yea Members—Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Symonds 101.

Nay Members—Mr. Price, Brigadier Thorpe 214.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Secretary of State for Wales and Monmouthshire Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Loss of Employment (Compensation) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of March next.

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Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 25th February, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Basil Neven-Spence Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill.

Monday, 28th February, 1949.

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 this House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 26th day of this instant February, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

(1) Copy of an Order, dated 24th February Supplies and Services (Food). 1949, entitled the Straw (Revocation) Order, 1949.

(2) Copy of an Order, dated 24th February Supplies and Services (Coal Distribution). 1949.

Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 24th February 1949, entitled the Eggs (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

(2) dated 25th February 1949, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949, and

(3) dated 25th February 1949, entitled the Milk (Non-Priority Allowance) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th February Supplies and Services (Straw). 1949.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th February 1949, entitled—

(1) the Education (Local Education Authorities) Amending Grant Regulations No. 1, 1949, and

(2) the Local Education Authorities (Recoupment) Regulations, 1949.

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

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

Accounts of the House of Commons Members' Fund for the year ended the 30th day of September 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

No. 88.
No. 89, Annual Report of the Sugar Industry (Research and Education) Fund.


Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Mr. Horabin; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton.

Housing Bill.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Key, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Blenkinsop, presented a Bill to amend the Housing Act, 1936; to promote the improvement of housing accommodation by authorising the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and of grants by local authorities; to amend the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946, with respect to the amounts of contributions payable thereunder out of the Exchequer, and certain other enactments relating to the making of contributions out of the Exchequer in respect of the provision of housing accommodation; to authorise the making out of the Exchequer of contributions in respect of the provision of hostel and of grants in respect of building experiments; to extend and amend certain provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, the Water Act, 1945, and the Building Materials and Housing Act, 1945; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

The Lands Tribunal 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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Attorney General, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Lands Tribunal [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 new tribunals to determine in place of official arbitrators and others certain questions relating to compensation for the compulsory acquisition of land and other matters and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of remuneration of members, officers and servants of any tribunal established by the Act, of travelling and subsistence allowances of members and superannuation allowances of past members of any such tribunal, and of other expenses of any such tribunal (including payments to persons sitting as assessors); and

(b) of compensation to persons suffering loss of office or employment, or loss or diminution of emoluments, which is attributable to the transfer of any jurisdiction to any such tribunal by or under the Act.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Social Services (Northern Ireland Agreement) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confirm and give effect to an agreement made between the Treasury and the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland with a view to assimilating the burdens on the Exchequer of the United Kingdom and the Exchequer of Northern Ireland in respect of certain social and allied services, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums payable under or by virtue of the said agreement from the Exchequer of the United Kingdom.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Social Services (Northern Ireland Agreement) Bill. (In the Committee.)

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Richard Adams reported from the Committee on Public Works (Festival of Britain) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide, in connection with the Festival of Britain, 1951, for conferring further powers on the British Transport Commission and the London County Council, for the making by the Minister of Transport of grants in respect of expenses incurred by or on behalf of those bodies, for suspending or restricting the use by the public of certain streets and for other matters, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Minister of Transport in making grants towards meeting—

(a) expenses incurred by or on behalf of the said Commission and the said Council respectively in or by reason of the exercise of the powers conferred on them by the said Act;

(b) expenses incurred by or on behalf of the said Council in connection with traffic arrangements certified by the Minister of Transport to be occasioned by the chief exhibition held or to be held on the south bank of the Thames as part of the said Festival. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works (Festival of Britain) Bill.

(Explanatory Words—Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 and 5 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 8 to 12 agreed to.

A Clause (For protection of Port of London Authority)—(Mr. Barnes)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Colonial Naval Defence Bill [Lords].

(Explanatory Words—Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

A Clause (Exemption for colonies in the western hemisphere)—(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 to be reported.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Representation of the People Regulations, 1949, dated 8th February, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Resolved, That the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, dated 18th February, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 21st day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

The Bradford Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clauses Nos. 8, 88, 94, 95, 99 and 110—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The West Bromwich Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clauses Nos. 90 to 101, 104 and 140; and to insert in Clause No. 102 safeguards to protect residents from possible nuisance—(Mr. Erroll):—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 25th January 1949, entitled the Local Authorities (Charges for Dustbins) Order, 1949 (S.I., 1949, No. 120), a copy of which was laid before the House on the 27th day of January last, be annulled—(Sir John Mellor):—It passed in the Negative.
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. Popplewell.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 28th February, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Prevention of Damage by Pests Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Frank Anderson Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, in place of Mrs. Paton.

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.:—

Tyne Improvement Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made upon the 3rd day of February last, That in the case of the Commonwealth Telegraphs Bill (Standing Orders applicable thereto not complied with), the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1949, entitled the Tunbridge Wells Conservators Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1949, entitled the Electricity (Rugeley) (Transfer) Order, 1949.

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 Stafford and Derby Area (Conservation of Water) Amendment Order, 1949.

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

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

Account of the Acquisition of Guaranteed Securities Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account showing transactions under subsections (1), (3) and (5) of Section 12 of the New Towns Act, 1946, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts for the period ended the 31st day of March 1948 of sums issued to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Minister of Food out of the Consolidated Fund to enable them to make advances to the Colonial Development Corporation and the Overseas Food Corporation; of sums received by them from the Corporations; and of the disposal by them of those sums respectively, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Accounts relating to Overseas Resources Development be printed.

William Thomas Williams, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Hammersmith (South Division), was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [3rd allotted Day].

Civil Estimates, Estimates for Revenue Departments and Estimate for the Ministry of Defence, 1949-50 (Vote on Account).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £832,066,000, 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 1950, viz.:

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The Clerk, at the Table, informed the House of the absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting:

Whereupon Major Milner, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Prayers, Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household Summer Time, reported to the House, That their Address of the 21st day of February last relative to Summer Time 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 Summer Time Order, 1949, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 2 of the Summer Time Act, 1947.

I will comply with your request.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Copy of an Agreement on most-favoured-nation treatment for areas of Western Germany under military occupation (with Annex), signed at Geneva on the 14th day of September 1948.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, between the 24th day of November 1948 and the 17th day of January 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands Government relating to the release of Netherlands money and property held by the United Kingdom Custodian of Enemy Property (with Annexes).

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, by His Majesty's Mining Subsidy Command, — Copy of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Mining Subsidy.

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

Mr. Kirby reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, Fourth Report. No. 91.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Milk (Special Designations) Bill [Lords]) : Mr. Alpass, Mr. Balfour, Sir John Barlow, Mr. George Brown, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Channon, Lieutenant-Colonel Clifton-Brown, Lieutenant-Colonel Corbett, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Gooch, Dr. Guest, Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Mr. Kinley, Mr. Lambert, Mr. John Lewis, Mr. Fitzroy Maclean, Mr. Joseph Mallalieu, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. Orr-Ewing, Mr. Robertson, Colonel Stoddart-Scott, Mr. Strachey, Dr. Summerskill, Mr. Thornton-Kemsley, Mr. Turton, Mr. Walker, Mr. George Wallace and Mrs. Wills.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee E (in respect of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): The Lord Advocate, Mr.
Attorney General, Mr. A.bery, Mr. Carson, Mr. Cooper-Key, Captain Crowder, Mr. Follick, Mr. Foster, Mr. David Griffiths, Mr. Haire, Mr. Harrison, Sir A. Herbert, Mr. Irving, Mr. Asterley Jones, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Mr. Marlone, Mr. Maupe, Brigadier Medlicott, Mr. Percy Morris, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Paton, Mr. Emrys Roberts, Mr. Shawcross, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Turner-Samuels, Mr. Watkins, Lord Willoughby de Eresby and Mr. Wyatt.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Scottish Standing Committee (in respect of the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill): Mr. Bechervaise, Mr. Herbert Butler, Mr. Delargy, Mr. Albert Evans, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Longden, Mr. McKay, Mr. Moody, Mr. Perrins, Mr. Randall, Mr. Ranger, Mr. Scott-Elliot and Mr. Swingler.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Consideration of the Amendment made by the Lords to the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) (Mr. Herbert Morrison) ;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Bowden:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British North America Bill:

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker acquainted the House, That he had it in command from His Majesty 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 from the word " That " to the end of the Question, and adding the words " this House, without prejudice to the merits of the proposed union of the Dominions of Canada and Newfoundland, is not satisfied that the procedure preliminary to the introduction of this Bill has been constitutionally correct and just, is not persuaded that the will of Newfoundland has been established as clearly and unmistakably as is necessary for a surrender of sovereignty and a lasting change of status, and, observing that the terms of union have been debated in the Canadian Parliament for a fortnight but have not been debated in Newfoundland at all, declines to approve the Bill ;

accordance with section one hundred and forty-six of the British North America Act, 1867 "—(Sir A. Herbert),—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: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir A. Herbert Moore: 15.

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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Bill; And the same was read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 35, at end, insert—

" (4) The Corporation shall not make a loan to any person for the purpose of financing the production of a film or programme of films unless that person agrees to produce from time to time to the Corporation, as and when required by them so to do, an estimate of the cost of producing—

(a) that film or, as the case may be, each film in that programme of films ; and

(b) any other films the production of which he finances, either in whole or in part, or in the commercial success of which he has any financial interest, at any time before the loan is completely repaid,

and in making any such loan and exercising their other powers under this Act in relation to any such loan, the Corporation shall have regard to the amount which might reasonably be expected to be received by the person to whom the loan is made from the distribution—

(i) of the film or films the production of which is to be financed by means of the loan ; and

(ii) to such extent, if any, as appears proper in the circumstances, of the said other films "), being read a second time, and the Special Entry. Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

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. Bowden.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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 23rd February 1949, Companies. entitled the Companies (Winding-up) Rules, 1949.

Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of Debts Clearing Offices. No. 92.

Turkish and Anglo-Roumanian Clearing Offices for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, 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 Export Guarantees Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Minister of Food (Financial Powers) Bill, without any Amendment.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Education (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the American Aid and European Payments (Financial Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Clydebank Burgh Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Statement on Defence (Command Paper No. 7631)—(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 "while willing to call upon the nation for whatever sacrifice of money or personal service is shown to be necessary to secure the national safety, cannot approve a statement which reveals so little result in effective fighting power in return for the very large resources of manpower and money already voted by Parliament"—(Mr. Stanley), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. George Wallace, Mr. Studholme;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Gaitskell, Mr. Piratin;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Gallacher, Mr. Piratin;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Resolved, That this House approves the Statement on Defence (Command Paper No. 7631).

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

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to render compulsory the use of special designations on sales of milk by retail in specified areas and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Food in providing facilities for the subjection of milk to any process to which it is required to be subjected as a condition of the use of a special designation in connection therewith, or, where he provides such facilities, in buying the milk to be treated or in treating milk, or in paying expenses incurred by local authorities or other persons in doing such things as aforesaid on his behalf, and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of payments received by the said Minister for milk sold after treatment or for treating milk; and

(b) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of remuneration and allowances to the chairman of any tribunal constituted for the purposes of provisions relating to the revocation, suspension or refusal of licences authorising the use of special designations.

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Prevention of Damage by Pests [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to re-enact with modifications the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, to make permanent provision for preventing the loss of food by infestation and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums required by the Minister (that is to say, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State) for making to local authorities, subject to such conditions as the Minister may with the consent of the Treasury determine, grants equal to one half of the expenditure incurred by those authorities under Part I of the said Act, so far as not recovered thereunder;

(b) any expenses incurred under the said Act by the Minister—

(i) in respect of the exercise on behalf of a local authority of any functions of that authority under Part I of the said Act;

(ii) in respect of steps taken for securing compliance with any directions given by the Minister under Part II of the said Act;

(iii) in repaying to local authorities to whom functions of the Minister under the said Part II are delegated any expenses incurred by them in the performance of those functions;

(iv) in the payment of compensation in respect of damage to land occasioned in the exercise of any power of entry under the said Act;

(c) any increase in the Exchequer Equalisation Grant payable under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, attributable to any expenditure of a local authority under the said Act of the present Session;

(d) any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Agriculture Act, 1947;

(e) any administrative expenses of the Minister under the said Act of the present Session; and

(f) any expenses of the Minister in carrying out research in matters connected with the functions of the Minister and of local authorities under the said Act of the present Session;

and the payment into the Exchequer of any receipts of the Minister under the said Act of the present Session.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 3rd March 1949, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 1949.

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 4th March 1949, entitled the Utility Apparel (Men's and Boys' Shirts, Underwear and Nightwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th March 1949, entitled the National Insurance (New Entrants Transitional) Regulations, 1949.

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

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 Bradford Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Royal Holloway College Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 University of Nottingham Bill.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1947-48, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, and (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. (Mr. Hall.)

The Baiting of Animals Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Analgesia in Childbirth Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Docking and Nicking of Horses Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of February last, That the Statutory Instruments (Parliamentary Control) Bill be now read a second time;

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 Friday 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 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 next.

The following Paper, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 5th day of this instant March, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:—


Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st February 1949, entitled the Grass Seeds and Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) General Order, 1949.

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 Ankara on the 25th day of January 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Turkish Republic to establish Drawing Rights in favour of Turkey for the purpose of the European Payments Agreement of the 16th day of October 1948 (with Notes exchanged) (The Agreement has not yet been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 4th March 1949, entitled the Copyright (Rome Convention) (Belgian Congo and Ruanda Urundi) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 4th March 1949, entitled the Nyasaland Protectorate (Native Trust Land) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1949.


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

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th March 1949, entitled the Distribution of Industry (Development Areas) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 4th March 1949, entitled the Distribution of Industry (Development Areas) (Scotland) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1949, entitled the Imported Carpets (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1949.


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 the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) (Amendment) Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

One Hundred and First Report of the Ecclesiastical Committee (on the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) (Amendment) Measure).
Rules made for the purpose of this sub-
section shall be of no effect unless they are
approved by resolution of each House of
Parliament."—(Mr. Molson.)

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

Colonel Wheatley, 96.

Lieutenant-Colonel

Bromley-Davenport;

Mr. Hannan,

Mr. George Wallace: 158.

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. 5, l. 12, by leaving out
the words "or renewal," and inserting the
words "renewal or assignment."—(Mr. Elliot.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words
"or renewal" 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. 6, l. 9, by inserting,
after the word "dwelling-house," the words
"or in the provision of additional or improved
fixtures or fittings therein (not being expendi-
ture on decorations or repairs)."—(Mr. Elliot.)

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

Then other Amendments were made to the
Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be
made to the Bill in p. 13, l. 3, by inserting,
at the end thereof, the words "and every such
instrument shall be subject to annulment in
pursuance of a resolution of either House of
Parliament."—(Sir John Mellor.)

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.

A Schedule (Provisions as to premiums
paid to a predecessor of the landlord)—(Mr.
Blenkisop)—was twice read; and made part
of the Bill.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question
being 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. Popplewell.)

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

Tuesday, 8th March, 1949.
The House met at half an hour
after Two of the clock.

The Clerk, at the Table, informed the Mr. Speaker's
House of the absence, through indisposi-
tion, 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 Prayers.

Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

The Prime Minister reported to the House, Birth of a
That their Address of the 16th day of Novem-
Prince.

ber last relative to the Birth of a Prince had
been presented to His Majesty by Mr. Churchill, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary
Ede, Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Clement Davies, the Earl
Winterton and himself; and that His Majesty
had been pleased to receive the same very
graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I thank you sincerely for your loyal and
dutiful Address on the happy event of the
birth of Our grandson which has given so
much pleasure throughout the Common-
wealth.

Mr. Hall presented,—Return to an Order, Civil
Contingencies Fund.

No. 102.
Northern Ireland, with an Account of all Fees and Stamps received in 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1949.

Account showing all the sums which have been paid out of the Treasury Chest and which have been set aside in the Treasury Chest since the 1st day of April 1947 and the 31st day of March 1948, and the Liabilities and Assets on the latter day, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to the Civil Contingencies Fund and the Treasury Chest be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Bullyingdon.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of an International Convention for the Permanent Control of Outbreak Areas of the Red Locust, signed at London on the 22nd day of February 1949 (The Convention has not yet been ratified by His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Income and Expenditure of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom for 1948.

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

Mr. Wilson presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Draft Bills to consolidate the enactments relating to Patents and the enactments relating to Registered Designs as proposed to be amended by the Patents and Designs Bill, 1949.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1949, entitled the Heather and Grass Burning (England and Wales) Regulations, 1949.

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 7th March 1949, entitled the Art Awards (Revocation) Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 7th March 1949, entitled the Gas (Vesting Date) Order, 1949.

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

Sir Basil Neven-Spence reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 24th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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 had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the closing of part of Ferry Road in the urban district of Esher in the county of Surrey during the Hurst Park races and for closing a footpath; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Hurst Park Race Course Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Hall, Mr. Thomas Fraser and Mr. Robertson, presented a Bill to amend the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1925 to 1946; to promote the improvement of housing accommodation in Scotland by authorising the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and of grants by local authorities; to authorise the making out of the Exchequer of contributions in addition to the contributions payable under the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1946, in certain cases, and of contributions in respect of the provision of hostel and of building experiments in Scotland; to extend and amend certain provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, and the Building Materials and Housing Act, 1945, in their application to Scotland; and for other purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

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).—(The Prime Minister.)

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

And a Motion being proposed, That Mr. Deputy 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 deplores the absence of training facilities for the Royal Naval Volunteer (Supplementary) Reserve, which has resulted in the loss to the Royal Navy of a substantial number of trained reservists"—(Mr. Hollis),—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, 9th March, 1949:

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)


Vote A. Numbers.

1. Resolved, That 153,000 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 1,400 Royal Marine Police borne on the books at the Royal Marine Divisions, for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1950.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

2. £27,225,000, for pay, &c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Vote 2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy.

3. £11,690,000, for victualling and clothing for the Navy, including the cost of victualling establishments at home and abroad.

Vote 4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services.

4. £5,815,000, for civilians employed on fleet services.

Vote 10. Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad.

5. £10,266,000, for works, buildings and repairs at home and abroad, including the cost of superintendence, purchase of sites, grants and other charges connected therewith.

Vote 11. Miscellaneous Effective Services.

6. £6,358,000, for various miscellaneous effective services.


7. £14,613,000, for non-effective services.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1948-49.

8. £15,500,000 (Supplementary), for Navy Services.

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Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[ No. 76.]

Wednesday, 9th March, 1949.

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

The Clerk, at the Table, informed the House of the absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting:—Whereupon Major Miller, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1949, entitled the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order, 1949.
Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1949, entitled the Hartlepool Port Health Authority Order, 1949.

Account of Moneys received and paid by the Chamberlain of the City of London in relation to the Metropolitan Cattle Market for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948; and an Account of Extraordinary Works executed, other than General Repairs, for the same period.

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 (Federation of Malaya) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1949, authorising the landing of a Pedigree Bull Calf from the United States of America.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Annual Reports of the Minister of Transport upon the Caledonian Canal, with Accounts, for the years ended the 31st day of March 1947, and the 31st day of March 1948.

Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Annual Reports of the Minister of Transport upon the Crinan Canal, with Accounts, for the years ended the 31st day of March 1947, and the 31st day of March 1948.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th March 1949, entitled the Gas (Increase of Security Values) Regulations, 1949.

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 8th March 1949, entitled the Food and Drugs (Whalemeat) Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Asheton reported from the Committee of Public Accounts,—That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Milk (Special Designations) Bill [Lords]): Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Watkins.

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Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee E (in respect of the Adoption Bill): Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Mr. Corlett, Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre, Mrs. Cullen, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Peter Freeman, Lady Megan Lloyd George, Mrs. Gould, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Horabin, Mr. Janner, Mr. Joynson-Hicks, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Levy, Mr. Lipson, Mr. McKay, Mr. McLeavy, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Manning, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Brigadier Medlicott, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Nield, Mr. Parker, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. Turton, Mr. Walker-Smith and Mr. Younger.

A Motion was made, and the Question Business of the House was 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. Bennett; Mr. Bowden: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Brigadier Mackeson: 106.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation 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 Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

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

Mr. Deputy 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:


10. Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Act, 1949.

Superannuation Bill.

And the Question being put ;
Ordered, That the Superannuation Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to the superannuation and other benefits payable to and in respect of certain persons who are injured or contract diseases while employed for the purposes of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) any pension, allowance, gratuity or return of contributions, with or without interest, which is payable under or by virtue of any of the provisions of that Act; and

(ii) any increase attributable to any of the provisions of that Act in the sums which, under any other Act, are payable out of moneys so provided; and

(iii) any administrative expenses incurred by any Government department attributable to the passing of this Act, so, however, that no greater amount shall be paid in any case under the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1920 and 1924, or the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1944 and 1947, than would have fallen to be paid in that case if the said Act of the present Session had not passed; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any contributions payable under the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered. That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved British North America Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Confirmation of Terms of Union).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, at the beginning, to insert the words "Subject as hereinafter provided.”—(Sir Alan Herbert.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Alan Herbert, Yeas, 12, Sir Thomas Moore:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, 241, Mr. Snow:]

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question Electricity, being proposed, That the Draft Electricity (Staff Compensation) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 16th day of February last, be approved—(Mr. Robens);
And the House having continued to sit till
after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morn-
ing:

Thursday, 10th March, 1949:
And the Question being put ;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right ;
The Noes to the Left. Teller for the
Mr. Pearson,
Yea, (Mr. Bowdon),
Teller for the
Mr. Strudholme,
Noes, (Colonel Wheatley):
133.
58.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Resolved, That the Draft Electricity (Staff Compensation) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 16th day of February last, be approved.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
—(Mr. Robert Taylor.) And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till three minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morn-
ing, adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 9th March, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Deputy Speaker this day appointed Mr. Burden Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Milk (Special Designations) Bill [Lords].

[ No. 77. ] Thursday, 10th March, 1949.

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

Mr. Speaker's Absence.

The Clerk, at the Table, informed the House of the absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting: — Whereupon Major Milner, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table, and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

A Petition of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented; Mr. 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 considera-
tion 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. Marjory Kathleen Coldwell, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Twenty-four pounds ; that the Establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above mentioned sums, and the Trust cannot with benefit to the Public be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Statement of the sums required to be voted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for Civil Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

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


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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th March 1949, entitled the Ware Potatoes (1948 Crop) Amendment (No. 2) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the Standing Order 138 relating to Private Business, (Report by Attorney General in case of Bill affecting any charity or educational foundation),—Report by him on the Barnsley Corporation Bill.

Report by him on the Royal Alexandra and Albert School Bill [Lords]. 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 Cunard Insurance Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords and he had certified in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order 3 relating to Private Business (Requirements as to Proof before Examiners) that the proposed Bill related to the property or otherwise to the personal affairs of an individual and was, in their opinion, such that Standing Orders 4 to 68 relating to Private Business, being Standing Orders compliance with which is required to be proved before the Examiners, should not be applicable thereto:—

Mountbatten Estate [Lords].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Solicitors, Public Notaries, &c., Bill, without any Amendment.

Stand Committee D. Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Mr. Frank Anderson reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Agriculture (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.

Prohibition of Fox Hunting Bill.

The Order for reading a second time to-morrow the Prohibition of Fox Hunting Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill.

Mr. Barnes, supported by Mr. Secretary Jones, Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, Mr. Walter Edwards, Mr. Lindgren and Mr. Callaghan, presented a Bill to enable effect to be given to an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, signed in London on the tenth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and to amend the provisions of the said Convention, be presented to the House, and to amend the provisions of those Acts relating to fees: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

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).—(The Prime Minister.)

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Deputy 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, and adding the words "this House considers that immediate steps should be taken to overcome the shortage of modern equipment which impairs efficiency and makes impossible the specialized training necessary to meet aggression and that the absence of trained formations due to the shortage of recruits imperils our defence"—(Mr. Baldwin), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:—

Ordered, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1949-50.

Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 550,000, 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 1950.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number not exceeding 549,900, all ranks, be maintained for the said Service.—(Mr. Gallacher.)

Friday, 11th March, 1949:

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Gallacher,

Yea,

Mr. Piratin:

2.

Mr. Pearson,

Noes,

Mr. Bowden:

65.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

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

2. £94,250,000, for the pay, &c., of the Army.

Vote 2. Reserve Forces, Territorial Army and Cadet Forces.

3. £12,460,000, for the Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 45,000, all ranks), for the Royal Army Reserve and 6,000, all ranks, for the Supplementary Reserve, Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 150,000, all ranks) and Cadet Forces.


4. £23,600,000, for works, buildings and lands.


5. £15,700,000, for non-effective services.

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1948-49.

6. £55,000,000 (Supplementary), for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Army Services for the year.
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Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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

Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The Clerk, at the Table, informed the House of the absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting:—Whereupon Major Milner, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table and, after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Second Report on Operations under the Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America, covering the fourth calendar quarter of 1948.

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th March 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 3) Order, 1949.

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 11th March 1949, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949.


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

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

Account of the sums issued out of and received from the Consolidated Fund, and of the sums received from the Raw Cotton Commission in respect of interest and repayment of advances, and of the disposal of those sums respectively, for the period ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Account relating to Cotton (Centralised Buying) be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Spelling Reform Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Hollis.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. William Brown: 127.

Mr. William Brown: 84.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Marlowe: 46.

Mr. Marlowe: 87.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

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 Yeas, Mr. Henry Strauss: 87.

Mr. Henry Strauss: 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Gage: 84.

Mr. Gage: 87.

So it passed in the Negative.
And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Amendment) (Tied Houses) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Statutory Instruments (Parliamentary Control) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Walter Fletcher be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates; and that Mr. York be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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, and then sixteen minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 11th March, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Deputy Speaker this day allocated the Superannuation Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 79.]

Monday, 14th March, 1949.

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 this House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 12th day of this instant March, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of an Order, dated 11th March 1949, entitled the Woven Cloth (Cotton, Rayon and Linen) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1949.


Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 14th March 1949, entitled—

(1) the Companies Liquidation Account (Interest) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Companies Winding Up (Floating Charges) (Interest) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Penybont.

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

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 Government of the French Republic (with Protocols and Notes exchanged), signed at Paris on the 11th day of June 1948 (Ratifications exchanged at London on the 25th day of November 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 March 1949, entitled the Enamelled Hollow-ware (Maximum Prices) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1949, entitled the Utility Apparel (Merchant Navy Uniforms) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1949, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Tomlinson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Ministry of Education Estimates, 1949-50.

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Supply of the 1st day of this instant March, a Resolution; which was read, as Report:


That a sum, not exceeding £832,066,000, 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 1950, viz.:

Civil Estimates.

Class I

1. House of Lords
2. House of Commons
3. Registration of Electors

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29,000
280,000
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Goods and Services (Price Control).
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on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, viz.:

- Hurst Park Race Course Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Hall, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Economic Survey for 1949.

Copy of a Statement of the United Kingdom Balance of Payments, (1946-48) (No. 2).

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 a Scheme made by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937.

Copy of Rules, dated 9th March 1949, entitled the Discontinuance of Legalised Police Cells (Scotland) Rules, 1949.

Copy of University Court Ordinance, No. 255 (No. 63 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Institution of the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts).

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

Mr. Wilson, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1949, entitled the Discontinuance of Legalised Police Cells (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Gaitskell, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1949, entitled the Discontinuance of Legalised Police Cells (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Tomlinson, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1949, entitled the Control of Fertilisers (Revocation) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Gaitskell, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1949, entitled the Control of Fertilisers (Revocation) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Williams, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1949, entitled the Discontinuance of Legalised Police Cells (Scotland) Rules, 1949.

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

Mr. Speaker acquaints the House, That a Message from His Majesty's Government, directed to the Lords, was read in the House of Commons, by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Wandsworth and District Gas Company to erect buildings on the burial Grounds of the District Gas Bill (Lords).
ground of the Old Baptist Chapel in Fairfield Street, Wandsworth and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Wandsworth and District Gas Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Kenneth Robinson, Esquire, Member for the Borough of St. Pancras (North Division), was sworn.

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).

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 views with alarm; the apparent inadequacy of Royal Air Force Reserves; considers that immediate steps should be taken by His Majesty's Government to build up the strength of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force; to increase the number of Fighter Control Units; to provide more facilities for Volunteer Reserve training; and to assist and encourage, the Flying Clubs."—(Mr. Hogg)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

In the Committee.


Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.

1. Resolved, That a number of officers, airmen and airwomen, not exceeding 255,000, all ranks, be maintained for Air Force Service, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.


Vote 2. Reserve and Auxiliary Services.

3. £1,300,000, for reserve and auxiliary services (to a number not exceeding 27,000, all ranks, for the Air Force Reserve and 20,000, all ranks, for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force).

Vote 7. Aircraft and Stores.

4. £64,500,000, for aircraft and stores.

Vote 8. Works and Lands.

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4. £64,500,000, for aircraft and stores.

Vote 8. Works and Lands.


6. £3,100,000, for non-effective services.

Air Supplementary Estimate, 1948-49.

7. £16,400,000 (Supplementary), for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year.

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Total, Air Supplementary, 1948-49 £16,400,000 900,000

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Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

Wednesday, 16th March, 1949:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 15th March, 1949.

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 Housing (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mrs. Paton Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Adoption Bill.
Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th March 1949, entitled the Laundry (Maximum Charges) Order, 1949.

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 10th March 1949, entitled the Kitchen Waste (Licensing of Private Collectors) (Extension) Order, 1949.

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 Felixstowe 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.

Standing Orders.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Commonwealth Telegraphs Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the Bill be permitted to proceed.

2. That, in the case of the Salford Corporation, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That, in the case of the Twickenham Corporation [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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

Ordered. That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments be further adjourned till Tuesday the 29th day of this instant March, at half an hour after Five of the clock.—(Sir Charles MacAndrew.)

Ordered. That the Proceedings of the Committee on Housing [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Housing Bill.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Bevan, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Housing [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 Housing Act, 1936, and to promote the improvement of housing accommodation by authorising the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and of grants by local authorities (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

A. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Health (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") in reimbursing to a local authority more than one half of any loss sustained by them under a guarantee given by them for the repayment of advances made to its members by a society incorporated under the Building Societies Acts, 1874 to 1939, or the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1926, for the building or acquisition of houses or flats, being a guarantee as to which the Minister is satisfied that the liability of the local authority thereunder cannot be greater than two-thirds of the principal of, and interest on, the amount by which the sum to be advanced by the society exceeds the sum which would normally be advanced by it without the guarantee;

B. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister in—

(1) making to a local authority or to a corporation established by an order under section two of the New Towns Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as a "development corporation"), towards the annual loss determined by the Minister to be likely to be incurred by them as a result of giving effect to proposals approved by him for the provision of dwellings by means of the conversion of houses or other buildings or the improvement of dwellings, an annual contribution for twenty years of an amount equal to three-quarters of that loss;

(2) making to a local authority, towards the expense incurred by them in making to a person other than a local authority a grant in respect of expenses incurred by him for the purposes of the execution of works for the provision of dwellings by means of the conversion of houses or other buildings or the improvement of dwellings, an annual contribution for twenty years of an amount equal to three-quarters of the annual loan charges referable to the amount of the grant;

(3) making to a local authority, in respect of arrangements made by them with a housing association or development corporation for the provision of dwellings by means of the conversion of houses or other buildings or the improvement of dwellings, an annual contribution for...
twenty years of an amount equal to three-quarters of the annual loss determined by the local authority, with the approval of the Minister, to be likely to be incurred by the association or corporation in carrying out the arrangements.

C. the payment out of moneys so provided, being an increase attributable to any provisions of the Act providing that

(1) any increase in the sums which, under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1946"), are payable out of moneys so provided, being an increase attributable to

(a) a flat approved for the purposes of the Act of 1946 by the Minister on or after the twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, is provided in a block of flats on a site the cost of which as developed exceeds one thousand five hundred pounds per acre; and

(b) the number of flats contained in the block and in any other block of flats on the site, in relation to the area of the site, falls short of a rate of thirty-five bears to the rate to the acre of the number of flats mentioned in head (b) of this sub-paragraph in relation to the site;

(2) any provisions of the Act providing that, where, a house approved for the purposes of the Act of 1946 by the Minister on or after the twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, is provided on a site the cost of which as developed exceeds three thousand pounds per acre, the standard amount of the annual exchequer contribution for the house for the purposes of that Act shall be the standard amount of the annual exchequer contribution for the flat for the purposes of the Act of 1946 shall, instead of being an amount determined in accordance with section four of that Act, be the amount which it would be determined under that section to be if the cost of the house were an amount bearing to the cost thereof as developed the same proportion that thirty-five bears to the rate to the acre of the number of flats mentioned in head (b) of this sub-paragraph in relation to the site;

(3) any provisions of the Act providing that, where a house approved for the purposes of the Act of 1946 by the Minister on or after the twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, is provided on a site the cost of which as developed exceeds three thousand pounds per acre, and four shillings for each thousand pounds or part of a thousand pounds by which the cost of the site as developed exceeds three thousand pounds per acre, any amount of the excess over ten thousand pounds being disregarded except where the house is provided under a scheme of development which makes provision also for the erection of one or more blocks of flats on the site;

(4) any provisions of the Act providing that, where the Minister is satisfied that the cost of providing a house or flat has been or will be substantially enhanced by expenses attributable to measures taken in the construction of the house or flat in order to preserve the character of the surroundings, the standard amount of the annual exchequer contribution for the house or flat for the purposes of the Act of 1946 shall be the standard amount of the annual exchequer contribution for the house or flat, as ascertained in accordance with that Act and the provisions referred to in the two last foregoing sub-paragraphs plus such sum not exceeding five pounds as the Minister may determine;

D. the payment out of moneys so provided, being an increase attributable to any provisions of the Act providing that

(1) to a local authority or development corporation, in respect of a new building provided, or a building converted, by them for use as a hostel (as defined by the Act); or,

(2) to a local authority, in respect of a new building provided, or a building converted, by a housing association or development corporation for such use, being a building provided or converted under arrangements made by the local authority under section ninety-four of the Housing Act, 1936;

an annual contribution for such number of years, not exceeding sixty, and of such amount, not exceeding the sum produced by multiplying five pounds by the number of bedrooms contained in the building, as the Minister may determine;

E. the payment out of moneys so provided, being an increase attributable to any provisions of the Act empowering him to make contributions in respect of houses and flats which become vested in local authorities and of buildings provided or converted for use as hostels (as defined by the Act) which become so vested;

F. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister in making—

(1) the construction of a house or flat by an experimental method, the use for the purposes of experiment of any materials in the construction of a house or flat or the installation in a house or flat, in the course of the construction thereof, of equipment or fittings for those purposes; or

(2) the incorporation or installation in a house or flat, otherwise than in the course of the construction thereof, of materials, equipment or fittings for those purposes;

G. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(1) any increase in the sums payable under section one hundred and seventy-three of the Housing Act, 1936, or Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, out of moneys so provided which is attributable to the-passing of the Act; and

(2) any increase in the sums payable under section ninety-four of the Housing Act, 1936, or under the Act of 1946 out of moneys so provided which is attributable to the removal from the Housing Act, 1936, of references to the working classes; and
Mr. Barnes, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th March 1949, entitled the London Traffic (High Street, Sevenoaks) (No. 2) Regulations, 1949.

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 Wheat Fund showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ended the 31st day of July 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Tyne Improvement Bill [Lords], that they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Bill, that they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from Standing Committee C, that they had gone through the Iron and Steel Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Silkin, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Hall and Mr. King, presented a Bill to make provision for National Parks and the establishment of a National Parks Commission; to confer on the Nature Conservancy and local authorities powers for the establishment and maintenance of nature reserves; to make further provision for the recording, creation, maintenance and improvement of public paths and for securing access to open country, and to amend the law relating to rights of way; to confer further powers for preserving and enhancing natural beauty; and for matters connected with the purposes aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and 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.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered. That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimates, 1948-49.

Class II.

Vote 2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c.
1. £2,801,000 (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.

Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.
2. Motion made, and Question put, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £41,955, 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 House of Commons, including a grant in aid of the Kitchen Committee.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, 216.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Digby, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport, 96.

3. Motion made, and Question put, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £60,000, 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 a grant in aid of the Government Hospitality Fund.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Studholme, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport, 224.

Tellers for the Noes, 97.

Class VI.

Vote 1. Board of Trade.
4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £9,529,820, 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 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.

And it being half-past Nine o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business of Supply) to put the Question necessary to dispose of the Vote then under consideration.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded forthwith to put severally the Questions, That 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 Supplementary Estimates and Statements of Excess.

5. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £121,876,789, 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 following Supplementary Estimates, viz.:—

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Resolved, That the Agreement, dated 21st February 1949, between His Majesty’s Government and David MacBrayne, Limited, for the maintenance of certain transport services in the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for the conveyance of mails in connection with the said services, be approved.—(Mr. Barnes.)

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 Bullyingdon, a copy of which Order was laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

A, Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Bowder):—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-seven minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Ways and Means.

Question put, and agreed to.


6. That a sum, not exceeding £9,597 3s. 6d., 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, 1948.

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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.

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 Bullyingdon, a copy of which Order was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

A, Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Bowder):—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-seven minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of an Order, dated 18th March 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 4) Order, 1949.

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 17th March 1949, entitled the Control of the Cotton Industry (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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

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 19th day of this instant March, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

- Copy of Regulations, dated 18th March 1949, entitled the Gas (Co-partnership) Regulations, 1949.
- Copy of an Order, dated 18th March 1949, Supplies and Services (Food).
- Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of an Order, dated 21st March 1949, entitled the Furniture (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.
- Copy of an Order, dated 19th March 1949, Supplies and Services (Price Control).
- Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of an Order, dated 18th March 1949, entitled the Growing of Seed Crops (Control) Order, 1949.
- Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

**MEMORANDUM.**

Friday, 18th March, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Housing Bill to Standing Committee C.

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Mr. Key presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th March 1949, entitled the Sanitary Fireclay Ware (Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Tomlinson presented, by his Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report to the Minister of Education of the United Kingdom Delegation to the Third Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

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

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

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<td>1. That 153,000 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 1,400 Royal Marine Police borne on the books at the Royal Marine Divisions, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.</td>
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<td>2. That a sum, not exceeding £37,225,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of the pay, &amp;c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.</td>
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<td>3. That a sum, not exceeding £11,690,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of victualling and clothing for the Navy, including the cost of victualling establishments at home and abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.</td>
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<td>4. That a sum, not exceeding £5,815,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of civilians employed on fleet services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.</td>
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Supply and Services (Sanitary Fireclay Ware).


Pay, &c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

V chicall and Clothing for the Navy.

Citizens employed on Fleet Services.

Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad.

Vote 11. Miscellaneous Effective Services.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £6,358,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of various miscellaneous effective services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.


7. That a sum, not exceeding £14,613,000, 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 1950.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1948-49.

8. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £15,500,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

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<td>13. Non-effective Services</td>
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<td>14. Merchant Shipbuilding, &amp;c.</td>
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The said Resolution being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Supply of the 15th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

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<th>Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.</th>
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<td>1. That a number of officers, airmen and airwomen, not exceeding 255,000, all ranks, be maintained for Air Force Service, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.</td>
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<td>2. That a sum, not exceeding £55,200,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of the pay, &amp;c., of the Air Force, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.</td>
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Vote 2. Reserve and Auxiliary Services.
3. That a sum, not exceeding £1,300,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of the reserve and auxiliary services (to a number not exceeding 27,000, all ranks, for the Air Force Reserve and 20,000, all ranks, for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.

Vote 7. Aircraft and Stores.
4. That a sum, not exceeding £46,500,000, 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 1950.

Vote 8. Works and Lands.
5. That a sum, not exceeding £22,500,000, 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 1950.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £3,100,000, 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 1950.

Air Supplementary Estimate, 1948-49.
7. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £16,400,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year.

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<td>Total, Air Supplementary, 1948-49</td>
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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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

Army Estimates, 1949-50.
Vote A. Number of Land Forces.
1. That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 550,000, 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 1950.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army.
2. That a sum, not exceeding £94,250,000, 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 1950.

Vote 2. Reserve Forces, Territorial Army and Cadet Forces.
3. That a sum, not exceeding £12,460,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of the Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 45,000, all ranks, for the Royal Army Reserve and 6,000, all ranks, for the Supplementary Reserve), Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 150,000, all ranks) and Cadet Forces, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £23,600,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of works, buildings and lands, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £15,700,000, 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 1950.

Army Supplementary Estimate, 1948-49.
6. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £55,000,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the expense of the Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 45,000, all ranks, for the Royal Army Reserve and 6,000, all ranks, for the Supplementary Reserve), Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 150,000, all ranks) and Cadet Forces, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.

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<td>Total, Army (Supplementary) 1948-49</td>
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The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during twelve months, for the discipline and regulation of the Army and the Air Force: And that Mr. Secretary Shinwell, Mr. Secretary Henderson, Mr. Dugdale, Mr. Michael Stewart and Mr. de Freitas do prepare and bring in it.

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. Snow reported from the Committee of Supply of the 17th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimates, 1948-49.

Class II.

Vote 2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &c. (Supplementary).

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £2,801,000, 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.

Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.

2. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £41,935, 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 House of Commons, including a grant in aid of the Kitchen Committee.


3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £90,000, 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 a grant in aid of the Government Hospitality Fund.

Class VI.

Vote 1. Board of Trade.

4. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £9,529,820, 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 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.

Outstanding Supplementary Estimates.

5. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £121,876,789, 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 following Supplementary Estimates, viz.:

Civil Estimates.

Class I

4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments
   5. Civil Service Commission
   8. Public Works Loan Commission
   12. Miscellaneous Expenses
   24. Scottish Home Department

Class II

6. Commonwealth Relations Office
   7. Commonwealth Services
   8. Commonwealth (India and Pakistan) Services
   9. Overseas Settlement

Class III

1. Home Office
   3. Police, England and Wales
   4. Prisons, England and Wales
   5. Child Care, England and Wales
   7. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c.
   13. Police, Scotland

Class IV

11. Universities and Colleges, &c., Great Britain

Class V

4. Ministry of Labour and National Service
   14. National Health Service, Scotland

Class VI

2. Services in Development Areas
   8. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
   9. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services)
   10. Surveys of Great Britain, &c.
   18. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research
   24. Estate Management Districts

Class VII

5. Osborne
   6. Public Buildings, Great Britain
   6A. Jellicoe and Beatty Memorials
   7. Public Buildings Overseas
   10. Miscellaneous Works Services
   12. Stationery and Printing

Class VIII

2. Ministry of Pensions
   4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances

Class X

1. Ministry of Supply
   2. Ministry of Food
   3. Ministry of Transport (War Services)
   6. Foreign Office (German Section)
   8. War Damage Commission

Revenue Departments

1. Customs and Excise
   2. Inland Revenue

£121,876,789
Civil (Excesses), 1947-48.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £9,597 3s. 6d., be granted to His Majesty, to make good excesses on certain grants for Civil Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948.

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

The Fifth Resolution being read a second time:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:

And it being half an hour after Nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business of Supply), to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Resolution under consideration.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith, 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 doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Sixth of their Resolutions of the 17th 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 First of their Resolutions of the 17th day of February last, namely, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £52,800,000, 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 of providing a comprehensive health service in England and Wales and certain other services connected therewith, including the central purchase of medical supplies:—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 17th day of February last, namely, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £7,000,000, 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 1949, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of His Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies and the salary of the Minister of State for Colonial Affairs:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the First of their Resolutions of the 24th day of February last, namely, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £12,695,010, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, for sundry Colonial and Mid-Eastern Services under His Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies, including certain non-effective services and 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 24th day of February last, namely, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £13,000,000, 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 1949, for the salaries and expenses of the West African Produce Control Board, including the cost of trading services; and for grants in aid of sums equivalent to accumulated profits realised under the West African cocoa control scheme for allocation to the Governments of the Gold Coast, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, and to accumulated funds under the West African oils and oilseeds control scheme for allocation to those Governments and the Government of the Gambia:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Third of their Resolutions of the 24th day of February last, namely, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,950,000, 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 development of the resources of mandated territories, and the welfare of their peoples:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Fourth of their Resolutions of the 24th day of February last, namely, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £6,710,000, 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 salaries and expenses of the Department of the National Assistance Board and of certain Appeal Tribunals and Pension Committees; non-contributory Old Age Pensions, including pensions to blind persons; Supplementary Pensions to certain persons in receipt of Old Age Pensions or Widows’ Pensions; allowances to applicants for assistance, &c.; assistance grants; the expenses of re-establishment centres, reception centres, &c.; and the expenses of maintaining certain Classes of Poles in Great Britain:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Mr. Snow reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 17th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1948, the sum of £9,597 3s. 6d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1949, the sum of £308,371,574 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

3. That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, the sum of £1,210,643,000 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. Hall do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. 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-eight, one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine and one thousand nine hundred and fifty: And the same was read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.


In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Pet Animals Bill and the War Damage (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee E.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Butcher Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.) Bill.

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 Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, viz.:

Wandsworth and District Gas Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tyne Improvement Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means) :The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

The Hurst Park Race Course Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

A Bill to amend the provisions of the Salford Corporation Act, 1920, so as to increase the area of Peel Park which may be used for educational purposes; and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninety-eighth Report of the Church Estates Commissioners (for the year preceding the 1st day of March 1949).

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 March 1949, entitled the Cinematograph Films (Quotas) Amendment Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st March 1949, entitled—
(1) the Local Government (Payment of Grants, &c.) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the Local Government (Compensation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 21st March 1949, entitled the National Assistance (Compensation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Drafts of Special Orders proposed to be made under the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, on the application of—
(1) the Royal Burgh of Kirkcaldy, and
(2) the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Morecambe and Heysham.

Certificate regarding the Rate of Preference for British Hydrocarbon Oils during 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 Reports of the Development Corporations of Aycliffe, Crawley, Harlow, Hemel Hempstead and Stevenage for various periods ended the 31st day of March 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 City of London (Various Powers) Bill.

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

Mr. Touche reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 1st day of July next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Diamond reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Licensing Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title as followeth: a Bill to extend State management to new towns and to make further provision as respects State management districts; to amend the law relating to licensing justices and confirming and compensation authorities; to provide for the payment of allowances to members of licensing courts and county courts to appear in Scotland; to prohibit in certain cases the supply and consumption of intoxicating liquor outside the permitted hours and to provide in certain cases for later permitted hours, and to make further provision as respects refreshment houses and spirit and wine dealers; to amend the Licensing Planning (Temporary Provisions) Acts, 1945 and 1946, and to extend the provisions of the Finance Act, 1946, as to the suspension of justices’ licences; to provide for the application of the licensing laws to the Isles of Scilly; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

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. 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 British North America Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Social Services (Northern Ireland Agreement) Bill, without any Amendment.

Arthur Leslie Noel Douglas Houghton, New Member for the County of York, West Riding (Sowerby 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)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Hannan
Yeas, { Mr. Bowden: 262.
Mr. Bowden:
Tellers for the Mr. Studholme, Noes, { Mr. Digby: 107.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Commonwealth Telegraphs Bill was, Commonwealth Telegraphs Bill, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Six Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That any Petitions against the Bill deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the sixth day after this day do stand referred to the Committee, but if no such Petitions are deposited, the Order for the committal of the Bill to a Select Committee shall be discharged and the Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, be heard against the Bill provided that their Petitions are prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House, and Counsel be heard in favour of the Bill against such Petitions.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Wilfred Paling.)
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to give effect to certain provisions of an agreement for promoting and co-ordinating the efficiency and development of the external telegraph services of the Commonwealth (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient—

(1) to—

(a) authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole four million pounds, as may be required by the Postmaster General for the purpose of making to Cable and Wireless Limited payments in consideration of the transfer to him of property owned by that Company;

(b) authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of terminable annuities, for the purpose of providing money for sums so authorised to be issued or of repaying to the Consolidated Fund all or any part of the sums so issued and authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums so borrowed;

(c) 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;

(2) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums payable by the Postmaster General by way of contribution towards the expenses of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Board established under the Act;

(b) any sums payable by the Postmaster General by virtue of regulations made under the Act with respect to the payment of pensions, being sums payable—

(i) for making good a deficiency arising in a pension fund held for the purposes of a pension scheme established under or by virtue of the regulations or any of the existing pension schemes as defined by the Act, or for or towards preventing a deficiency from so arising;

(ii) by way of the making of contributions under any such pension scheme as aforesaid in respect of persons who entered the Civil Service of the State, being persons who have pension rights under any of the existing pension schemes as defined by the Act or persons other than as aforesaid who are or have been in the employment of Cable and Wireless Limited;

(iii) by way of supplementing pensions payable, by virtue of any such scheme as is mentioned in head (i) of this sub-paragraph, to or in respect of such persons;

(iv) by way of the making of payments to or in respect of any of such persons who have expectations of the accruer of pensions to or in respect of them in accordance with customary practices of their previous employers;

and any increase attributable to any such regulations as aforesaid in the sums payable under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1946, out of moneys provided by Parliament;

(c) any sums payable by the Postmaster General by virtue of regulations made under the Act with respect to the payment of compensation to persons who, on such date before the passing of the Act as may be specified in the regulations, were employed whole-time as officers or servants (but not directors) of Cable and Wireless Limited, being—

(i) persons who suffer loss of employment in consequence of the giving of effect to clause 5 of the said agreement by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom;

(ii) persons who suffer diminution of emoluments or pension rights in consequence of their entering the Civil Service of the State as a result of effect's being given as aforesaid to that Clause;

and

(d) fees and allowances to any referee or board of referees appointed under the Act by the Minister of Labour and National Service to decide questions relating to pension rights or compensation, and allowances to witnesses appearing before any such referee or board.—(Mr. Wilfred Paling.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

Mr. 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 Commonwealth Telegraphs [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 Agricultural Marketing Acts, 1931 to 1933, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable, out of moneys so provided, under subsection (5) of section sixteen of the
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consular Conventions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Restriction of power of entry in relation to consular offices). Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 1, to leave out from the word "except" to the word "with" in l. 3.—(Mr. Mott-Radclyffe.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 8 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. Collindridge reported from the Committee on Lands Tribunal [Money], a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish new tribunals to determine in place of official arbitrators and others certain questions relating to compensation for the compulsory acquisition of land and other matters and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of remuneration of members, officers and servants of any tribunal established by the Act, of travelling and subsistence allowances of members and superannuation allowances of past members of any such tribunal, and of other expenses of any such tribunal (including payments to persons sitting as assessors); and

(b) of compensation to persons suffering loss of office or employment, or loss or diminution of emoluments, which is attributable to the transfer of any jurisdiction to any such tribunal by or under the Act.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lands Tribunal Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Establishment and jurisdiction of the Lands Tribunal).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words "and"

(c) any jurisdiction conferred upon the county court under section forty-nine of the Local Government Act, 1948."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 to 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 10 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the University of Nottingham Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the 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 amended the Title, as followeth: A Bill to dissolve the University College of Nottingham and to transfer all the rights and property and liabilities of that College to the University of Nottingham; and for other purposes; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the City of London (Various Powers) 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 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. Mathers reported from the Committee on Selection, That they had discharged the following Members:

B: Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Sir Gifford Fox, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Harry Thorneycroft and Mr. Watson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Richard Butler, Mr. Comyns, Mr. Edelman, Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Peake.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members:

Standing Committee C: Mr. Erroll, Mr. Granville, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. Manningham-Buller and Mr. Peake; and had appointed in substitution Colonel Dower, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Molson, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. Turton and Mr. Walker-Smith.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee D:

Standing Committee D: Mr. Alpass, Mr. Austin, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Blenkinsop, Mr. Bosom, Mr. William Brown, Major Bruce, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Cove, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Dumpleton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hare, Miss Lee, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Marlowe, Mr. Medland, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Mott-Ratcliffe, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Harold Roberts, Mr. Snow, Mr. Ivor Thomas, Mr. Walkden, Mr. David Williams, Lord Willoughby de Eresby and Mr. Yates.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee E:

Standing Committee E: Mr. Granville, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. L lambton, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Mr. Peake, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Molson, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts, Mr. Turton and Mr. Walker-Smith.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members:

Standing Committee F: Mr. Erroll, Mr. Granville, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. Manningham-Buller and Mr. Peake; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Richard Butler, Mr. Comyns, Mr. Edelman, Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Peake.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee G:

Standing Committee G: Mr. Alpass, Mr. Austin, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Blenkinsop, Mr. Bosom, Mr. William Brown, Major Bruce, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Cove, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Dumpleton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hare, Miss Lee, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Marlowe, Mr. Medland, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Mott-Ratcliffe, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Harold Roberts, Mr. Snow, Mr. Ivor Thomas, Mr. Walkden, Mr. David Williams, Lord Willoughby de Eresby and Mr. Yates.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee H:

Standing Committee H: Mr. Alpass, Mr. Austin, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Blenkinsop, Mr. Bosom, Mr. William Brown, Major Bruce, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Cove, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Dumpleton, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hare, Miss Lee, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Marlowe, Mr. Medland, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Mott-Ratcliffe, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Harold Roberts, Mr. Snow, Mr. Ivor Thomas, Mr. Walkden, Mr. David Williams, Lord Willoughby de Eresby and Mr. Yates.
Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E: Mr. Bosson, Mr. Gage, Sir Peter Macdonald, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Mr. Henderson Stewart and Mr. Charles Williams; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Commander Hutchinson, Mr. Linstead, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Commander Mailer and Mr. Sidney Marshall and Lady Tweedsmuir.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E (added in respect of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Mr. Asterley Jones; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton.

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 Tyne Improvement Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Juries Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Public Works (Festival of Britain) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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


And the Question being put:

Ordered, That the Consolidated Fund Bill (No. 1) be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Blenkinsop reported from the Committee on Housing [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Housing Act, 1936, and to promote the improvement of housing accommodation by authorising the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and of grants by local authorities (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

A. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Health (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") in reimbursing to a local authority not more than one half of any loss sustained by them under a guarantee given by them for the repayment of advances made to its members by a society incorporated under the Building Societies Acts, 1874 to 1939, or the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1939 to 1928, for the building or acquisition of houses or flats, being a guarantee as to which the Minister is satisfied that the liability of the local authority thereunder cannot be greater than two-thirds of the principal of, and interest on, the amount by which the sum to be advanced by the society exceeds the sum which would normally be advanced by it without the guarantee;
B. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister in—

(1) making to a local authority or to a corporation established by an order under section two of the New Towns Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as a "development corporation"), towards the annual loss determined by the Minister to be likely to be incurred by them as a result of giving effect to proposals approved by him for the provision of dwellings by means of the conversion of houses or other buildings or the improvement of dwellings, an annual contribution for twenty years of an amount equal to three-quarters of that loss;

(2) making to a local authority, towards the expense incurred by them in making to a person other than a local authority a grant in respect of expenses incurred by him for the purposes of the execution of works for the provision of dwellings by means of the conversion of houses or other buildings or the improvement of dwellings, an annual contribution for twenty years of an amount equal to three-quarters of the annual loan charges referable to the amount of the grant;

(3) making to a local authority, in respect of arrangements made by them with a housing association or development corporation for the provision of dwellings by means of the conversion of houses or other buildings or the improvement of dwellings, an annual contribution for twenty years of an amount equal to three-quarters of the annual loss determined by the local authority, with the approval of the Minister, to be likely to be incurred by the association or corporation in carrying out the arrangements;

C. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums which, under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1946"), are payable out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums which, under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1946"), are payable out of moneys so provided, being an increase attributable to—

(1) any provisions of the Act providing that where,—

(a) a flat approved for the purposes of the Act of 1946 by the Minister on or after the twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, is provided in a block of flats on a site the cost of which as developed exceeds one thousand five hundred pounds per acre; and

(b) the number of flats contained in the block and in any other block of flats on the site, in relation to the area of the site, falls short of a rate of thirty to the acre;

the standard amount of the annual exchequer contribution for the flat for the purposes of the Act of 1946 shall, instead of being an amount determined in accordance with section four of that Act, be the amount which it would be determined under that section to be if the cost of the site were an amount bearing to the rate to the acre of the number of flats mentioned in head (b) of this sub-paragraph in relation to the site;

(2) any provisions of the Act providing that, where a house approved for the purposes of the Act of 1946 by the Minister on or after the twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, is provided on a site the cost of which as developed exceeds three thousand pounds per acre, the standard amount of the annual exchequer contribution for the house for the purposes of the Act of 1946 shall be the standard amount of the annual exchequer contribution for the house as ascertained in accordance with the provisions of that Act plus one pound and four shillings for each thousand pounds or part of a thousand pounds by which the cost of the site as developed exceeds three thousand pounds per acre, any amount of the excess over ten thousand pounds being disregarded except where the house is provided under a scheme of development which makes provision also for the erection of one or more blocks of flats on the site;

(3) any provisions of the Act providing that, where the Minister is satisfied that the cost of providing a house or flat has been or will be substantially enhanced by expenses attributable to measures taken in the construction of the house or flat in order to preserve the character of the surroundings, the standard amount of the annual exchequer contribution for the house or flat for the purposes of the Act of 1946 shall be the standard amount of the annual exchequer contribution for the house or flat, as ascertained in accordance with that Act and the provisions referred to in the two last foregoing sub-paragraphs plus such sum not exceeding five pounds as the Minister may determine;

D. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister in making—

(1) to a local authority or development corporation, in respect of a new building provided, or a building converted, by them for use as a hostel (as defined by the Act); or,

(2) to a local authority, in respect of a new building provided, or a building converted, by a housing association or development corporation for such use, being a building provided or converted under arrangements made by the local authority under section ninety-four of the Housing Act, 1936;

an annual contribution for such number of years, not exceeding sixty, and of such amount, not exceeding the sum produced by multiplying five pounds by the number of bedrooms contained in the building, as the Minister may determine;

E. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister in making a grant to a local
authority or development corporation in respect of—

(1) the construction of a house or flat by an experimental method, the use for the purposes of experiment of any materials in the construction of a house or flat or the installation in a house or flat, in the course of the construction thereof, of equipment or fittings for those purposes; or

(2) the incorporation or installation in a house or flat, otherwise than in the course of the construction thereof, of materials, equipment or fittings for those purposes;

F. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Minister attributable to any provisions of the Act empowering him to make contributions in respect of houses and flats which become vested in local authorities and of buildings provided or converted for use as hostels (as defined by the Act) which become so vested;

G. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(1) any increase in the sums payable under section one hundred and seventy-three of the Housing Act, 1936, or Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, out of moneys so provided which is attributable to the passing of the Act; and

(2) any increase in the sums payable under section ninety-four of the Housing Act, 1936, or under the Act of 1946 out of moneys so provided which is attributable to the removal from the Housing Act, 1936, of references to the working classes; and

H. the payment into the Exchequer of all sums received by the Minister under the Act.

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

Resolved, That the Draft of a 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 Bolton, which was presented on the 15th day of February last and published, be approved. —(Mr. Robens.)

Resolved, That the Draft of a 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 Bolton, which was presented on the 15th day of February last and published, be approved. —(Mr. Robens.)

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

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

Gas (Special Orders).

Gas (Special Orders).

[No. 87.]

Thursday, 24th March, 1949.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, and of the Committee of Enquiry into Health, Welfare and Safety in non-industrial Employment and Hours of Employment of Juveniles, ordered that the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command, copies of the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Health, Welfare and Safety in non-industrial Employment and Hours of Employment of Juveniles. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, entitled the Northern Ireland (Compulsory National Service of Civil Servants) Rules, 1949. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, and of the Mineral Development Corporation, entitled the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1949. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, entitled the National Assistance (Supplies and Services) Order, 1949. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 24th March, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Diamond Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Housing Bill.

Friday, 25th March, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th March 1949, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) (Western Zones of Germany and Saar Territory) Order, 1949.

Account of Receipts into and Payments out of the Government Annuities Investment Fund in 1948; and a Statement of Payments and of new Contracts made during the year, 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 an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 23rd March 1949, entitled the Poisons Rules, 1949.

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 21st March 1949, entitled the Hill Farming Improvements Order, 1949.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 23rd March 1949, entitled the Agricultural Goods and Services (Marginal Production) Scheme (England and Wales), 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th March 1949, entitled the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 28th February 1949.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Censorship of Plays (Repeal) Bill ; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time :

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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. O'Brien.)

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. Edward Smith, Yeas: Mr. Levy;
Tellers for the [Mr. O'Brien, Noes, Captain Bullock:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Bodies (Admission of Press) 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 Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday the 24th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Exportation of Horses (Amendment) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time time upon Friday the 8th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Loss of Employment (Compensation) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time time upon Friday the 8th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Amendment) (Tied Houses) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Statutory Instruments (Parliamentary Control) Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 8th day of April next.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 25th March, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Business Committee), Mr. Speaker this day nominated Mr. Stanley Evans, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Peake, Mr. Popplewell and Mr. George Strauss to be members of the Business Committee (Iron and Steel Bill).

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 March 1949:

Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1949, Supplies and Services (Material) (Trade Descriptions) (Scotland) (Amendment) 4 Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1949, Supplies and Services (Raw Materials) (Amendment) No. 3 Order, 1949.


26th March 1949:


Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1949, Supplies and Services (Sulphuric Acid.) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1949, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1949, Supplies and Services (Food, (Sulphuric Acid)) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1949, entitled the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 17th day of March 1949, on stock issued by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1949, Savings Banks, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Rate of Interest) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th March 1949, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Arbitration and Transfer) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, and

(2) the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

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 24th March 1949, entitled the Hill Cattle Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) Order, 1949.

**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 25th March 1949, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

**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 Draft Scheme entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Workers' Educational Association) Scheme, 1949.

**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 28th March 1949, entitled the Electricity (South Wales) (Transfer) Order, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th March 1949, entitled the Gas (Investment and Information) Regulations, 1949.

**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 E: Mr. Niall Macpherson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. **Beechman**.

The Order made upon the 22nd day of this instant March, That the Commonwealth Telegraphs Bill be committed to a Select Committee, was read, and, no Petition against the Bill having been deposited in the Private Bill Office, the said Order was discharged, pursuant to the Order made upon the 22nd day of this instant March.

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

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

**Ordered.** That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl Waldegrave to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee E appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates.—(Mr. **Wilfrid Roberts**)

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

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.

Tellers for the: [Mr. **Hannan**; **Yea**, Mr. **Bowden**; **Noes**, **Colonel Wheatley**;]

The Yeas to the Left.

Tellers for the: [Mr. **Major Conant**; **Yea**, **Colonel Wheatley**;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Coal Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (General regulations to be subject to annulment)—(Mr. **McCorquodale**); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right.

Tellers for the: [Mr. **Major Conant**; **Yea**, **Colonel Wheatley**;]

The Yeas to the Left.

Tellers for the: [Mr. **Pearson**; **Yea**, **Mr. Richard Adams**;]

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 23, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section one of the Principal Act shall be read and have effect as if after the word 'including' there were inserted the words 'as respects supplies to any British company firm or person'"—(Colonel Clarke.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right.

Tellers for the: [Mr. **Hannan**; **Yea**, **Mr. Pearson**;]

The Yeas to the Left.

Tellers for the: [Mr. **Hannan**; **Yea**, **Mr. Thomas Williams**;]

So it passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 28, by leaving out the words "or include terms which provide."—(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. 4, l. 31, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(5) If in the case mentioned in paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section any question shall arise—

(a) which of the provisions of the contract are provisions to which this section applies; or

(b) as to any apportionments or adaptations made necessary by reason of the determination of some only of the provisions of the contract; or

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Tellers for the: [Mr. **Digby**; **Yea**, Mr. **Joseph Henderson**; **Noes**, Mr. **Hannan**;]

So it passed in the Negative.
The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, 72.
Tellers for the Brigadier Mackeson: 212.
Tellers for the Mr. Collindridge, 211.
Tellers for the Mr. Popplewell: 68.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 36, by leaving out the words "such an expectation as aforesaid," and inserting the words "an expectation of accruing whether as of right or under customary practice of any particular benefits in favour of any such person or in favour of another person by reference to his employment"—(Major Lloyd George), 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. Studholme, 72.
Tellers for the Brigadier Mackeson: 212.
Tellers for the Mr. Collindridge, 211.
Tellers for the Mr. Popplewell: 68.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(3) Any person who is aggrieved by a determination as to whether any or what benefits shall be provided in his favour or in favour of another person by reference to his employment under any regulations made for the purposes of subsection (1) of the said section thirty-seven may require the matter to be referred to the arbitration of a referee or board of referees appointed for the purpose by the Minister of Labour and National Service after consultation with the Lord Chancellor or where the proceedings are to be held in Scotland after consultation with the Secretary of State and the Lord President of the Court of Session and the Board shall give effect to the determination of the referee or board of referees."—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Wilkins: 163.
Tellers for the Major Conant, Mr. Popplewell: 77.
Noes, Brigadier Mackeson: 77.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Public Works (Festival of Britain) Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 11, l. 23, leave out "or wires" and insert "wires or other works or apparatus", the first Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 11, at end, insert "(9) In respect of any such landing stage which is not temporary, the Council shall make to the port authority such payments as the port authority may require, being payments of the like nature as, and not exceeding, those which the port authority could have required as consideration for the grant of a licence to erect the landing stage under section two hundred and forty-three of the Port of London (Consolidation) Act, 1920, and the amount of that consideration shall be determined in accordance with section two hundred and fifty-four of that Act:"

Provided that in determining the amount of that consideration regard shall be had to the public purposes for which the landing stage is made", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object Special Entry, of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 14, l. 6, after "section," insert "(except subsection (9) thereof ", the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 14, l. 8, at end insert Clause A (For protection of certain water, gas and hydraulic power undertakers), the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object Special Entry, of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Popplewell.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 28th March, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Censorship of Plays (Repeal) Bill to Standing Committee E.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Lang Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Bill [Lords], and Mr. Frank Anderson Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

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Tuesday, 29th March, 1949.

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

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the People’s Dispensary for Sick Animals Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage and other Moneys between the 1st day of April 1946 and the 31st day of March 1947.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Department of Health for Scotland for 1948.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Forty-second Report to the Secretary of State for Scotland by the Board of Trustees for the National Galleries of Scotland, for 1948.

Copy of Rules, dated 25th March 1949, entitled the Superannuation (Local Government Staffs) (National Service) (Scotland) Rules, 1949.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th March 1949, entitled the Special Constables (Pensions) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th March 1949, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Imperial Institute) Order, 1949.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of St. John’s College, Oxford, on the 25th day of January 1949, 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,—Copies of Orders, dated 28th March 1949, entitled—

1) the Miscellaneous Haberdashery (Maximum Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1949; and
2) the Yarn and Cloth (Wool and Animal Fibre) (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1949, entitled the Lace and Woven Curtain Net Services (Price Control) Order, 1949.

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 25th March 1949, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries Order of 1949.

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 28th March 1949, entitled—

1) the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations, 1949; and
2) the National Health Service (Local Health Authorities) Estimation of Expenditure Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Service Regulations, dated 28th March 1949, entitled—

1) the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations, 1949; and
2) the National Health Service (Local Health Authorities) Estimation of Expenditure Regulations, 1949.

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 the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.
Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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 Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. Wilfrid Robertes; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Wadsorth.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Bill [Lords]: Colonel Stoddart-Scott; and had appointed in substitution Brigadier Peto.

Mr. Burden reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Milk (Special Designations) Bill [Lords], 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Speaker, to hear the Commission read.

Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill, Estimates.

Business of the House.

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 Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 4, l. 23, by leaving out subsection (3).—(Sir Thomas Dugdale.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 35, by leaving out the words "by other persons."—(Sir Thomas Dugdale.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

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

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

Resolved, That the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1949, dated 23rd February, 1949, a copy of which...
Ordered, That Colonel Clarke be appointed a Managing Trustee of the House of Commons Members' Fund in pursuance of Section 2 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act, 1939, in the room of Sir Ralph Glyn, resigned.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, dated 17th February 1949, entitled the Primary and Secondary Schools (Grant Conditions) Amending Regulations, No. 8, 1949 (S.I., 1949, No. 250), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of February last, be annulled.—(Commander Maitland):—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 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 after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 29th March, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Business Committee), Mr. Speaker this day nominated Mr. Whiteley to be a member of the Business Committee (Iron and Steel Bill) in place of Mr. Stanley Evans.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th March 1949, regarding the application of surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1948-49, to meet deficits on other Army Votes for the same year.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th March 1949, regarding the application of surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1948-49 to meet deficits on other Navy Votes for the same year.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th March 1949, regarding the application of surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year 1948-49 to meet the deficits on other Air Votes for the same year.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the Fire Services directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Regulations, dated 29th March 1949, entitled the Fire Services (Ranks and Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London, between the 28th day of February and the 5th day of March 1949, amending the Agreement of the 22nd day of September 1948 between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America for the Establishment of the United States Educational Commission in the United Kingdom.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, between the 28th day of February and the 2nd day of March 1949, further prolonging the Monetary Agreement of the 1st day of November 1945 between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant Agriculture to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of a Scheme, dated 28th March 1949, entitled the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Scheme, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th March 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Modification of Local Government Superannuation Schemes) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

Copies of Regulations, dated 29th March 1949, entitled—
(1) the Local Government Superannuation (Break of Service) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the Local Government Superannuation (Transfer Value) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant Foreign to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copies of Orders in Council, dated 29th March 1949, entitled—
(1) the Bahrain Order in Council, 1949,
(2) the Kuwait Order in Council, 1949,
(3) the Muscat Order in Council, 1949,
(4) the Qatar Order in Council, 1949, and
(5) the Trucial States Order in Council, 1949.
Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th March 1949, approving an Admiralty Memorial for sanction to the institution of a system of National Service Grants.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th March 1949, entitled the Circuit (Montgomeryshire) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th March 1949, entitled the Weights and Measures (Board of Trade Standard 0.25 Metric Carat) Order, 1949.

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 1946 (New Annual Series, No. 26), Tables, Part II, Civil.

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 29th March 1949, entitled the Mineral Oil in Food Order, 1949.

Copies of Orders, dated 29th March 1949, entitled—
(1) the Eggs (Great Britain) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Eggs (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

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

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Wandsworth and District Gas Bill [Lords].

That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Teignmouth and Shaldon Bridge 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 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 of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Hurst Park Race Course Bill [Lords], 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 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. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Housing Bill): Mr. William Brown and Mr. Cove; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Kendall and Dr. Segal.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Bill [Lords]): Mr. Deer; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lloyd.

The Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

(Mr. Willoughby de Eresby was appointed in substitution for Mr. Lloyd.)

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E (added in respect of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Lord Willoughby de Eresby; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lloyd.

The Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Certificates and Inspection) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock 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 thirteen minutes after Two of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directives of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st March 1949, entitled the Superannuation (Control Service for Germany and Austria—Unestablished Civilian Service) Regulations, 1949.

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 a Royal Warrant dealing with Retired Pay, Pensions and Gratuities in respect of Service in the Army.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directives of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th March 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Modification of Local Government Superannuation Schemes) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

Copies of Regulations, dated 30th March 1949, entitled—

(1) the Local Government Superannuation (Break of Service) Regulations, 1949,
(2) the Local Government Superannuation (Transfer Value) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949, and
(3) the Local Government Superannuation (England and Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of Rules, dated 30th March 1949, entitled the Superannuation (Local Act Authorities Schemes) Interchange Rules, 1949.

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

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directives of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st March 1949, entitled the Essential Work and Registration (Miscellaneous Orders) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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

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Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st March 1949, entitled the Electric Lighting (Restriction) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. George Strauss presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1949, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 69) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1949, entitled the Control of Bolts, Nuts, &c. (No. 17) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor and to Mr. Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee, That they had considered a reference from the Treasury Solicitor’s Department made in accordance with paragraph (4) (c) of Regulation 11 of the Statutory Instruments Regulations, 1947, in respect of the Control of Highways (Westcliff, Southend-on-Sea) Revocation (No. Two) Order, 1948, and that they had come to the following Resolution, viz., That in the opinion of the Committee the Control of Highways (Westcliff, Southend-on-Sea) Revocation (No. Two) Order, 1948, constitutes such a Statutory Rule as is referred to in sub-section (2) of Section 1 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 1946.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bolton 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.

Mr. Butcher reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.) 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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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 Water (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Water (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside 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 tomorrow.

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 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, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 31st March, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill to Standing Committee D.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the First Report of the Committee on Industrial Productivity.

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 31st March 1949, entitled the Headwear (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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 the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of All

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Ecclesiastical Reorganisation Areas.
Saints, Small Heath; St. Aidan, Small Heath, Birmingham; St. Oswald, Bordesley and Saint Gregory, Small Heath, all in the diocese of Birmingham.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at Eleven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the National Parks and Access to the Countryside 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. Dalton, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Parks and Access to the Countryside [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for National Parks and for other matters, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament:—

A. Of any expenditure incurred under the said Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") by the Minister of Town and Country Planning—

(i) in defraying expenses incurred under the Act by the National Parks Commission to be established thereunder, and in paying remuneration or allowances to the members, officers and servants of the said Commission;

(ii) in the payment to local authorities of grants up to the maximum amount hereinafter specified in respect of expenditure incurred by them as hereinafter specified;

(iii) in defraying expenditure incurred by local authorities for the purposes of proposals relating to long-distance routes, being proposals approved by the said Minister.

B. Of any expenditure incurred under the Act by the Minister of Town and Country Planning or by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in respect of the acquisition of land and in respect of the management, whether by either of the said Ministers or by other persons, of land acquired under the Act by either of the said Ministers.

C. Of any expenditure incurred under the Act by the Treasury in the payment of grants to the Nature Conservancy.

D. Of any administrative expenditure incurred under the Act by the Minister of Town and Country Planning.

E. Of any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948.

The expenditure referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph A of this Resolution is expenditure incurred by local authorities—

(a) in connection with the exercise, in relation to National Parks, of their powers under the Act of acquiring land, erecting buildings and carrying out work for providing accommodation, meals and refreshments, camping sites and parking places, and for improving waterways, and in connection with the exercise by another authority of powers of carrying out work for improving waterways;

(b) in connection with the exercise, in relation to National Parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty,—

(i) of their powers under section twenty-six of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947 (including the purchase of land under section nineteen thereof and the payment of compensation under section twenty thereof), and section twenty-eight thereof and of their powers under the Act of planting trees and shrubs and planting or sowing flowers or grass for the preservation and enhancement of natural beauty; and of restoring and improving the appearance of derelict land, and

(ii) of their powers relating to public access, their powers of providing wardens and (so far as not hereinbefore referred to) their powers of acquiring land;

and the maximum amount of the grants referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph A of this Resolution shall be seventy-five per cent. of the expenditure, so however that in the case of expenditure incurred in connection with the carrying out of work for the improvement of waterways the maximum amount shall be the amount of the expenditure.—(Mr. Silk.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. George Wallace.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 1st April, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Burden Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Superannuation Bill.

Wandsworth and District 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.

A Bill to regulate the expenditure on capital account and lending of money by the London County Council during the financial period from the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine to the thirtieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and fifty and for other purposes, was presented, and read the first time.

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

The following Paper, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 2nd day of this instant April, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of an Order, dated 1st April 1949, entitled the Electricity House Ltd. (Transfer) Order, 1949.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th April 1949, entitled the Cotton (Single Yarn) (Prices) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1949.

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 29th March 1949, entitled the Hill Cattle Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 29th March 1949, entitled the Hill Cattle (Northern Ireland) Amendment Scheme, 1949.

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:—

7. Farnborough Urban District Council.

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

PRAYERS.

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Monday, 4th April, 1949.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 16th March 1949, entitled—
1. the Stopping Up of Highways (London Airport) (No. 1) Order, 1939, and
2. the Stopping Up of Highways (London Airport) (No. 2) Order, 1949, with Certificates by the Minister of Transport under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1943.

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: Mr. Ernest Davies and Mr. Jenkins; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Haire and Mr. Shurmer.

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

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Housing Bill): Mr. Maclay; and had appointed in substitution Mr. MacLeod.

Mr. Bevan presented a Bill to confirm, in accordance with the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, an order of the Minister of Health under the Water Act, 1945, relating to Mid-Northamptonshire: And the same was ordered (under subsection (4) of Section 6 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945) to be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Ordered. That the Bill 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. Robert Taylor.)

Mr. Hannan reported from the Committee on Agricultural Marketing [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Agricultural Marketing Acts, 1931 to 1933, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable, out of moneys so provided, under subsection (5) of section sixteen of the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1931, in respect of the remuneration of the members of, or of the expenses of, commissions or committees, which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session which applies the said section sixteen to Agricultural Marketing Re-organization Commissions for Great Britain and Northern Ireland, for England and Northern Ireland and for Scotland and Northern Ireland or enables committees of investigation to consist of a chairman and five members (over and above any additional members appointed when the committee are considering a scheme applicable to Northern Ireland or any part of Northern Ireland).

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

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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Agricultural Marketing 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. 3, p. 5, l. 21, Clause No. 18, p. 14, l. 37, l. 38, l. 41 and l. 42, and Clause No. 19, p. 16, l. 12 and l. 14, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Thomas Williams.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 3, 18 and 19 amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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)—(Mr. Hopkin Morris); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hopkin Morris: 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Adams: 122.

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 20, by leaving out the word “conclusions,” the words “and the reasons for such conclusions.”—(Mr. Turton.)

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 Yeas, Major Conant: 91.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilkins: 157.

So it passed in the Negative.

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(b) the relevant act or omission or intended act or omission of the Board relates to, or to a commodity produced from, a commodity for the time being specified in the first Schedule to the Agriculture Act, 1947.”—(Mr. Thomas Dugdale.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Commander Agnew, 71.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilkins: 143.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

The Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Bill Agricultural Wages (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. Wilkins.)

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded Juries Bill, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Juries 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 Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 30th day of March last;

Ordered. That the Report be received to-morrow.

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.

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 at 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, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.
Monday, 4th April, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Bill to Standing Committee A.

[No. 95.]
Tuesday, 5th April, 1949.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals 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 a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Clyde Navigation (Superannuation); 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. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of the National Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom for the years 1946 to 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th April 1949, entitled the Fire Services (Compensation) Regulations, 1949.

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 4th April 1949, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 4th April 1949, entitled the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) (No. 8) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee Selection of Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Bill): Major Beamish, Mr. Beechman, Mr. George Brown, Mrs. Castle, Mr. Chetwynd, Colonel Clarke, Sir Ian Fraser, Major Gates, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. Wilson Harris, Mr. Herbert Hughes, Mr. King, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Malcolm MacPherson, Mr. Molson, Mr. William Morrison, Mr. Nally, Mr. Peake, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Peer, Mr. Price, Mr. Emrys Roberts, Mr. Goronwy Roberts, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Silkin, Mr. Skeffington, Lodge, Mr. Symonds, Mr. Teeling, Mr. Vane and Mr. Watkins.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Beechman, Mr. Richard Butler and Air Commodore Harvey; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Asheton, Sir Cuthbert Headlam and Mr. Renton.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Superannuation Bill): Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. Brook, Mr. William Brown, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Cove, Captain Crowder, Mr. Dodds, Parker, Mr. Dower, Mr. Gammans, Mr. Hall, Sir Patrick Hannon, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Lee, Major Legge-Bourke, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Morley, Mr. Odey, Mr. Piratin, Mr. Skeffington, Mr. Charles Smith, Mr. Stamford, Mr. Peter Thornewycroft, Sir Wavell Wakefield, Mr. Harry Wallace, Mr. West, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Willis.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. Price; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Perrins.

Colonel Ropner reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Legal Aid and Advice Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.
Mrs. Paton reported from Standing Committee E, that they had gone through the Adoption Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 24th day of June next; and be printed.

No. 126.

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 Wireless Telegraphy Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wireless Telegraphy Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Wireless Telegraphy Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wireless Telegraphy Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Business of the House (Supply).

Ordered, That the day Business other than Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock. (Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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

(Civil Estimates, 1949-50.)

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 Meat Situation and Food Production for the year ending on the 31st March, 1950, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

| Class IX, Vote 2, Ministry of Food | £ 10 |
| Class VI, Vote 9, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services) | 10 |
| Class VI, Vote 21, Department of Agriculture for Scotland (Food Production Services) | 10 |
| Class VI, Vote 8, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries | 10 |
| Class VI, Vote 20, Department of Agriculture for Scotland | 10 |
| Total | £50 |

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class IX, Vote 2, Ministry of Food, be reduced by £5.—(Captain Crookshank.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Yeas, [Mr. Drewe: 185.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, Noes, [Mr. Bowden: 247.]

Original Question again proposed.

And it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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.
Local Government Superannuation (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Lanarkshire 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.

Cinematograph Films.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford, on the 25th day of January 1949, 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,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th April 1949, entitled the National Film Finance Corporation Regulations, 1949.

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

Supplies and Services (Matches).

Copy of an Order, dated 6th April 1949, entitled the Miscellaneous Goods (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1949.

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,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Sedgley 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.

Education.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Remand Homes) Scheme, 1949.

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

London Traffic.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 5th April 1949, entitled—

1. The London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 9) Regulations, 1949, and the enactments relating to the allowances of drawback in respect of blended tea prepared from teas on which customs duties have been paid shall extend to blended tea prepared wholly or partly from teas in respect of which the duty chargeable under this Resolution has been paid.

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

Financial Statement (1949-50).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Statement of Revenue and Expenditure as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget. (Mr. Hall.)

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

Mr. Hall accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Scottish Standing Committee.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration on Tuesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Tea (Customs).

1. Motion made, That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the duties of customs heretofore chargeable on tea imported into the United Kingdom shall cease to be chargeable, but in lieu thereof there shall, in the case of tea imported into the United Kingdom and not being an Empire product within the meaning of subsection (1) of section eight of the Finance Act, 1919, as amended by any subsequent enactment, be charged a duty of customs at the rate of two pence the pound; and the enactments relating to the allowances of drawback in respect of blended tea prepared from teas on which customs duties have been paid shall extend to blended tea prepared wholly or partly from teas in respect of which the duty chargeable under this Resolution has been paid.

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 Motions and 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.

Beer (Excise).

2. Motion made, That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the rates of the duty of excise charged on beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, and of the excise drawback allowed in respect of beer under that section shall be amended by subtracting twenty-one shillings from each of the rates specified in the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1948, except any rate so specified for additional degrees of specific gravity in excess of 1,027 degrees:

Provided that this Resolution shall not apply to reduce any drawback in respect of beer as to which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty was paid at the rate in force before the said seventh day of April.

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.

Beer (Customs).

3. Motion made, That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the rates of the duties of customs charged on beer under section one of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1939, and of the customs drawback allowed in respect of beer under that section shall be amended by subtracting
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Provided that this Resolution shall not apply to reduce any drawback in respect of beer as to which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty was paid at the rate in force before the said seventh day of April.

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.

Continuation of customs duty on Hops, &c., and additional customs duty on Beer.

4. Motion made, That the period for which the following duties of customs are chargeable (which expires on the fifteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-nine) shall be extended by four years, namely:
(a) the duties now chargeable by virtue of subsection one of the Finance Act, 1945, on hops, hop oil and extracts, essences or other similar preparations made from hops; and
(b) the additional duty now chargeable in respect of beer by virtue of that subsection.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Wines (Customs).

5. Motion made, That—
(a) as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, in lieu of the duties of customs theretofore chargeable on wines, there shall be (subject to paragraph (b) hereof) be charged on wines imported into the United Kingdom duties of customs at the rates set out in the following Table, the rates specified in the second column thereof applying to wines which are non-Empire products, and those specified in the third column thereof to wines which are:

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(c) in this Resolution the expression "Empire product" has the same meaning as in subsection (1) of section eight of the Finance Act, 1919, as amended by any subsequent enactment, the expression "light wine" means wine not exceeding 25 degrees or, in the case of wine being an Empire product, 27 degrees of proof spirit, the expression "Ottawa agreement" means an agreement scheduled to the Ottawa Agreements Act, 1932, as for the time being varied by mutual consent, and the expression "wine" includes the lees of wine.

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.

Sweets (Excise).

6. Motion made, That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, 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:

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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.

7. Motion made, That, as from five o’clock in the evening of the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the following provisions shall have effect with respect to the duties of customs on sugar, molasses and glucose:
(a) Subject to paragraph (b) hereof, the rates of duty and of the preferential reduction for goods which are Empire products within the meaning of subsection (1) of section eight of the Finance Act, 1919, as amended by any subsequent enactment, shall be the rates directed by section four of the Finance Act, 1928, and for the purposes of section seven of the Finance Act, 1926 (which provides for stabilising imperial preference as at the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-six), those rates shall be deemed to have been in force immediately before that day:
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(b) The rates of duty for certificated colonial sugar (that is to say sugar to which proviso (a) of subsection (1) of section one of the Finance Act, 1934, applies) shall be those directed by that proviso, and any certificate issued under that section, whether before or after the passing of this Resolution, shall have effect accordingly;

(c) Except in the case of goods as to which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty was paid at the rates theretofore in force, the rates of any drawback of duty under section four of the said Act of 1928 shall be the rates directed by that section as amended (in relation to certificated colonial sugar) by proviso (b) to subsection (1) of section one of the said Act of 1934.

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.

Sugar, &c. (Excise).

8. Motion made, That, as from five o'clock in the evening of the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, there shall be charged on matches, in lieu of the duties of excise theretofore chargeable thereon, the following duties of excise, that is to say:—

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and so in proportion for any less number of containers.

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.

Matches (Excise).

9. Motion made, That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the following duties of customs, that is to say:—

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of Customs and Excise to be constructed solely for the purpose of igniting gas for domestic use, at the rate of four shillings.

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.

Entertainments Duty (Extension of relief for rural entertainments).

13. Motion made, That, as respects payments for admission to entertainments held on or after the ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the exemption from entertainments duty conferred by section seventeen of the Finance Act, 1948, shall be extended by the substitution in subsection (1) of that section for the words "a population not exceeding sixty-four to the square mile" of the words "a population not exceeding six hundred and forty to the square mile."

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.

Increase in Pool Betting Duty.

14. Motion made, That the amount of the pool betting duty on any bet made (whether before or after the passing of this Resolution) by reference to an event taking place on or after the ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, shall be half as much again as if this Resolution had not been passed, except in the case of a bet exempted under section fourteen of the Finance Act, 1948, from the increase under that section as being made by means of a totalisator set up on a dog racecourse.

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.

Excise licences for appraisers, auctioneers, house agents and plate dealers.

15. Motion made, That excise licences for appraisers, auctioneers, house agents and dealers in plate, and the duties thereon, be abolished as respects any period after the fifth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Excise licences for hawkers, moneylenders, pawnbrokers and refreshment houses.

16. Motion made, That the power to levy the duties on excise licences for hawkers, moneylenders, pawnbrokers and refreshment houses shall be transferred to local authorities, and that the annual duty on a licence to keep a refreshment house shall, as from the transfer, be one pound and one shilling in all cases. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.
Borrowing against certain Life Policies.

20. Motion made, That—

(1) where—

(a) under any contract or arrangements, whether made before or after the passing of this Resolution, provision is made for the making to any person, at intervals until the happening of an event or contingency dependent on human life, of payments by way of loan; and

(b) under the contract or arrangements, the loans are secured upon a policy of life assurance which assures moneys payable on the happening of such an event or contingency and need not be repaid until the policy moneys become payable; and

(c) the amount of the moneys payable on the happening of the event or contingency is made by the policy to increase by reference to the length of a period ending on the happening thereof, the payments by way of loan shall be treated for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts as annual payments falling within Case III of Schedule D, or, if they are made to a person residing in the United Kingdom and the contract or arrangements were made outside the United Kingdom, as income from a position outside of the United Kingdom falling within Rule 1 of Case V of Schedule D;

(2) the amount of the moneys payable under a policy of life assurance shall not be deemed for the purposes of this Resolution to be made to increase by reference to the length of a period ending on the happening of an event or contingency dependent on human life by reason only that those moneys are to increase from time to time if profits are made by the persons liable under the policy.

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.

Allowances in respect of Machinery or Plant.

21. Motion made, That it is expedient to authorise such increases in the income tax payable by any person for any year of assessment not earlier than the year 1947-48 as may result from amendments of the law relating to allowances or deductions, or charges, in respect of machinery or plant.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Underwriters' Reserves.

22. Motion made, That it is expedient to make provision as to the consequences for income tax purposes of transfers into and out of special reserve funds constituted in relation to underwriting members of Lloyd's and of certain other associations in accordance with arrangements approved by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Double Taxation Relief.

23. Motion made, That subsection (4) of section fifty-two of the Finance Act, 1945 (which requires any balance of income tax deducted from annual payments payable of dividends affected by double taxation relief to be assessed under Rule 21 of the General Rules and paid over to the Crown) shall have effect and be deemed always to have had effect as if, at the end of that subsection, there were added the following proviso—

"Provided that section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1928 (which enables the amount of an assessment under the said Rule 21 to be allowed in certain cases as a loss for certain purposes) shall not apply for the year 1949-50 or any subsequent year of assessment to any assessment made under the said Rule 21 by virtue of this subsection."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

ESTATE DUTY.

Rates.

24. Motion made, That the scale set out in the following Table shall be substituted for the scale set out in Part I of the Tenth Schedule to the Finance Act, 1946, as the scale of rates of estate duty, and the scale in accordance with which estate duty is to be charged on the agricultural value of agricultural property under section twenty-three of the Finance Act, 1925, shall (instead of being that referred to in that section) be the same scale as applies in other cases with a reduction of forty-five per cent. in each of the rates.

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—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Property abroad.

25. Motion made, That property situate out of Great Britain which passes on a death shall be chargeable with estate duty unless it is shown that the proper law regulating the devolution of the property or the disposition under or by reason of which it passes is the law neither of England nor of Scotland and that, under or by reason of that law, the property is not chargeable for estate duty, or is chargeable for estate duty at a lower rate than that chargeable under the law of England, Scotland or Northern Ireland—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.
Property settled inalienably.

26. Motion made, That lands and chattels so settled by Act of Parliament or royal grant that no one of the persons successively in possession thereof is capable of alienating the same shall be chargeable with estate duty in the same way as other settled property.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

LAND TAX.

Rates and redemption.

27. Motion made, That—

(a) the amount fixed as that of the land tax attributable to any property for the year ending on the twenty-fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, shall (subject to any provision for apportionment) be the amount chargeable in respect of the property for any subsequent year;

(b) land tax shall be compulsorily redeemable at such times and by such persons as may be provided by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance;

(c) the capital sum to be paid for the redemption (whether compulsory or not) of the land tax on any property shall (subject to any provision for apportionment) be twenty-five times the amount of the tax for the time being chargeable in respect of the property.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Profits Tax.

28. Motion made, That the extent and incidence of the profits tax for past, current and future chargeable accounting periods shall be varied so as to give effect to provisions amending the law applicable to income tax allowances or deductions, or charges, in respect of machinery or plant, and to provisions as to the liability to the profits tax of persons, being underwriting members of Lloyd’s or of certain other associations, who elect to take advantage of arrangements approved by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue as to special reserve funds.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

The Special Contribution.

29. Motion made, that Part V of the Finance Act, 1948, shall extend, and be deemed always to have extended, to Northern Ireland.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Settlement of Appeals and Claims.

30. Motion made, That any agreement, whether made before or after the passing of this Resolution, as to the way in which an appeal against an assessment to, or determination with respect to, income tax other than surtax, surtax, the profits tax, excess profits tax or the special contribution, or as to the way in which a claim for relief from excess profits tax, ought to be dealt with, and any withdrawal of any such appeal or claim, shall operate in the same way as a determination to the same effect by the Commissioners or other body having jurisdiction to hear the appeal or determine the claim.—(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 (other than purchase tax), 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. 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Snow.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 6th April, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Touche Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Bill.

[No. 97.]

Thursday, 7th April, 1949.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Clyde Navigation (Superannuation) Clyde Navigation (Superannuation) 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. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 4th day of November 1948, on stock issued by the British Transport Commission under the Transport Act, 1947.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 24th day of March 1949, 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, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Police Conditions of Service (Part I).

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Majesty the King of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at London on the 30th day of March 1949 (This Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty).

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 7th April 1949, entitled—

(1) the Canned Fruit and Vegetables (Amendment) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Preserves (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

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 7th April 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills, That for the convenience of the Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Special Roads Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Mr. Joseph Henderson reported from the Committee on Superannuation [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to the superannuation and other benefits payable to and in respect of certain persons and to authorise the payment of allowances and gratuities to and in respect of other persons who are injured or contract diseases while employed for the purposes of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) any pension, allowance, gratuity or return of contributions, with or without interest, which is payable under or by virtue of any of the provisions of that Act; and

(ii) any increase attributable to any of the provisions of that Act in the sums which, under any other Act, are payable out of moneys so provided; and

(iii) any administrative expenses incurred by any Government department attributable to the passing of this Act, so, however, that no greater amount shall be paid in any case under the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1920 and 1924, or the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1944 and 1947, than would have fallen to be paid in that case if the said Act of the present Session had not passed; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any contributions payable under the said Act of the present Session.

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

Mr. Joseph Henderson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 9th day of March last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Superannuation (Income Tax on Contributions).

That no relief shall be given under section thirty-two of the Income Tax Act, 1918, or any other provision of the Income Tax Acts providing for relief for income tax purposes, in respect of contributions towards the cost of pensions to or for the benefit of the widow, children or dependants of the contributor, being contributions made under any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to the superannuation and other benefits payable to and in respect of persons who serve or have served in the Civil Service of the State or in service to which the Superannuation (Various Services) Act, 1938, applies and for certain other purposes.

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

Mr. Joseph Henderson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 30th day of March last, several Resolutions which were read, as follow:

Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Certificates and Inspection).

1. That, under any Act of the present Session to enable effect to be given to an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, signed in London on the 10th day of June 1948, to amend the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1948, relating to matters affected by the said Convention and to amend the provisions of those Acts relating to fees,—

(a) such fees as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister of Transport with the approval of the Treasury shall be paid in respect of certificates issued by the said Minister under the said Act of the present Session in respect of any inspection of a ship for the purpose of seeing that she complies with any rules made by the said Minister under the said Act;

(b) for the amount or the maximum amount of the fees payable under any of the enactments of the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1894 to 1948, specified in that behalf in the said Act of the present Session there shall be substituted such amount or maximum amount as may be prescribed by regulations made by the said Minister with the approval of the Treasury.

Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Payment into the Exchequer of Fees and Fines).

2. That there shall be paid into the Exchequer—

(a) all fees received in respect of certificates issued by the Minister of Transport under any Act of the present Session to enable effect to be given to an International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, signed in London on the 10th day of June 1948, and all fees received in respect of any inspection of a ship for the purpose of seeing that she complies with any rules made by the said Minister under the said Act;

(b) all fines payable into the Exchequer by virtue of any provision of the said Act applying to fines under that Act the provisions of subsection (2) of section seven hundred and sixteen of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (which provides for the payment into the Exchequer of fines under the said Act of 1894).

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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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 Coast Protection [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—

Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to the protection of the coast of Great Britain against erosion and encroachment by the sea, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of the expenses of the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State in making grants in respect of expenditure under the said Act of coast protection authorities or otherwise in respect of coast protection work, whether begun before or after the commencement of the said Act;

(b) of the expenses of the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State incurred under the said Act otherwise than in the making of grants, and of the expenses so incurred thereunder of any other Minister or government department;

(c) of any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under Parts I and II of the Local Government Act, 1948, and in the sums payable out of the Road Fund.—(Mr. Bevan.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

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

[No. 99.]

Monday, 11th April, 1949.

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

PRAYERS.

The Teignmouth and Shaldon Bridge Bill Teignmouth and Shaldon Bridge Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered. That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 7th April 1949, entitled—
(1) the North Cumberland Water Board (No. 2) Order, 1949, and
(2) the West Kent Main Sewerage Board (No. 2) Order, 1949.

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

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

Account of the Building Materials and Housing Fund established under sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the Building Materials and Housing Act, 1945, showing receipts and payments during the period ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Trading Account and Balance Sheet of the Fund, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Account showing the Money issued out of the Consolidated Fund and the Expenditure therefrom under the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Dumpleton, Mr. Manningham-Buller, Mr. Raikes, and Mr. Williams, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Keeling, Mr. Ranger and Mr. Henry Strauss.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Superannuation Bill): Mr. Brook and Mr. Willis, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Randall and Mr. Williams.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee E: Mr. Charles Smith, and had appointed in substitution Mr. William Thomas Williams.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee E (added in respect of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Mr. Shawcross, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Watkins, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Daines, Mr. Kenneth Robinson and Mr. Sparks.

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

(Meanwhile 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 (other than purchase tax), 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 four hundred and eighty-five million pounds for the permanent annual charge for the National Debt for the current financial year, instead of the sum of three hundred and fifty-five million pounds; and

(b) of sums required in connection with the redemption, by the transfer of Government stock or otherwise, of the annuities now payable in respect of land tax redeemed but not exonerated.—(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 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. Hannan)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at 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, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 11th April, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Coast Protection Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee C.

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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 Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, viz.:—

Grimsby Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

London County Council (General Powers) Bill.

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

The Hurst Park Race Course 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 University of Nottingham Bill was read a second time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That the Bolton Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the City of London (Various Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (for Services other than those voted by Parliament) in the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Electricity Treasury, on the 1st day of April 1949, on Stock issued by the British Electricity Authority under the Electricity Act, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report as to the Expulsion, Registration, and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of March 1949.

Copy of Draft Rules, entitled the Prison Rules, 1949.

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

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

Account of the Sums issued out of and received from the Consolidated Fund under sub-section (1) of Section 34 and of the Sums received under sub-section (1) of Section 28 of the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, from the National Coal Board in respect of Interest and Repayment of Advances and Recoupment of Crown Expenses and Liabilities, and of the Disposal of those Sums respectively, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the National Land Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 11th April 1949, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Criminal Proceedings), 1949.

Accounts of the Unemployment Fund, showing the Receipts and Payments for the period from the 1st day of April 1947 to the 4th day of July 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Treasury Pensions Account, the Pensions Account and the Pensions (Scotland) Account, and of the Treasury Special Pensions Account, the Special Pensions Account, and the Special Pensions (Scotland) Account, showing the Receipts and Payments during the period from the 1st day of April 1947 to the 4th day of July 1948, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Frank Anderson reported from the Standing Committee E, that they had gone through the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 8th day of July next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from Committee E, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bradford 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.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills; that they had examined the allegations of the West Bromwich Corporation Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. 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 made further progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee F, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, the Minutes of the further Proceedings of the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means into itself 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 (other than purchase tax), and to make further provision in connection with finance.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. George Wallace: 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Piratin: 3.

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

Ordered. That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Mr. Popplewell reported from the Committee on National Parks and Access to the Countryside [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for National Parks and for other matters, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament:

A. Of any expenditure incurred under the said Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") by the Minister of Town and Country Planning—

(i) in defraying expenses incurred under the Act by the National Parks Commission to be established thereunder, and in paying remuneration or allowances to the members, officers and servants of the said Commission;

(ii) in the payment to local authorities of grants up to the maximum amount hereinafter specified in respect of expenditure incurred by them as hereinafter specified;

(iii) in defraying expenditure incurred by local authorities for the purposes of proposals relating to long-distance routes, being proposals approved by the said Minister.

B. Of any expenditure incurred under the Act by the Minister of Town and Country Planning or by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in respect of the acquisition of land and in respect of the management, whether by either of the said Ministers or by other persons, of land acquired under the Act by either of the said Ministers.

C. Of any expenditure incurred under the Act by the Treasury in the payment of grants to the Nature Conservancy.

D. Of any administrative expenditure incurred under the Act by the Minister of Town and Country Planning.

E. Of any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948.

The expenditure referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph A of this Resolution is expenditure incurred by local authorities—

(a) in connection with the exercise, in relation to National Parks, of their powers under the Act of acquiring land, erecting buildings and carrying out work for providing accommodation, meals and refreshments, camping sites and parking places, and for improving waterways, and in connection with the exercise by another authority of powers of carrying out work for improving waterways;

(b) in connection with the exercise, in relation to National Parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty—

(i) of their powers under section twenty-six of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947 (including the purchase of land under section nineteen thereof and the payment of compensation under section twenty thereof), and section twenty-eight thereof and of their powers under the Act of planting trees and shrubs and planting or sowing flowers or grass for the preservation and enhancement of natural beauty, and of restoring and improving the appearance of derelict land, and

(ii) of their powers relating to public access, their powers of providing wardens and (so far as not hereinbefore referred to) their powers of acquiring land;

and the maximum amount of the grants referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph A of this Resolution shall be seventy-five per cent. of the expenditure, so however that in the case of expenditure incurred in connection with the carrying out of work for the improvement of waterways the maximum amount shall be the amount of the expenditure.

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

Mr. Popplewell reported from the Committee on Coast Protection [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to the protection of the coast of Great Britain against erosion and encroachment by the sea, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of the expenses of the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State in making grants in respect of expenditure under the said Act of coast protection authorities or otherwise in respect of coast protection work, whether begun before or after the commencement of the said Act;

(b) of the expenses of the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State incurred under the said Act otherwise than in the making of grants, and of the expenses so incurred thereunder of any other Minister or government department;

(c) of any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under Parts I and II of the Local Government Act, 1948, and in the sums payable out of the Road Fund.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question Gas (Special Order) being proposed, That the Draft of a Special Order be approved, subject to the following addition:

New Clause (For mutual protection of the Company and the Corporation).

For the mutual protection of the Company and the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the city of Worcester (in this section referred to
as "the Corporation") notwithstanding anything contained in this Order the following provisions shall unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Company and the Corporation apply and have effect in the added limits:

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section the Company may alter the position of any apparatus of the Corporation in or under any street which may interfere with the lawful exercise of the powers of the Company under this Order and the Corporation may alter the position of any apparatus of the Company in or under any street which may interfere with the lawful exercise by the Corporation of any powers in relation to that street conferred upon them by virtue of any agreement entered into by them under the Public Health Act 1936 with respect to the supply of water outside the city of Worcester.

(2) Not less than twenty-eight days before commencing any authorised work the Company or the Corporation as the case may be (in this section referred to as "the operators") shall give notice in writing to the other of them (in this section referred to as "the owners") together with a plan section and particulars describing the manner in which it is proposed to execute the authorised work and shall upon being required to do so by the owners give them any such further information in relation thereto as they may desire:

Provided that where it is necessary in emergency to execute an authorised work and the authorised work is not exclusively any such alteration of the position of apparatus as is referred to in subsection (1) of this section the foregoing provisions of this subsection shall not apply but the operators shall give to the owners the longest possible notice of the intended execution of such authorised work together with (when practicable) such a plan section and particulars as aforesaid.

(3) (a) At any time within twenty-one days from the receipt of such plan section and particulars the owners may by notice in writing to the operators intimate their disapproval of the proposed manner of executing the authorised work or make reasonable requirements with respect to such plan section and particulars and if it is reasonably necessary to do so the owners may require the operators to support the apparatus of the owners and to substitute temporarily or otherwise other apparatus in such manner as may be reasonably necessary and to lay or place under any apparatus cement concrete or other like substance (all such works in connection with any apparatus of the owners being hereinafter referred to as "protective works");

(b) If the owners do not within the said period of twenty-one days give any such notice in writing to the operators they shall be deemed to have approved the plan section and particulars as submitted and if within that period the owners give such notice the matters in difference shall (if not agreed between the operators and the owners) be settled by arbitration;

(4) The operators shall not execute any authorised work except in accordance with the said plan section and particulars as approved by the owners or settled by arbitration.

(5) Every authorised work and all protective works shall save as hereinafter provided be executed or done by and at the expense of the operators but to the satisfaction and under the superintendence (if after reasonable notice in writing to the owners such superintendence shall be given) of the engineer of the owners and the reasonable costs charges and expenses of such superintendence of the engineer of the owners shall be paid by the operators;

(6) Not less than fourteen days before commencing the execution of any authorised work the operators shall give to the owners notice in writing of the time at which they intend so to commence and if at any time within seven days after the receipt of such notice the owners give to the operators notice in writing that they intend themselves to execute any alteration of their apparatus shown on the said plan and section and described in the said particulars or any protective works which may have been agreed or settled by arbitration as aforesaid the owners and not the operators shall proceed with all reasonable dispatch to execute such alteration in accordance with the said plan section and particulars as approved or settled by arbitration or (as the case may be) such protective works and the reasonable expenses incurred by them in so doing shall be repaid to them by the operators;

(7) If any interruption in the supply of gas or water (as the case may be) by means of any apparatus of the owners or any loss of gas or water of the owners shall without the written authority of the owners be in any way occasioned either by reason of the execution of any authorised work or by the act or default of the operators or of their contractors or agents or the workmen or servants or any person in the employ of them or any or either of them in connection with the execution of such work the operators shall pay to the owners reasonable compensation for such loss and shall indemnify the owners against all claims demands proceedings costs losses damages and expenses which may be made or taken against the owners or which the owners may incur consequent upon such interruption;

(8) The reasonable expense of all repairs or renewals of any apparatus of the owners which may be rendered necessary by reason or in consequence of—

(a) the execution of any authorised work or the act or default of the operators or their contractors or agents or the workmen or servants or any person in the employ of them or any or either
of them in connection with the execution of such work; or
(b) any subsidence resulting from the execution of any authorised work whether during the execution or within twelve months after the completion of such work; shall be borne by the operators and paid by them to the owners;

(9) If the operators make default in complying with any requirements of this section they shall make full compensation to the owners for any loss, damage, penalty or costs which they may incur by reason of such default;

(10) Any difference which may arise between the Company and the Corporation under this section shall be referred to and determined by a single arbitrator to be agreed upon between the parties or failing agreement appointed on the application of either of the parties (after notice in writing to the other of them) by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers and subject as aforesaid the provisions of the Arbitration Acts, 1889 to 1934, shall apply to any such reference and determination;

(11) In settling any question under this section an arbitrator shall have regard to any duties or obligations which the owners may be under in respect of their apparatus and may if he thinks fit require the operators to execute any temporary or other works so as to avoid interference so far as possible with any purpose for which the apparatus is used;

(12) In this section "apparatus" includes mains pipes valves and works; "street" means any street within the meaning assigned to that word by the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847, in the added limits; "authorised work" means any such alteration of apparatus as is referred to in subsection (1) of this section and any work which the Company or the Corporation as the case may be in the exercise of the powers referred to in subsection (1) of this section may require to execute over under or within three feet of any apparatus of the other—(Mr. Robens);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 8, by inserting, after the word "addition," the words "and modification."—(Mr. Ward.)

And the Question being put, That the words "and modification" be there inserted;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the left.
Tellers for the \{Mr. Ward, Mr. De la Bere;\} 37.
Tellers for the \{Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Wilkins;\} 181.
So it passed in the Negative.
And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That the Draft of a 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 Worcester New Gas Light Company, which was presented on the 15th day of March last and published, be approved, subject to the following addition:—

New Clause (For Mutual Protection of the Company and the Corporation).

For the mutual protection of the Company and the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the city of Worcester (in this section referred to as the Corporation) notwithstanding anything contained in this Order the following provisions shall unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Company and the Corporation apply and have effect in the added limits:—

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section the Company may alter the position of any apparatus of the Corporation in or under any street which may interfere with the lawful exercise of the powers of the Company under this Order and the Corporation may alter the position of any apparatus of the Company in or under any street which may interfere with the lawful exercise by the Corporation of any powers in relation to that street conferred upon them by virtue of any agreement entered into by them under the Public Health Act 1936 with respect to the supply of water outside the city of Worcester.

(2) Not less than twenty-eight days before commencing any authorised work the Company or the Corporation as the case may be (in this section referred to as the operators) shall give notice in writing to the other of them (in this section referred to as the owners) together with a plan section and particulars describing the manner in which it is proposed to execute the authorised work and shall upon being required to do so by the owners give them any such further information in relation thereto as they may desire:

Provided that where it is necessary in emergency to execute an authorised work and the authorised work is not exclusively for the purpose of any such alteration of the position of apparatus as is referred to in subsection (1) of this section the foregoing provisions of this subsection shall not apply but the operators shall give to the owners the longest possible notice of the intended execution of such authorised work together with (when practicable) such a plan section and particulars as aforesaid.

(3) (a) At any time within twenty-one days from the receipt of such plan section and particulars the owners may by notice in writing to the operators intimate their disapproval of the proposed manner of executing the authorised work or make reasonable requirements with respect to such plan section and particulars and if it is reasonably necessary to so do the owners may require the operators to substitute temporarily or otherwise other apparatus in such manner as may be reasonably necessary and to lay or
place under any apparatus cement concrete or other like substance (all such works in connection with any apparatus of the owners being hereinafter referred to as "protective works");

(b) If the owners do not within the said period of twenty-one days give any such notice in writing to the operators they shall be deemed to have approved the plan section and particulars as submitted and if within that period the owners give such notice the matters in difference shall (if not agreed between the operators and the owners) be settled by arbitration;

(4) The operators shall not execute any authorised work except in accordance with the said plan section and particulars as approved by the owners or settled by arbitration.

(5) Every authorised work and all protective works shall save as hereinafter provided be executed or done by and at the expense of the operators but to the satisfaction and under the superintendence of the engineer of the owners and the reasonable costs charges and expenses of such superintendence of the engineer of the owners shall be paid by the operators;

(6) Not less than fourteen days before commencing the execution of any authorised work the operators shall give to the owners notice in writing of the time at which they intend so to commence and if at any time within seven days after the receipt of such notice the owners give to the operators notice in writing that they intend themselves to execute any alteration of their apparatus shown on the said plan section and particulars as submitted or any protective works which may have been agreed or settled by arbitration as aforesaid the owners and not the operators shall proceed with all reasonable dispatch to execute such alteration in accordance with the said plan section and particulars as approved or settled by arbitration or (as the case may be) such protective works and the reasonable expenses incurred by them in so doing shall be repaid to them by the operators;

(7) If any interruption in the supply of gas or water (as the case may be) by means of any apparatus of the owners or any loss of gas or water of the owners shall without the written authority of the owners be in any way occasioned either by reason of the execution of any authorised work or by the act or default of the operators or of their contractors or agents or the workmen or servants or any person in the employ of them or any or either of them in connection with the execution of such work the operators shall pay to the owners reasonable compensation for such loss and shall indemnify the owners against all claims demands proceedings costs losses damages and expenses which may be made or taken against the owners or which the owners may incur consequent upon such interruption;

(8) The reasonable expense of all repairs or renewals of any apparatus of the owners which may be rendered necessary by reason or in consequence of—

(a) the execution of any authorised work or the act or default of the operators or their contractors or agents or the workmen or servants or any person in the employ of them or any or either of them in connection with the execution of such work; or

(b) any subsidence resulting from the execution of any authorised work whether during the execution or within twelve months after the completion of such work;

shall be borne by the operators and paid by them to the owners;

(9) If the operators make default in complying with any requirements of this section they shall make full compensation to the owners for all loss damage penalty or costs which they may incur by reason of such default;

(10) Any difference which may arise between the Company and the Corporation under this section shall be referred to and determined by a single arbitrator to be agreed upon between the parties or failing agreement appointed on the application of either of the parties (after notice in writing to the other of them) by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers and subject as aforesaid the provisions of the Arbitration Acts, 1889 to 1934, shall apply to any such reference and determination;

(11) In settling any question under this section an arbitrator shall have regard to any duties or obligations which the owners may be under in respect of their apparatus and may if he thinks fit require the operators to execute any temporary or other works so as to avoid interference so far as possible with any purpose for which the apparatus is used;

(12) In this section—

"apparatus" includes mains pipes valves and works;

"street" means any street within the meaning assigned to that word by the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847, in the added limits;

"authorised work" means any such alteration of apparatus as is referred to in subsection (1) of this section and any work which the Company or the Corporation as the case may be in the exercise of the powers referred to in subsection (1) of this section may require to execute over under or within three feet of any apparatus of the other.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Local Taxation Returns (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Local Taxation Returns (Scotland) for the year 1944-45.

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

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th April 1949, entitled the Wheat Commission (Scales of Allowances) Regulations, 1949.

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

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

(1) Middlesex Local Authorities’ Superannuation Joint Committee.

(2) West Riding (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee.

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

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Transport Tribunal, for 1948.

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

Mr. Attorney-General presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Final Report of the Committee on County Court Procedure.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor and to Mr. 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 plans referred to in instruments of the class to which the Stopping Up of Highways (London Airport) (No. 1) Order, 1949, belongs.

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

Accounts of the Czecho-Slovak Financial Claims Fund and the Czecho-Slovak Refugee Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the National Health Insurance Fund (England), the Welsh National Health Insurance Fund and the Scottish National Health Insurance Fund, and of Funds under the control of the Joint Committee, for the period from the 1st day of January 1947 to the 4th day of July 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund and of Payments under the War Damage Act, 1943, by the War Damage Commission in respect of war damage or in respect of interest on value payments or on payments under Section 18 of that Act, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Viant reported from the Committee on Private Bills, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 15th day of December last and the 9th day of March last, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April, at Eleven of the clock.

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 A:—Mr. Atterwell; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Attwell.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Bill):—Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Wilson Harris and Mr. Peart; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bechervaise, Mr. Hastings and Sir Arthur Salter.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E:—Mr. Viant; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Paton.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Clerk of the Lords, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 26th day of the instant April, at Eleven of the clock.

The Lords have agreed to the AmendmentsHurston Park Race Course Bill [Lords].
continuation of customs duty on hops, &c., and additional customs duty on beer.

4. that the period for which the following duties of customs are chargeable (which expires on the fifteenth day of august, nineteen hundred and forty-nine) shall be extended by four years, namely:

(a) the duties now chargeable by virtue of subsection (1) of section one of the finance act, 1945, on hops, hop oil and extracts, essences or other similar preparations made from hops; and
(b) the additional duty now chargeable in respect of beer by virtue of that subsection.

5. that:

(a) as from the seventh day of april, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, in lieu of the duties of customs heretofore chargeable on wines, there shall (subject to paragraph (b) hereof) be charged on wines imported into the united kingdom duties of customs at the rates set out in the following table, the rates specified in the second column thereof applying to wines which are not empire products, and those specified in the third column thereof to wines which are:

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by a shilling, but shall revoke the order on being satisfied at any time that the increase does contravene one of those agreements; and those rates shall also be increased by a shilling in the case of light wines produced or manufactured in a country the Government of which is a party to one of the Ottawa agreements at any time when that agreement is not in force;

(c) in this Resolution the expression "Empire product" has the same meaning as in subsection (1) of section eight of the Finance Act, 1919, as amended by any subsequent enactment, the expression "light wine" means wine not exceeding 25 degrees or, in the case of wine being an Empire product, 27 degrees of proof spirit, the expression "Ottawa agreement" means an agreement scheduled to the Ottawa Agreements Act, 1932, as for the time being varied by mutual consent, and the expression "wine" includes the lees of wine.

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 seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, 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:—

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<td>Not exceeding 27 degrees proof spirit—</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.

Sugar, &c. (Excise).

7. That as from five o'clock in the evening of the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the following provisions shall have effect with respect to the duties of customs on sugar, molasses and glucose:—

(a) Subject to paragraph (b) hereof, the rates of duty of and of the preferential reduction for goods which are Empire products within the meaning of subsection (1) of section eight of the Finance Act, 1919, as amended by any subsequent enactment, shall be the rates directed by section four of the Finance Act, 1928, and for the purposes of section seven of the Finance Act, 1926 (which provides for stabilising imperial preference as at the first day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-six), those rates shall be deemed to have been in force immediately before that day;

(b) The rates of duty for certificated colonial sugar (that is to say sugar to which proviso (a) of subsection (1) of section one of the Finance Act, 1934, applies) shall be those directed by that proviso, and any certificate issued under that section, whether before or after the passing of this Resolution, shall have effect accordingly;

(c) Except in the case of goods as to which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty was paid at the rates theretofore in force, the rates of any drawback of duty under section four of the said Act of 1928 shall be the rates directed by that section as amended (in relation to certificated colonial sugar) by proviso (b) to subsection (1) of section one of the said Act of 1934.

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).

8. That, as from five o'clock in the evening of the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the following provisions shall have effect with respect to the duties of excise on sugar, molasses and glucose:—

(a) The rates of duty shall be those directed by section three of the Finance Act, 1932;

(b) Except in the case of goods as to which it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that duty was paid at the rate theretofore in force, the rates of any drawback of duty under section four of the Finance Act, 1928, shall be the rates directed by section four of the Finance Act, 1932.

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.

Matches (Customs).

9. That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, there shall be charged on matches, in lieu of the duties of customs theretofore chargeable thereon, the following duties of customs, that is to say:—

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Matches (Excise).

10. That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, there shall be charged on matches, in lieu of the duties of excise theretofore chargeable thereon, the following duties of excise, that is to say:

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and so in proportion for any less number of containers.

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.

Mechanical Lighters (Excise).

11. That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the duty of customs charged under section six of the Finance Act, 1928, on the importation into the United Kingdom of any mechanical lighter and of any component part of a mechanical lighter other than a flint shall be charged at the rate of seven shillings, or, in the case of a flint, and on every mechanical lighter sent out in an incomplete state from the premises of a manufacturer of mechanical lighters, or which could be made complete by the addition of a flint, and on every mechanical lighter sent out in an incomplete state from the premises of a manufacturer of mechanical lighters, shall be charged at the rate of six shillings, or, in the case of a flint or part shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to be constructed solely for the purpose of igniting gas for domestic use, at the rate of five shillings.

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.

Mechanical Lighters (Customs).

12. That, as from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the duty of excise charged under section six of the Finance Act, 1928, on every mechanical lighter manufactured in the United Kingdom which is complete, or which could be made complete by the addition of a flint, and on every mechanical lighter sent out in an incomplete state from the premises of a manufacturer of mechanical lighters, shall be charged at the rate of six shillings, or, in the case of a lighter shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to be constructed solely for the purpose of igniting gas for domestic use, at the rate of five shillings.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

Entertainments Duty (Extension of relief for rural entertainments).

13. That, as respects payments for admission to entertainments held on or after the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the exemption from entertainments duty conferred by section seventeen of the Finance Act, 1948, shall be extended by the substitution in subsection (1) of that section for the words "a population not exceeding sixty-four to the square mile" of the words "a population not exceeding six hundred and forty to the square mile."

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.

Increase in Pool Betting Duty.

14. That the amount of the pool betting duty (Extension of relief for Pool Betting Duty) in any bet made (whether before or after the passing of this Resolution) by reference to an event taking place on or after the ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, shall be half as much again as if this Resolution had not been passed, except in the case of a bet exempted under section fourteen of the Finance Act, 1948, from the increase under that section as being made by means of a totalsitter set up on a dog racecourse.

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.

Excise licences for appraisers, auctioneers, house agents and plate dealers.

15. That excise licences for appraisers, auctioneers, house agents and dealers in plate, and the duties thereon, be abolished as respects any period after the fifth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Excise licences for hawkers, moneylenders, pawnbrokers and refreshment houses.

16. That the power to levy the duties on excise licences for hawkers, moneylenders, pawnbrokers and refreshment houses shall be transferred to local authorities, and that the annual duty on a licence to keep a refreshment house shall, as from the transfer, be one pound and one shilling in all cases.

INCOME TAX.

Charge of Income Tax.

17. That—
(a) income tax for the year 1949-50 shall be charged at the standard rate of nine shillings in the pound, and, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeds two thousand pounds, at such higher rates in respect of the excess over two thousand pounds as Parliament may hereafter determine;
(b) subject to the provisions of any Act of the present Session relating to War Damage or Superannuation, and to any enactment which has effect only after the end of the year 1948-49, 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 1949-50.

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.
Higher Rates of Income Tax for 1948-49.

18. That income tax for the year 1948-49 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 1947-48.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

Insurance Benefit, &c.

19. That—

(a) subsection (2) of section twenty-seven of the Finance Act, 1946, shall not apply to unemployment benefit, sickness benefit or maternity benefit;

(b) relief under subsection (1) of that section shall not, in the case of a contribution other than an employer's contribution, be given in respect of so much of the contribution as is referable to unemployment benefit, sickness benefit or maternity benefit;

(c) the payments which, under the said subsection (2), are to be charged to income tax under Schedule E shall be deemed for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts (and in particular for the purposes of the Income Tax (Employments) Act, 1943) to be emoluments chargeable under 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.

Borrowing against certain Life Policies.

20. That—

(1) where—

(a) under any contract or arrangements, whether made before or after the passing of this Resolution, provision is made for the making to any person, at intervals until the happening of an event or contingency dependent on human life, of payments by way of loan; and

(b) under the contract or arrangements, the loans are secured upon a policy of life assurance which assures moneys payable on the happening of such an event or contingency and need not be repaid until the policy moneys become payable; and

(c) the amount of the moneys payable on the happening of the event or contingency is made by the policy to increase by reference to the length of a period ending on the happening thereof,

the payments by way of loan shall be treated for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts as annual payments falling within Case III of Schedule D; or, if they are made to a person residing in the United Kingdom and the contract or arrangements were made outside the United Kingdom, as income from a possession out of the United Kingdom falling within Rule 1 of Case V of Schedule D;

(2) the amount of the moneys payable under a policy of life assurance shall not be deemed for the purposes of this Resolution to be made to increase by reference to the length of a period ending on the happening of an event or contingency dependent on human life by reason only that those moneys are to increase from time to time if profits are made by the persons liable under the policy.

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.

Allowances in respect of Machinery or Plant.

21. That it is expedient to authorise such increases in the income tax payable by any person for any year of assessment not earlier than the year 1947-48 as may result from amendments of the law relating to allowances or deductions, or charges, in respect of machinery or plant.

Underwriters' Reserves.

22. That it is expedient to make provision as to the consequences for income tax purposes of transfers into and out of special reserve funds constituted in relation to underwriting members of Lloyd's and of certain other associations in accordance with arrangements approved by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

Double Taxation Relief.

23. That subsection (4) of section fifty-two of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1945 (which requires any balance of income tax deducted from annual payments payable out of dividends affected by double taxation relief to be assessed under Rule 21 of the General Rules and paid over to the Crown) shall have effect and be deemed always to have had effect as if, at the end of that subsection, there were added the following proviso—

"Provided that section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1928 (which enables the amount of an assessment under the said Rule 21 to be allowed in certain cases as a loss for certain purposes) shall not apply for the year 1949-50 or any subsequent year of assessment to any assessment made under the said Rule 21 by virtue of this subsection."

Estate Duty.

Rates.

24. That the scale set out in the following Table shall be substituted for the scale set out in Part I of the Tenth Schedule to the Finance Act, 1946, as the scale of rates of estate duty, and the scale in accordance with which estate duty is to be charged on the agricultural value of agricultural property under section twenty-three of the Finance Act, 1925, shall (instead of being that referred to in that section) be the same scale as applies in other cases with a reduction of forty-five per cent. in each of the rates.
Property


25. That property situate out of Great Britain which passes on a death shall be chargeable with estate duty unless it is shown that the proper law regulating the devolution of the property or the disposition under or by reason of which it passes is the law neither of England nor of Scotland and that any other condition required by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance is satisfied.

Property settled inalienably.

26. That lands and chattels so settled by Act of Parliament or royal grant that no one of the persons successively in possession thereof is capable of alienating the same shall be chargeable with estate duty in the same way as other settled property.

LAND TAX.

Rates and redemption.

27. That—

(a) the amount fixed as that of the land tax attributable to any property for the year ending on the twenty-fourth day of March in the hundred and forty-nine, shall (subject to any provision for apportionment) be the amount chargeable in respect of the property for any subsequent year;

(b) land tax shall be compulsorily redeemable at such times and by such persons as may be provided by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance;

(c) the capital sum to be paid for the redemption (whether compulsory or not) of the land tax on any property shall (subject to any provision for apportionment) be twenty-five times the amount of the tax for the time being chargeable in respect of the property.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Profits Tax.

28. That the extent and incidence of the profits tax for past, current and future chargeable accounting periods shall be varied so as to give effect to provisions extending the law applicable to income tax allowances or deductions, or charges, in respect of machinery or plant, and to provisions as to the liability to the profits tax of persons, being underwriting members of Lloyd's or of certain other associations, who elect to take advantage of arrangements approved by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue as to special reserve funds.

The Special Contribution.

29. That Part V of the Finance Act, 1948, The Special shall extend, and be deemed always to have contributed, to Northern Ireland.

Settlement of Appeals and Claims.

30. That any agreement, whether made before or after the passing of this Resolution, as to the way in which an appeal against an assessment to, or determination with respect to, income tax other than surtax, surtax, the profits tax, excess profits tax or the special contribution, or as to the way in which a claim for relief from excess profits tax, ought to be dealt with, and any withdrawal of any such appeal or claim, shall operate in the same way as a determination to the same effect by the Commissioners or other body having jurisdiction to hear the appeal or determine the claim.

The First Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to S.O. 12, the Resolution was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Second Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to S.O. 12, the Resolution was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Third Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to S.O. 12, the Resolution was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Fourth Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to S.O. 12, the Resolution was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Fifth Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to S.O. 12, the Resolution was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Hanman, Yeas, Mr. Bowden: 369.

Tellers for the Mr. Byers, Noes, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts: 13.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Third Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to S.O. 12, the Resolution was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Fourth Resolution being read a second time:

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The Fifth Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to S.O. 12, the Resolution was resolved in the Affirmative.
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. Hannan, Mr. Bowden\} 380.
Tellers for the \{Mr. Byers, Mr. Wilfrid Roberts\} 20.

So 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and 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 Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Robert Taylor 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 four hundred and eighty-five million pounds for the permanent annual charge for the National Debt for the current financial year, instead of the sum of three hundred and fifty-five million pounds; and

(b) of sums required in connection with the redemption, by the transfer of Government stock or otherwise, of the annuities now payable in respect of land tax redeemed but not exonerated.

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

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 12th day of April, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Amendment of Law.

That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue (other than purchase tax), and to make further provision in connection with finance. 

The said Resolution being read a second time;

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and 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 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. Hall and Mr. Jay do prepare and bring it in.
Mr. Holl 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 (other than Purchase Tax), 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 Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the 7th day of this instant April, was made from the Business Committee relating to the Allocation of Time to the Iron and Steel Bill, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Report;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Bowden: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Brigadier Mackeson, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport: 133.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Chairman of Ways and Means on the 7th day of April 1949 in refusing to order the honourable Member for Norwich to withdraw a charge or accusation, publicly confirmed by the honourable Member, that an honourable Member of the Opposition had been guilty of a lying accusation was wanting in the impartiality required for the discharge of his office—(Mr. Hogg):—It passed in the Negative.

The Housing (Scotland) 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 Housing (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 amend the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1946, and to promote the improvement of housing accommodation in Scotland by authorising the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and of grants by local authorities (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") it is expedient to authorise—

A. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in—

(1) making to a local authority or to a corporation established by an order under section two of the New Towns Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as a "development corporation"), towards the annual loss determined by the Secretary of State to be likely to be incurred by them as a result of giving effect to proposals approved by him for the provision of dwellings by means of the conversion of houses or other buildings or the improvement of dwellings, an annual contribution for twenty years of an amount equal to three-quarters of that loss, or, in the case of a local authority for an area or a development corporation for a new town in the Highlands and Islands, as defined in the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, seven-eighths of that loss;

(2) making to a local authority, towards the expense incurred by them in making to a person other than a local authority a grant in respect of expenses incurred by him for the purposes of the execution of works for the provision of dwellings by means of the conversion of houses or other buildings or the improvement of dwellings, an annual contribution for twenty years of an amount equal to three-quarters, or, in the case of a local authority for any area in the aforesaid Highlands and Islands, seven-eighths of the annual loan charges referable to the amount of the grant;

(3) making to a local authority, in respect of arrangements made by them with a housing association or development corporation for the provision of dwellings by means of the conversion of houses or other buildings or the improvement of dwellings, an annual contribution for twenty years of an amount equal to three-quarters, or, in the case of a local authority for any area in the aforesaid Highlands and Islands, seven-eighths, of the annual loss determined by the local authority, with the approval of the Secretary of State to be likely to be incurred by the association or corporation in carrying out the arrangements;

(4) making to a local authority or the Scottish Special Housing Association, in respect of a house or flat the cost of providing which has been or will be substantially enhanced by expenses attributable to measures taken to preserve the character of the surroundings, an annual contribution, in addition to any contribution payable under the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1944, or the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1946, for a period of sixty years of such amount as the Secretary of State may determine not exceeding, in the case of a local authority, five pounds, or in the case of the said Association, seven pounds ten shillings;
B. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in making—

(1) to a local authority or development corporation, in respect of a new building provided, or a building converted, by them for use as a hostel (as defined by the Act); or,

(2) to a local authority, in respect of a new building provided, or a building converted, by a housing association or development corporation for such use, being a building provided or converted under arrangements made by the local authority under section twenty-six of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935;

an annual contribution for such number of years, not exceeding sixty, and of such amount, not exceeding the sum produced by multiplying seven pounds by the number of bedrooms contained in the building, as the Secretary of State may determine;

C. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in making a grant to a local authority or to the Scottish Special Housing Association in respect of—

(1) the construction of a house or flat by an experimental method, the use for the purposes of experiment of any materials in the construction of a house or flat or the installation in a house or flat, in the course of the construction thereof, of equipment or fittings for those purposes; or

(2) the incorporation or installation in a house or flat, otherwise than in the course of the construction thereof, of materials, equipment or fittings for those purposes;

D. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State attributable to any provisions of the Act empowering him to make contributions in respect of buildings provided or converted for use as hostels (as defined by the Act) which become vested in local authorities;

E. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in reimbursing to a local authority or to the Scottish Special Housing Association or to the Scottish Special Housing Association in respect of—

the sum which would normally be advanced, provided which is attributable to the passing of this Act; and

(2) any increase in the sums payable under section twenty-six of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1935, or under the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1946, out of moneys so provided which is attributable to the removal from the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1946, of references to the working classes; and

G. the payment into the Exchequer of all sums received by the Secretary of State under the Act. (Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 19 agreed to. Schedules Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Hannan).

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 14th April, 1949:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament, an 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 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th April 1949, entitled the Local Loans Stock. 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 13th April 1949, entitled the Local Loans Stock. 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 Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund and the Advances made therefrom to Development Corporations in England and Wales, under the New Towns Act, 1946, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon, and copies of the audited Accounts for periods ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Hall, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Younger and Mr. John Edwards, presented a Bill to provide for the payment to the British Film Institute of grants out of moneys provided by Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April, and to be printed.

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

(Mr. Whiteley);

And it being Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, till Tuesday the 26th day of this instant April, pursuant to the Resolutions of the House yesterday.

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(1) the Gas (Declaration of Calorific Value) Regulations, 1949,
(2) the Gas (Testing) Regulations, 1949,
(3) the Gas (Meter) Regulations, 1949, and
(4) the Gas (Quality) Regulations, 1949.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Accounts of the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Abstract Account of the Receipts of, and Payments by, the Treasury Solicitor in 1948, 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.

Statement showing the Transfers of Property accepted in satisfaction of Death Duties during the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, — Account up to the 31st day of March 1949, of Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given by the Treasury under Section 25 of the Finance Act, 1934.

Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1949 on loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board; also, Account up to the 31st day of March 1949 of the total Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of

(1) the Gas (Financial Years) Regulations, 1949,
(2) the Gas (Pension Scheme) Regulations, 1949,
(3) the Gas (Quality) Regulations, 1949,
(4) the Gas (Stock) Regulations, 1949.

Copies of Regulations, dated 14th April 1949, entitled the Meat (Rationing) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd April 1949, entitled the Meat (Rationing) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1949.

25th April 1949:

Copy of an Order, dated 20th April 1949, entitled the Coal Distribution (Restriction) Direction, 1949.

20th April 1949:


Copies of Warrants, dated 13th April 1949, entitled:
(1) the Inland Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant, 1949, and
(2) the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Amendment (No. 2) Warrant, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th April 1949, entitled the Consumer Rationing (Feats) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Copies of Orders, dated 13th April 1949, entitled:
(1) the Gas (Financial Years) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the Gas (Pension Scheme) Regulations, 1949.

21st April 1949:

Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1949, entitled the Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales) Amending Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th April 1949, entitled the Coffee Essence (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 14th April 1949, entitled the Meat (Rationing) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1949, entitled the Coffee Essence (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Copy of Rules of Court, dated 11th April 1949, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1), 1949.

22nd April 1949:

Copies of Regulations, dated 20th April 1949, entitled:
(1) the National Health Service (General Dental Services and Fees) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the National Health Service (Hospital Endowments Commission Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

23rd April 1949:

Copies of Orders, dated 14th April 1949, entitled the Meat (Maximum Retail Prices) Order, 1949,

(2) dated 14th April 1949, entitled the Meat (Maximum Retail Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949,
(3) dated 20th April 1949, entitled the Meat Products and Canned Meat (Amendment) Order, 1949,
(4) dated 21st April 1949, entitled the Chocolate, Sugar Confectionery and Cocoa Products Order, 1949, and
(5) dated 22nd April 1949, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st April 1949, entitled the Meat (Rationing) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

25th April 1949:

Copy of an Order, dated 20th April 1949, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd April 1949, entitled the Utility Apparel (Infants' and Girls' Wear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd April 1949, entitled the Control of the Cotton Industry (Revocation No. 2) Order, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 14th April 1949, entitled the Agriculture (Compulsory Hiring of Land) Regulations, 1949.

Copies of Regulations, dated 22nd April 1949, entitled:
(1) the Gas (Declaration of Calorific Value) Regulations, 1949,
(2) the Gas (Testing) Regulations, 1949,
(3) the Gas (Meter) Regulations, 1949, and
(4) the Gas (Quality) Regulations, 1949.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command, — Accounts of the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. — Abstract Account of the Receipts of, and Payments by, the Treasury Solicitor in 1948, 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.
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.

Account up to the 31st day of March 1949, 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 Papers relating to the Trade Facilities Acts, 1921 to 1926, and of the Sums paid in or towards repayment of any Sums so issued be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th April 1949, entitled the Delegation of Emergency Powers (Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order made by the Governor of Northern Ireland in Council, on the 12th day of April 1949, entitled the Supreme Court Rules (Northern Ireland) Order in Council, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorial on the Measures agreed by the United Kingdom, United States and French Foreign Ministers on the Programme for Germany (with Annexes), signed at Washington between the 6th and the 8th days of April 1949.

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 Governing Body of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, on the 21st day of January 1949, 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 25th April 1949, entitled the Rubber Footwear Repairs (Maximum Charges) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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

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

(1) Dorking and Leatherhead Superannuation Joint Committee.

(2) South-West Lancashire Superannuation Joint Committee.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order and Direction, dated 22nd April 1949, entitled the Gas (Price and Charges) (Revocation) Order and Direction, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd April Gas. 1949, entitled the Gas (Consultative Council) Regulations, 1949.

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

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Order, dated 25th April 1949, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Rationing) (General Licence) Order, 1949.

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,—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 Petition has been presented against—

(1) the South Sussex Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1949,

(2) the Stopping Up of Highways (London Airport) (No. 1) Order, 1949, and

(3) the Stopping Up of Highways (London Airport) (No. 2) Order, 1949.

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 Receipts and Expenditure of the Royal Courts of Justice for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply [11th allotted Day].

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Mr. Whiteley);—

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assent.

General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "in the opinion of this House it is desirable that a Royal Commission shall be set up to inquire into the present position relative to War Pensions and Allowances and as to their adequacy under prevailing conditions"—(Mr. Bowen)—instead thereof.

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

Mr. Baxter, Member for the County of Middlesex (Wood Green Division), having made use of a grossly disorderly expression, was ordered by Mr. Deputy Speaker to withdraw the same, but he declined to comply with that direction:—Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order (Disorderly Conduct), ordered Mr. Baxter to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's Sitting: And he withdrew accordingly.

And the Question being put; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas:—Mr. George Wallace: 307. Mr. Emrys Roberts: 149.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

Class I.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

Motion made and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £2,289,926, 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 1950, for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments, including additional salary payable to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

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

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
respect of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill: Mr. Awbery, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Blenkinsop, Lieutenant-Commander Brearley, Mr. Callaghan, Professor Gruyffyld, Mr. Guy, Sir Alan Herbert, Mr. Hector Hughes, Mr. Irvine, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Kinley, Mr. Logan, Sir Peter Macdonald, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Moody, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Pearson, Commander Parry, Mr. Rankin, Sir David Robertson, Sir Ronald Ross, Sir Walter Smiles, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Solley, Mr. Spearman, James Thomas, Mr. George Thomas and Mr. George Wallace.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee E: Lieutenant-Commander Hutchison and Commander Maitland; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bower and Sir William Darling.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee E (in respect of the Married Women (Maintenance) Bill): Mrs. Castle, Mr. Chetwynd, Captain Crowder, Mr. Stephen Davies, Mr. De la Bère, Mr. Dimmock, Mr. Drayson, Enroll, Squadron Leader Fleming, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Sir Gifford Fox, Mrs. Gould, Mr. Granville, Dr. Guest, Sir Stanley Holmes, Mr. Hector Hughes, Mr. Asterley Jones, Mr. Lipson, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipson, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Monslow, Mrs. Nichol, Major Ramsey, Mr. Royle, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Solley, Mr. Turner-Samuels, Mr. Wilkes, Mr. Frederick Willey and Mr. Younger.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee E (in respect of the Baiting of Animals Bill): Mr. Barton, Mr. Bing, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Peter Freeman, Mrs. Gould, Mr. Granville, Mr. Hale, Brigadier Head, Mr. James Hudson, Wing Commander Hubert, Mr. Jennings, Lieutenant-Colonel Kingsmill, Mr. Martin Lindsay, Mr. Lipson, Mr. Low, Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Mr. McKie, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Percy Morris, Mr. Neal, Mr. Paget, Mr. Paton, Mr. Shurmer, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Viant, Mr. Frederick Willey and Mr. Younger.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee E (in respect of the Analgesia in Childbirth Bill): Sir Richard Acland, Mr. Blenkinsop, Major Bruce, Mr. Byers, Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Cullen, Viscountess Davidson, Colonel Gomme-Dunca, Mrs. Gould, Dr. Guest, Mr. Hector Hughes, Mr. Lipson, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Manning, Brigadier Medlicott, Mr. Monslow, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Nield, Mr. Price-White, Mr. Richards, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Royle, Dr. Segal, Colonel Stoddart-Scott, Mr. David Thomas, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, Mr. Turner-Samuels, Sir Wavell Wakefield and Mr. Ward.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Scottish Standing Committee E (in respect of the Housing (Scotland) Bill): Mr. Bechervaise, Dr. Broughton, Mr. Herbert Butler, Mr. Delargy, Mr. Albert Evans, Mr. Grierson, Mr. David Griffiths, Mr. Lever, Mr. McKay, Mr. Edward Mallalieu, Mr. Ranger, Mr. Kenneth Robinson, Mr. Scott-Elliot, Mr. Weitzman and Mr. William Williams.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Iron and Steel Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (General duty of the Corporation)—(Mr. George Strauss); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause in § 1, by inserting, after the word "powers," the words "and of each subsidiary of the Corporation so to act."—(Mr. Peake.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Clause:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Brigadier Mackeson: 146.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bowden: 298.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in § 1. 9, by leaving out paragraph (b), and inserting the words—

"(b) to secure that in relation to the home market no undue preference is shown or unfair discrimination exercised by the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation in favour of or against any consumer or class of consumers in the supply or price of any products produced by the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation"—(Mr. Lyttelton), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Bowden:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Bowden:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Appointment of consumers' council and committees)—(Mr. George Strauss); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Lyttelton rose in his place and claimed Closure to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.
Then the House resumed the Debate.
And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Establishment of Iron and Steel Prices Board) (Mr. Lyttelton); 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 it being Eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders made upon the 25th day of November last and the 13th day of this instant April, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Major Conant, 158.
Colonel Wheatley:

Tellers for the Mr. Collindridge, 320.
Mr. Wilkins:

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on an Amendment moved by the Government of which notice had been given to that part of the Bill to be concluded at Eight of the clock at this day's Sitting.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 3, 1. 19, by leaving out subsections (1) and (2), and inserting the words:

"(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Corporation shall have power—
(a) to hold such interests in companies as vest in them under Part II of this Act, and to acquire by agreement and to hold interests in any company, whose activities, including the activities of any subsidiary of the company, consist wholly or mainly of activities which any publicly-owned company (as defined in section fifty-eight of this Act) is immediately before the formation of the company, was authorised, by its memorandum of association or, as the case may be, by its charter of incorporation or other charter, to carry on;
(b) to form, or take part in forming, any company for the sole or main purpose of the carrying on by the company of any activities which any publicly-owned company is immediately before the formation of the new company so authorised to carry on, or of the exercise by the new company of any powers conferred on the Corporation by the following provisions of this section, or of the acquisition and holding by the new company of such interests in other companies as the Corporation have power to acquire and hold; and
(c) to exercise all rights conferred by the holding of interests in companies:
Provided that—
(i) the Corporation shall not, without the consent in writing of the Minister, exercise their powers under this subsection so as to bring any company into public ownership or form a publicly-owned company, if the consequence thereof would be to increase the sum of the activities which the publicly-owned companies are authorised as aforesaid to carry on;
(ii) nothing in this subsection shall prejudice the powers of investment conferred on the Corporation by Part IV of this Act.
(2) The Corporation shall have power—
(a) to conduct research into any matters affecting the activities which any publicly-owned company is for the time being authorised as aforesaid to carry on, and to assist others persons conducting such research;
(b) to provide for the publicly-owned companies, or for any group of such companies, any services which in the opinion of the Corporation can conveniently be provided as common services for those companies or that group thereof.
(3) The Corporation shall have power, with the consent in writing of the Minister, to carry on any other activities which, at the time when the consent is given, any publicly-owned company is authorised as aforesaid to carry on”—(Mr. Harold Macmillan),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill:—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in 1. 9, by leaving out from the word “activities” to the end of 1. 15, and inserting the words “specified in the first column of the Second Schedule to this Act”—(Mr. Harold Macmillan),—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, 323.
Mr. George Wallace:

Tellers for the Commander Agnew, 164.
Mr. Studholme:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment in 1. 32, by leaving out from the word “not” to the word “exercise” in 1. 33.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in 1. 58, by leaving out subsection (3).—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)
Questions put forthwith, pursuant to Orders.

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

And it being Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Orders made upon the 25th day of November last and the 13th day of this instant April, to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the Amendment proposed to be made to the Bill.

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, Mr. George Wallace:]
Yea, 329.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Colonel Wheatley:]
No, 162.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker then proceeded successively to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given to that part of the Bill to be concluded at Ten of the clock at this day's Sitting.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Snow.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

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.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 28th April, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Colonel Ropner Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Married Women (Maintenance) Bill and Sir Basil Neven-Spence Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Housing (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 105.]

Thursday, 28th April, 1949.

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

PRAYERS.

TREATY SERIES (No. 27, 1949).

Mr. Secretary Bevin, presented, by His Majesty's Command, a Treaty Series (No. 27, 1949).

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of an Instrument, dated 26th April 1949, entitled the Hereford (Barbers' and Hairdressers’ Shops Closing Order, 1948, Confirmation Instrument, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1949, entitled the Crosby Litherland and Waterloo Joint Cemetery Board Order, 1949.

Copy of an Instrument, dated 26th April 1949, entitled the Hereford (Barbers’ and Hairdressers’ Shops Closing Order, 1948, Confirmation Instrument, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1949, entitled the Hereford (Barbers’ and Hairdressers’ Shops Closing Order, 1948, Confirmation Instrument, 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next, at Seven of the clock.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State under the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Acts, 1905 and 1924: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Bill to consolidate certain Provisional Orders made by one of His Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State under the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Acts, 1905 and 1924: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, an Account up to and including the 31st day of March 1949, 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, an Account up to and including the 31st day of March 1949, 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 Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Statement of Pensions, &c., granted under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1947, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Statement of Pensions, &c., granted under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1947, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

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 25th April 1949, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries (Scotland) Order, 1949.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th April 1949, entitled the Gas (Richard Thomas & Baldwins Limited) Order, 1949.


Copy of an Order, dated 27th April 1949, entitled the Motor Fuel (Standard Ration) Order, 1949.

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 1948, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Provisions of the Halifax 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.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills, That the Committee, having previously appointed the British Transport Commission Bill for consideration on Tuesday next, had adjourned till that day at Eleven of the clock, there being no other business before them.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E (added in respect of the Married Women (Maintenance) Bill): Mr. Solley; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Julius Silverman.

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 facilitate the preparation of Bills for the purpose of consolidating the enactments relating to any subject; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) 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, proceeded to take into further consideration the Iron and Steel Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 22, by leaving out Clause No. 5.—[Mr. Lyttelton.]

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

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

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Richard Adams: 300.}

Tellers for the Noes, { Major Conant: 149.}

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. 7, l. 28, by leaving out Clause No. 7.—[Mr. Lloyd.]

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word "any" in l. 29, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Joseph Henderson: 313.}

Tellers for the Noes, { Brigadier Mackeson: 154.}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders made upon the 25th day of November last, and the 13th day of this instant April, successively to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by the Governments of which notice had been given to that part of the Bill to be concluded at half an hour after Five of the clock at this day's Sitting.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 28, by leaving out from the word "of" to the word "or" in l. 29, and inserting the words "January, nineteen hundred and fifty-one"—[Mr. Lyttelton.]

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Wilkins: 154.}

Tellers for the Noes, { Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport: 155.}

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Yeas and Noes were reported, and ordered to be printed.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the purpose of consolidating the enactments relating to any subject; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 10, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " and any person who is for the time being entitled to the principal of the loan or any part thereof may by notice given in writing to the Company, within a period of twelve months from the date of transfer require repayment of the loan within a period of twenty-one days from the date of the notice and thereupon the loan shall be repayable within that period of twenty-one days together with interest (if any is payable on the loan) accruing up to the date of repayment."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 25, by leaving out the words " on or. "—(Mr. Lloyd.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words " on or " stand part of the Bill;

And it being Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders made upon the 25th day of November last, and the 13th day of this instant April, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That the words " on or " stand part of the Bill;

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, 322.

Yea's, [Mr. George Wallace 155.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, 155.

Noes, [Major Conant:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forth with the Question on an Amendment moved by the Government of which notice had been given to that part of the Bill to be concluded at Ten of the clock at this day's Sitting.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Snow.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Draft of a 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 Royal Burgh of Kirkcaldy, which was presented on the 22nd day of March last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

Resolved, That the Draft of a 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 Alfred Gas Company, which was presented on the 17th day of March last and published, be approved.—(Mr. Robens.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Commonwealth Telegraphs (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to give effect to certain provisions of an agreement for promoting and co-ordinating the efficiency and development of the external telegraph services of the Commonwealth (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient—

(1) to—

(a) authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding in the whole four million pounds, as may be required by the Postmaster General for the purpose of making to Cable and Wireless Limited payments in consideration of the transfer to him of property owned by that Company;

(b) authorise the Treasury to borrow, by means of terminable annuities, for the purpose of providing money for sums so authorised to be issued or of repaying to the Consolidated Fund all or any part of the sums so issued and authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums so borrowed;

(c) 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;

(2) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums payable by the Postmaster General by way of contribution towards the expenses of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Board established under the Act;

(b) any sums payable by the Postmaster General by virtue of regulations made under the Act with respect to the payment of pensions, being sums payable—

(i) for making good a deficiency arising in a pension fund held for the purposes of a pension scheme established under or by virtue of the regulations or any of the existing pension schemes as defined by the Act, or for or towards preventing a deficiency from so arising;

(ii) by way of the making of contributions under any such pension scheme as aforesaid in respect of persons who enter the Civil Service of the State, being persons who have pension rights under any of the existing pension schemes as defined by the Act or persons other than as aforesaid who are or have been in the employment of Cable and Wireless Limited;

(iii) by way of supplementing pensions payable, by virtue of any such scheme as is mentioned in head (i) of this sub-paragraph, to or in respect of such persons;

(iv) by way of the making of payments to or in respect of any of such persons who had expectations of the accruer of pensions to or in respect of them in accordance with customary practices of their previous employers; and

any increase attributable to any such regulations as aforesaid in the sums payable under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1946, out of moneys provided by Parliament;

(c) any sums payable by the Postmaster General by virtue of regulations made under the Act with respect to the payment of compensation to persons who, on such date before the passing of the Act as may be specified in the regulations, were employed whole-time as officers or servants (but not directors) of Cable and Wireless Limited, being—

(i) persons who suffer loss of employment in consequence of the giving of effect to clause 5 of the said agreement by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom; or

(ii) persons who suffer diminution of emoluments or pension rights in consequence of their entering the Civil Service of the State as a result of effect's being given as aforesaid to that Clause; and

(d) fees and allowances to any referee or board of referees appointed under the Act by the Minister of Labour and National Service to decide questions relating to pension rights or compensation, and allowances to witnesses appearing before any such referee or board.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Commonwealth Telegraphs Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Provisions as to pensions of employees of the operating company and certain other persons).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 33, to leave out the words "to him."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question. That the words "to him" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words—

"In all cases where it is decided that the said result has not been secured by any regulations made under this section, the referee or board of referees making such decision shall have power to direct that the Postmaster General shall make such payment towards the costs incurred by the parties to the dispute as the referee or board of referees shall think fit. Any such payment made by the Postmaster General shall be treated as a payment which may be deducted from the gross revenue of the Post Office before that revenue is paid into the Exchequer."—(Mr. Grimston.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Compensation to employees of the operating company).
Amendment proposed, in p. 9, 1, 26, to leave out the words "have power exercisable."—(Mr. Grimston.)

Question, That the words "have power exercisable" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 8 to 10 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill. A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Hall, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1, 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

“(4) Nothing in the said Regulations or Order shall prohibit before the first day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, milk which has been treated by heat at one licensed establishment from being bottled at another licensed establishment.”—(Captain Crookshank.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—

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

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, 1, 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

“(4) The provisions of section eighty-three of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, shall not apply to any proceedings under section eight of this Act if the breach of condition was in connection with milk sold to the defendant.”—(Mr. Baldwin.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—

Mr. Joseph Henderson;—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.

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

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

[No. 107.]


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

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the West Bromwich Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The following Papers, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House, were delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 30th day of April last, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copies of Orders, dated 29th April 1949, entitled—

(1) the Imported Hardwood Prices (Amendment) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Veneer Prices (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to Metropolitan Police District.

Accounts of the Metropolitan Police Fund, showing the Sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police and Police Courts between the 1st day of April 1948 and the 31st day of March 1949 and the Receipts and Payments of the Metropolitan Police District.
Political Loan Account from the 1st day of April 1935 to the 31st day of March 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an International Wheat Agreement, signed at Washington on the 23rd day of March 1949 (This Agreement has not yet been accepted by His Majesty's Government).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Athens, on the 21st day of March 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Greece, further modifying the Agreement of the 26th day of November 1945, regarding Air Services in Europe.

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 of the Income derived from the Lands and other Property held for the benefit of Greenwich Hospital, and the Foundation of Samuel Travers, Esquire, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, 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 Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules for the government, management and regulation of air force prisons, detention barracks and corrective establishments, made on the 29th day of April 1949 by the Secretary of State for Air under Section 132 of the Air Force Act.

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

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 29th April 1949, entitled—

(1) the Diplomatic Privileges (Food and Agriculture Organisation) Order in Council, 1949,

(2) the Diplomatic Privileges (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation) Order in Council, 1949, and


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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor and to Mr. 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 plans referred to in Instruments of the class to which the Stopping Up of Highways (Buckinghamshire) (No. 1) Order, 1949, belongs.

Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee), and

Questions put forthwith, pursuant to Orders.
to the Orders made upon the 25th day of November last and the 13th day of April last, successively to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given to that part of the Bill to be concluded at half an hour after Five of the clock at this day's Sitting.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 35, l. 10, by leaving out from the word “fit,” to the word “conditions,” in line 11, and inserting the words “not being terms or”—(Mr. Lyttelton)—instead thereof.

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

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Snow, Miss George Wallace: 263.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant: 128.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 35, l. 13, by inserting, after the word “force,” the words “so however that the period shall not be less than such as is reasonable in relation to the capital expenditure involved.”—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 133.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant: 134.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 35, l. 15, by inserting, after the word “on,” the words “to an output in any year of a quantity specified in the licence not being less than double the quantity specified in relation to that activity in the second column of the Second Schedule to this Act.”—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Digby:
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 265.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 35, l. 20, by leaving out from the beginning, to the end of l. 21.—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

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

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 285.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant: 140.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee), and to the Orders made upon the 25th day of November last and the 13th day of April last, successively to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given to that part of the Bill to be concluded at Ten of the clock at this day’s Sitting.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Popplewell reported from the Committee on Housing (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1946, and to promote the improvement of housing accommodation in Scotland by authorising the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and of grants by local authorities (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) it is expedient to authorise—

A. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in—

(1) making to a local authority or to a corporation established by an order under section two of the New Towns Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as a “development corporation”), towards the annual loss determined by the Secretary of State to be likely to be incurred by them as a result of giving effect to proposals approved by him for the provision of dwellings by means of the conversion of houses or other buildings or the improvement of dwellings, an annual contribution for twenty years of an amount equal to three-quarters of that loss, or, in the case of a local authority for an area a development corporation for a new town in the Highlands and Islands, as defined in the Housing (Agricultural Population) (Scotland) Act, 1938, seven-eighths of that loss;

(2) making to a local authority, towards the expense incurred by them in making to a person other than a local authority a grant in respect of expenses incurred by him for the purposes of the execution of works for the provision of dwellings by means of the conversion of houses or other
buildings or the improvement of dwellings, an annual contribution for twenty years of an amount equal to three-quarters, or, in the case of a local authority or the Scottish Special Housing Secretary of State in making a grant to a local authority not more than one-half of any loss sustained by them under a guarantee given by them for the repayment of advances made to its members by a society incorporated under the Building Societies Acts, 1874 to 1939, or the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1928, for the building or acquisition of houses or flats, being a guarantee as to which the Secretary of State is satisfied that the liability of the local authority thereunder cannot be greater than two-thirds of the principal of, and interest on, the amount by which the sum to be advanced by the society exceeds the sum which would normally be advanced by it without the guarantee;

E. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in reimbursing to a local authority not more than one-half of any loss sustained by them under a guarantee given by them for the repayment of advances made to its members by a society incorporated under the Building Societies Acts, 1874 to 1939, or the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1928, for the building or acquisition of houses or flats, being a guarantee as to which the Secretary of State is satisfied that the liability of the local authority thereunder cannot be greater than two-thirds of the principal of, and interest on, the amount by which the sum to be advanced by the society exceeds the sum which would normally be advanced by it without the guarantee;

F. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State attributable to any provision of the Act empowering him to make contributions in respect of buildings provided or converted for use as hostels (as defined by the Act) which become vested in local authorities;

G. the payment into the Exchequer of all sums received by the Secretary of State under the Act.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question 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. 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.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:

Ashdown Forest Bill.

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

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Argentina) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sweden) Order, 1949.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 25th day of April 1949, on stock issued by the British Transport Commission under the Transport Act, 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 the Governments of the United Kingdom, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United States of America for the Establishment of an International Authority for the Ruhr (with Annex), signed at London on the 28th day of April 1949.

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Review of Industry and Employment in Scotland in 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 8th day of February 1949, amending the Statutes of the University.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Summary of Financial Returns made to the Minister of Health of the Income and Expenditure of Local Authorities in England and Wales for the year ended the 31st day of March 1947.

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

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd May 1949, entitled the Education (Local Education Authorities) Amending Grant Regulations No. 2, 1949.

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

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Statutory Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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 passed a Bill, intituled, Royal Holloway and Albert School Bill [Lords].

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

The Royal Holloway College Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Royal Alexandra and Albert School Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Bevan, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Attorney-General, presented a Bill to recognise and declare the institutional position as to the part of Ireland heretofore known as Eire, and to make provision as to the name by which it

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may be known and the manner in which the law is to apply in relation to it; to declare and affirm the constitutional position and the territorial integrity of Northern Ireland and to amend, with respect to the Parliament of the United Kingdom, the law relating to the qualifications of electors in constituencies in Northern Ireland; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Iron and Steel Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 40, l. 34, by leaving out the word "replacements," and inserting the words "depreciation of assets or renewal of assets."—(Mr. Lyttelton),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "replacements" 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. 41, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "subject to the provisions of this subsection."—(Mr. Lyttelton).

And the Question being put, That the said words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 41, l. 6, by leaving out the words "or the application thereof." (Mr. Lyttelton),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "or the application thereof" 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. 41, l. 46, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

(2) The statements prepared under subsection (1) of this section shall disclose the name of each company in which the Corporation hold any interest otherwise than by way of investment under this Part of this Act and the extent and nature of that interest.”—(Mr. Peake.)

And the Question being proposed, That the said 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. 41, l. 46, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) The statements prepared under subsection (1) of this section shall be such as to secure the provision of separate information as respects each of the principal activities of the Corporation and the publicly-owned companies and to show as far as may be the financial and operating results of each such activity."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:
The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Mr. Richard Adams:
Mr. Joseph Henderson,
Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport:
Mr. Collindridge:

Tellers for the Noes,
Major Conant,
Brigadier Mackeson:
Mr. Wilkins:

141.
297.

So it passed in the Negative.

And it being after Six of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and to the Orders of the House, made upon the 25th day of November last and the 7th day of April last, successively put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by the Government of which notice had been given to that part of the Bill to be concluded at Six of the clock at this day's Sitting.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 49, l. 14, by leaving out the words “or a claim.”—(Mr. Lloyd.)

And the Question being put, That the words "or a claim” stand part of the Bill:
The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Collindridge,
Mr. Wilkins:

290.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 49, l. 15, by leaving
out from the word "eighteen" to the word "section," in l. 16.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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. 52, l. 20, by leaving out from the word "rights" to the end of l. 22.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

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. 52, l. 30, by leaving out the words "or the Corporation."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

And the Question being put, That the words "or the Corporation" 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. 54, l. 1, by leaving out from the word "corporate" to the end of l. 10, and inserting the words "and is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect, carelessness, or default of, any director, general manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate he, as well as the body corporate, shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)—Instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—
The House divided.

The Yeas for the Bill:
Tellers for the Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 300.
Tellers for the Commander Agnew, Brigadier Mackeson: 135.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 54, l. 6, by leaving out the word "and," and inserting the word "or."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)—Instead thereof.

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

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Matters to be expressly stated in Auditors' Report)—(Mr. George Strauss)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 61, l. 39, by leaving out "20,000," and inserting "50,000."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)—Instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "20,000" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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so inform the Minister or the stockholders' representative (as the case may be) by notice in writing given within three months after the date of transfer."—(Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Colonel Dower, Member for the County of Cumberland (Penrith and Cockermouth Division), having made use of a grossly disorderly expression, was ordered by the Chairman to withdraw the same, but he declined to comply with that direction:—Whereupon the Chairman, pursuant to the Standing Order (Disorderly Conduct), ordered Colonel Dower to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's Sitting:—And he withdrew accordingly.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and to the Orders made upon the 25th day of November last and the 7th day of April last, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the proposed words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Major Conant: 158.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. George Wallace: 325.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at this day's Sitting.

Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Question, That the Chairman do report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House, put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made no further Amendments to the Bill.

Bill 119.

Gas.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations dated 18th March 1949, entitled the Gas (Co-Partnership) Regulations, 1949 (S.I. 1949 No. 475), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of March last, be annulled—(Mr. Raikes);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Boyd-Carpenter: 59.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Bowden: 197.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd May 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) Order, 1949.

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 Draft Rules entitled the Borstal (No. 2) Rules, 1949.

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


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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of schemes made by the Local Government authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—

(1) Great Yarmouth Town Council.
(2) Mid-Glamorgan (Superannuation) Joint Committee.
(3) Sale Town Council.
(4) South East Essex Superannuation Joint Committee.
(5) West Lancashire Superannuation Joint Committee.
(6) Yeovil Town Council.

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

Mr. Lindgren presented, pursuant to the Air Transport directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report of the Air Transport Advisory Council for the period from the 11th day of June 1947 to the 31st day of December 1948, with a Statement by the Minister of Civil Aviation.

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

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Collindridge: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, { Colonel Wheatley: 105.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board Order Confirmation (Special Procedure) Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. Elliot);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the (Major Conant, Yeas, 104.
Colonel Wheatley:)
Tellers for the (Mr. Collindridge, Noes, 198.
Mr. Bowden:)

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 5, by leaving out the word “April,” and inserting the word “June”—(Mr. Blenkinsop), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “April” stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word “June” 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, 220.
Major Conant:)
Tellers for the (Mr. Collindridge, Noes, 128.
Mr. Digby:)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 32, by leaving out the words “Catchment Board,” and inserting the words “Minister and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries”—(Mr. Blenkinsop), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “Catchment Board” stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the (Mr. Studholme, Yeas, 108.
Mr. Digby:)
Tellers for the (Mr. Joseph Henderson, Noes, 200.
Mr. Hannan:)

So it passed in the Negative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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 Bolton Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words “now taken into consideration,” and adding the words “re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 2, the proposed new Clause (Power to provide residential hotel), and the Amendment to the Preamble, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. John Lewis”—(Mr. Shackleton), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “now taken into consideration” stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the (Mr. Snow, Yeas, 159.
Mr. George Wallace:)
Tellers for the (Mr. John Lewis, Noes, 79.
Mr. Shackleton:)

So 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.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House resumed the postponed Proceeding on Consideration of the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board Order Confirmation (Special Procedure) Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 26, by leaving out sub-paragraph (b).—(Mr. Hare.)

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, 165.
Mr. George Wallace:)
Tellers for the (Mr. Studholme, Noes, 64.
Major Conant:)

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. 19, l. 4, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “and shall be subject to audit by a district auditor.”—(Mr. Blenkinsop)

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. Popplewell, Yeas, 129.
Mr. Bowden:)
Tellers for the (Major Conant, Noes, 63.
Colonel Wheatley:)

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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Water (Scotland) Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 9, l. 33, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 9, l. 33, at end insert Clause A (Temporary provision as to defrayal of expenses where requisite information, etc., not available), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 10, l. 43, at end insert "or, in a case where no water rate was so levied, according to the rateable value (as defined in the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947) of those premises," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Special Roads Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 36, at end insert "other than functions of that authority as local planning authority within the meaning of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, or the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947," the first 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. 11, l. 33, 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.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 11, l. 24, leave out "as aforesaid by," and insert "by virtue of this section by a special road authority being," 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. 11, l. 24, leave out as aforesaid by, and insert by virtue of this section by a special road authority being, 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. 14, l. 19, 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.

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 this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. 

—(Mr. Pearson.)

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

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

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st March 1949.
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. 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 further provision as respects the New Forest in the county of Southampton; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The New Forest 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.

(Civil Estimates, 1949-50; Ministry of Defence Estimate, 1949-50; Navy Estimates, 1949-50; and Air Estimates, 1949-50.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £60, be granted to His Majesty's forces towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with the situation in China and attacks on His Majesty's ships for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1950, namely:


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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, 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.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
MR. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 26th day of April 1949, on loans proposed to be raised by the British European Airways Corporation;

Copy of an Order, dated 5th May 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 9) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Air Navigation 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) Lewes and District Superannuation Joint Committee.
(2) Northumberland (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee.

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

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement by the Minister of Fuel and Power of Remuneration and Allowances determined by him, with the approval of the Treasury, that are or will be payable to the Members of each of the Area Boards and of the Gas Council.

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


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 (Members of the Forces) Regulations, 1949, preceded by a Statement 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 Report 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:

Copy of Rules, dated 5th May 1949, entitled the Non-Contentious Probate Rules, 1949.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D:

Mr. Baldwin, Sir Thomas Dugdale, Major Legge-Bourke, Mr. Perrins, Mr. Snadden and Mr. York;

and had appointed in substitution Mr. Weitzman; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Leslie, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Usborne.

The Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) 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.

The British Film Institute 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.

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to British Film Institute [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 to the British Film Institute, it is expedient to authorise the payment of such grants out of moneys provided by Parliament.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Popplewell); 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 Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Snow); 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 next.

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 6th May, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Butcher Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill.

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 undermentioned dates, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

6th May 1949:
Copy of Regulations, dated 4th May 1949, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

7th May 1949:
Copies of Orders, dated 6th May 1949, entitled—
(1) the Butter (Amendment) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Cheese (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th May 1949, entitled the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 28th day of April 1949, 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 His Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary for the year ended the 29th day of September 1948.

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

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copy of Draft Regulations entitled the Local and Other Authorities (Transfer of Stock) Regulations, 1949.

Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:
(1) Fleetwood and Thornton (Superannuation) Joint Committee,
(2) Malling and Hollingbourne Superannuation Joint Committee.

Copy of Regulations, dated 6th May 1949, entitled the Underground Water (Controlled Areas) Regulations, 1949.

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

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Grimsby Corporation Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the 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 Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; and 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 proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Mr. Robert Taylor);
And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
(Mr. Poppwell.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 113.]
Tuesday, 10th May, 1949.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:
Royal Alexandra and Albert School Bill [Lords].
Royal Holloway College Bill [Lords].
Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 29th day of April 1949, on loans proposed to be raised by the Area Gas Boards.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 29th day of April 1949, on stock issued by the Gas Council under the Gas Act, 1948.

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

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Madrid, on the 6th day of April 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Spanish Government prolonging the Trade and Payments Agreement of the 23rd day of June 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 Cambridge, on the 24th day of December 1948, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Supplementary provisions as to special hours certificates)—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"( ) Notwithstanding anything in section two of the Act of 1921 (which prescribes the permitted hours for Sundays) references in the said provisions to 'the permitted hours' shall be deemed to include the period between midnight on Saturdays and two o'clock in the morning on Sundays."—(Mr. Shepherd.)

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.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Persons under eighteen not to be employed in bars)—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Permitted hours in the metropolis)—(Mr. Nally)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Fixing of notices on church doors)—(Mr. Baker White)—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. 3, l. 30, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "or in premises to which any justice's licence attached to such premises or any such registered club may be removed."—(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 another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 16, by leaving out the words " compulsory purchase," and inserting the word " agreement."—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words " compulsory purchase" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannan, Mr. George Wallace: 236. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport: 103.

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. 41, by leaving out from the beginning to the first word "a," in p. 12, l. 2, and inserting the words " he is"—(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.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 18, l. 41, by leaving out the word " or."—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

And the Question being put, That the word "or" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Bowden: 235. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme: 99.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Certification of club premises for music and dancing)—(Mr. Secretary Ede)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow; and be printed.

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 eighteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.


The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Bevan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the Borough of Macclesfield: 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 Morley: 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.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of expenses incurred or payments to be made under
any Act of the present Session vesting part of Ashdown Forest in the Secretary of State for the War Department and providing for the acquisition of other lands in substitution for such part, for the use of the said Forest for military training, and for the repayment to the Conservators of the costs, charges and expenses of the promotion of the Bill for the said Act—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);

Mr. Secretary Shinwell, 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.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th May 1949, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) (French Somali Coast) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum, dated 11th May 1949, describing the events leading up to the signature of the North Atlantic Treaty, with a Commentary on the Text.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at Oslo on the 28th day of February 1949, between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Norway and Sweden, relating to a Joint Ocean Weather Station in the North Atlantic (with Annexes and Appendix).

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 9th May 1949, entitled the National Health Service (Local Health Authorities) Estimation of Expenditure (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—

(1) Durham (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee.
(2) Leicestershire Superannuation Joint Committee.
(3) Soke of Peterborough County 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 Regulations, dated 9th May 1949, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Act of 1949, to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents relating to Enemy Prisoners of War, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

General Report and Accounts of the Conservators of the River Thames for 1948.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Coast Protection Bill (Lords)): Mr. Bevan, Mr. Birch, Mr. Blenkinsop, Mr. Bowden, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. George Brown, Major Bruce, Mr. Carson, Miss Colman, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driberg, Mr. Edward Evans, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Major Lloyd George, Mr. Grenfell, Captain Hewitson, Mr. Horabin, Mr. Robert Hudson, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Mr. Joyson-Hicks, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Malcolm McMillan, Commander Maitland, Mr. Marlowe, Brigadier Medlicott, Wing Commander Millington, Mr. Price-White, Brigadier Prior-Palmer and Mr. Emrys Roberts.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee D, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill): Mr. James Thomas; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lennox-Boyd.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Landlord and Tenant (Rent Control) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lands Tribunal Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. Lindgren, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Hall, presented a Bill to provide for the merger of the British South American Airways Corporation with the British Overseas Airways Corporation; to authorise the appointment of an additional deputy chairman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Secretary Woodburn, Mr. Blenkinsop and Mr. Robertson, presented a Bill to amend the National Health Service Act, 1946, and the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, and otherwise to amend the law in relation to services provided under the said Acts; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.
Ireland Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ireland Bill;
The Prime Minister acquainted the House, That he had it in command from His Majesty 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;

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:


And the Question being again proposed, That the Ireland Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Beattie.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Mr. Hannan: } 317.
Tellers for the [Mr. Mulvey, Noes, Mr. Cunningham: } 12.

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. Popplewell.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 115.]

Thursday, 12th May, 1949.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill Petitions from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.: —

Dartford Tunnel (Extension of Time).

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

The Bolton Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Bradford Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Bromwich Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next, at Seven of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved it:—Ashdown Forest self into a Committee on Ashdown Forest [Money].

(Money).

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session providing for the vesting in the Secretary of State for the War Department of part of Ashdown Forest, the acquisition of lands in substitution for such lands and the use of the said Forest for the purposes of military training, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of such sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses incurred by the Secretary of State for the War Department in repaying to the Conservators of the said Forest the costs, charges and expenses incurred by them in or in connection with the purchase and acquisition, and transfer and conveyance of the lands so to be substituted and in or in connection with the promotion of the Bill for the said Act, and in paying compensation for damage, injury or loss arising out of the use of the said Forest for the purposes of military training and any expenses incurred in making
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Barnes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the North Ormesby South Bank Normanby and Grangeway Railless Traction Act, 1912, relating to Teesside Railless Traction Board trolley vehicles: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Barnes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Crarae: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Barnes presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Southwold: 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. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th May, 1949, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) Lebanon Order, 1949.

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 3rd May 1949, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty’s Order, dated 26th January 1949, making provision for the application of the King’s Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force to Women commissioned or enlisted in His Majesty’s Air Forces.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Butcher reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Married Women (Maintenance) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 24th day of June next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Thomas Williams, supported by Mr. George Brown, presented a Bill to provide for giving financial assistance to persons engaged in or desiring to engage in the sea-fishing industry, for regulating the crew accommodation provided in fishing boats, for safeguarding the quality of sea fish intended for human consumption and otherwise securing the best use of supplies of sea fish, for the licensing of fishing boats and of persons engaged in processing or wholesale dealing in sea fish, for appointing sea-fishery officers, for amending the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, with respect to fishing boats engaged in the Newfoundland cod fisheries, for repealing certain provisions of the Sea Fish Industry Act, 1938, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question North Atlantic being put, That this House approves the Treaty. North Atlantic Treaty signed in Washington on the 4th day of April 1949, relating to the promotion of stability and wellbeing in the North Atlantic area and to collective defence for the preservation of peace and security—(Mr. Secretary Bevin);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Robert Taylor;
Mr. Emrys Hughes, Mr. Chamberlain;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House approves the North Atlantic Treaty signed in Washington on the 4th day of April 1949, relating to the promotion of stability and wellbeing in the North Atlantic area and to collective defence for the preservation of peace and security.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Ashdown Forest [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session providing for the vesting in the Secretary of State for the War Department of part of Ashdown Forest, the acquisition of lands in substitution for such lands and the use of the said Forest for the purposes of military training, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of such sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses incurred by the Secretary of State for the War Department in repaying to the Conservators of the said Forest the costs, charges and expenses incurred by them in or in connection with the purchase and acquisition, and transfer and conveyance of the lands so to be substituted and in or in connection with the promotion of the Bill for the said Act, and in paying compensation for damage, injury or loss arising out of the use of the said Forest for the purposes of military training and any expenses incurred in making good any such damage or injury or otherwise incurred under the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Bevan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Health relating to the City of Chichester: 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 South Molton: 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. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Tenth Annual Report of the National Camps Corporation Limited (for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1949).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee on British Film Institute [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 to the British Film Institute, it is expedient to authorise the payment of such grants out of moneys provided by Parliament.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the British Film Institute Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee on British Film Institute [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 to the British Film Institute, it is expedient to authorise the payment of such grants out of moneys provided by Parliament.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the British Film Institute Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 13th May, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mrs. Paton Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Baiting of Animals Bill.
Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Coal Industry, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations,—

(1) dated 11th May 1949, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Options) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949,

(2) dated 11th May 1949, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Valuation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949, and

(3) dated 13th May 1949, entitled the Coal Industry (Supernuation Scheme) (Winding Up, No. 1) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 12th May 1949, Gas, entitled the Gas (Conversion Date) (No. 1) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions Airways for Private Bills do examine the Airway Corporations Bill, with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions New Forest Bill [Lords], for Private Bills do examine the New Forest Bill [Lords], with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Ireland Bill 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 Ireland Bill itself into a Committee on the Ireland Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Constitutional provisions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out from the beginning, to the word “that” in l. 6, and insert the words—

“(1) It is hereby recognised and declared—

(a).”—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed,—in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out para. (b).—(Mr. Beattie.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word “and” in l. 11, stand part of the Clause:

Debate arising:

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word “and” in l. 11, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Collindridge, 345.

Mr. Wilkins:

Tellers for the Nos,

Mr. Mulvey:

Mr. Cunningham: 21.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out from the word “Kingdom” to the end of l. 2, in p. 2.—(Mr. Asterley Jones.)
Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "or" in l. 12, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge, Yeas, Mr. Wilkins: 324.
Tellers for the [Mr. Ewart, Noes, Mr. Rogers: 48.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, to leave out the word "Parliament," and insert the word "people."—(Mr. Hale.)

Question put, That the word "Parliament" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, Yeas, Mr. George Wallace: 312.
Tellers for the [Mr. Hale, Noes, Mr. Skeffington-Lodge: 54.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, to leave out from the word "to" to the end of l. 8, and insert the words "as the Irish Republic."—(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. Popplewell, Yeas, Mr. Bowden: 227.
Tellers for the [Colonel Wheatley, Noes, Mr. Digby: 79.

Clause agreed to.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Eden)—put, and negatived.

Clause No. 2 (Republic of Ireland not a foreign country).

Tuesday, 17th May, 1949:

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out the word "declared," and insert the word "provided."—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

Question, That the word "declared" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Other provisions as to operation of United Kingdom and colonial laws in relation to Republic of Ireland).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 32, to leave out from the beginning, to the second word "the."—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 1, to leave out from the beginning, to the word "the" in l. 2.—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Residence qualification for electors in constituencies in Northern Ireland).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 32, to leave out the word "was," and insert the word "is."—(Mr. Pickthorn.)

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Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, on the 9th day of February 1949, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) made by the University of Cambridge, on the 25th day of February 1949, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Standing Orders.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the Ashdown Forest Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to insert their Additional Provision if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

2. That in the case of the Dartford Tunnel (Extension of Time), Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Diamond reported from Standing Committee C. That they had gone through the Housing 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.

No. 168. Standing Committee B. Superannuation Bill.

Mr. Burden reported from Standing Committee B. That they had gone through the Superannuation 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.

No. 169. Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills (Joint Committee). House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill [Lords].

Mr. Watson reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills, that they had considered the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and directed him to make a Report in respect thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 170. Statutory Instruments.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee E (added in respect of the Baiting of Animals Bill): Mr. Barton, Mr. Paton and Mr. Viant; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Binns, Mr. Farthing and Mr. Rankin.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords,

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Falmouth Docks and Engineering Company to construct a new quay; to confer further powers upon the Company; and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Ireland Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Bill, First Reading of the Licensing 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 six months."—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Wilkins: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Drew: 187.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Ireland Bill.

The Falmouth Docks Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners for Private Bills.

The Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Ireland Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Bill, First Reading of the Licensing 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 six months."—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Wilkins: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Drew: 187.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Ireland Bill.

The Falmouth Docks Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners for Private Bills.

The Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners for Private Bills.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Ireland Bill.
Adjournment.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Hannan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 18th May, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th May 1949, entitled the Eastern Valleys (Monmouthshire) Joint Sewerage Board Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Supplementary Protocol No. 2, signed at Paris on the 31st day of March 1949, amending the Intra-European Payments and Compensations Agreement of the 16th day of October, 1948.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on the 29th day of April 1949, further amending the Monetary Agreement between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Swedish Government dated 6th March 1945 (with Notes exchanged).

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 16th May 1949, entitled the Landholders and Cottars (Building Grant) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 14th May 1949, entitled the National Health Service (Executive Councils) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

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 the Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the London Traffic. directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th May 1949, entitled—

(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 12) Regulations, 1949, and

Copy of an Order, dated 16th May 1949, entitled the Use of Vehicles during Harvesting Bill, Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee Selection of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C; Mr. Wilfrid Roberts and Mr. Walker-Smith; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bowen and Mr. Duthie.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (laddied in respect of the Coast Protection Bill (Lords)): Captain Hewitson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Charles Smith.

Mr. Mathers, supported by Mr. Hall and Mr. Rees-Williams, presented a Bill to increase the amounts payable in any financial year out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purposes of schemes under section one of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. —(Mr. Bowden.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 18th May, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Burden Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Coast Protection Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supply and Services (Food) Regulations, dated 17th May 1949, entitled the Saccharin Order, 1949.

Copies of Orders, dated 17th May 1949, entitled—
(1) the Meat (Rationing) Order, 1949,
(2) the Sugar (Rationing) Order, 1949, and
(3) the Bacon (Rationing) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Coal Mines (Lighting and Contraband) General Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the British Transport Commission 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 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. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Mr. Tiffany and Major Vernon; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Mellish and Mrs. Nichol.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 Milk (Special Designations) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £60, be granted...
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Richard Adams.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 121.]

Friday, 20th May, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty’s Government Command.—Statement showing the Estimated Expenditure on Government Information Services during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th May 1949, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949.

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 May 1949, entitled the Cheese (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949.

Copies of Orders, dated 19th May 1949, entitled—

(1) the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th May, entitled the Soap (licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account showing the Nature and Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners, at the 31st day of March 1949, as Investments for Moneys, forming part of the Industrial Injuries Fund, paid over to them under sub-section (3) of Section 58 of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946.

Account showing the Nature and Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners, at the 31st day of March 1949, as Investments for Moneys, forming part of (a) the National Insurance Fund; and (b) the National Insurance (Reserve) Fund.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

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The Sea Fish Industry 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 Sea Fish Industry (Money) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for giving financial assistance to persons engaged in or desiring to engage in the sea-fishing industry, for regulating the crew accommodation provided in fishing boats, and for other matters, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) of any sums required by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State concerned with the sea-fishing industry in Scotland for the making of loans, not exceeding in the aggregate ten million pounds, to such persons as aforesaid, in connection with the acquisition, improvement and reconditioning of boats, being loans made within a period not exceeding fifteen years beginning with the date of the passing of the said Act;

(ii) of expenses incurred by any Minister under the said Act;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by any Minister by way of interest on any loan made under the said Act or repayment of the principal thereof, or by way of fees paid under the said Act or any regulations made thereunder.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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. Snow):

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. Snow):—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 next.

The following Paper, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 21st day of this instant May, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of an Order, dated 20th May 1949, Supplies and Services (Food (Points Rationing) Order), 1949.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act 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 1949, in respect of the Old Sinking Fund and of the New Sinking Fund (1928).

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 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 Wycombe.

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 19th May 1949, entitled the Local Government (Traveling Allowances, etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

Copies of Instruments, dated 20th May 1949, entitled—

(1) the General Nursing Council for Scotland (Amendment) Rules, 1949, Approval Instrument, 1949, and

(2) the General Nursing Council for Scotland (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1949, Approval Instrument, 1949.

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 May 1949, entitled the Waste Paper and Waste Textile Materials (Prices) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1949.

Copies of Orders, dated 20th May 1949, entitled—

(1) the Utility Apparel (Women's Domestic Overalls and Aprons) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Grimsby Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Slough Corporation Bill [Lords] was Slough Corporation Bill [Lords].
Mr. Alexander, supported by Mr. Secretary Shinwell, Mr. Secretary Henderson and Mr. Dugdale presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the territorial army, the royal auxiliary air force, the naval and marine reserves, the army reserve and the air force reserve; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1949-50.

Revenue Departments.

VOTE 3. POST OFFICE.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £112,991,000, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, for the salaries and expenses of the Post Office, including telegraphs and telephones and a grant in aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, that Subhead A, salaries, &c., be reduced by £100.—(Captain Crookshank.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Digby: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hamman: 196.

Original Question again proposed.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Civil Estimates.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to His Majesty towards defraying the charges for the following services relating to the Central Office of Information and the Economic Information Unit for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

Class VII, Vote 10, 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 10, Central Office of Information, be reduced by £5.—(Mr. Bracken.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Digby: 104.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Wallace: 206.

Original Question again proposed.

And it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
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 moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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-one minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.
Monday, 23rd May, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Sea Fish Industry Bill to Standing Committee D.

[No. 123.]

Tuesday, 24th May, 1949.

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 New Forest Bill (Lords), referred pursuant to the Order made upon the 16th day of this instant May, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable.

The Dartford Tunnel (Extension of Time) Dartford Tunnel Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant Army.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant suant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Marquand presented, by His Majesty’s Pensions. Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other Grants for Members of the Military Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents and other Dependents of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service after the 2nd day of September 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the University University of Nottingham Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the Corporation of Oldbury in regard to lands; to authorise the supply of heat by means of hot water or steam; to make further provision in reference to the health improvement local government and finances of the borough of Oldbury; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Oldbury Corporation Bill (Lords) was Oldbury read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Corporation Bill (Lords).

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 not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, viz.:

- Falmouth Docks Bill (Lords).
- Huddersfield Corporation Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

- Ministry of Health Provisional Order (South Molton) Bill.
- Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Chichester) Bill.
- Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Morley) Bill.
- Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Macclesfield) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.
The National Health Service (Amendment) 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 Health Service (Amendment) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the National Health Service Act, 1946, and the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, and otherwise to amend the law in relation to services provided under the said Acts, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) of compensation, in certain cases, to members of medical partnerships, being compensation additional to the compensation payable under section thirty-six of the National Health Service Act, 1946, and section thirty-seven of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947;

(ii) of remuneration and allowances to the members of any arbitration committee appointed under the said Act of the present Session and of the expenses of any such committee; and

(iii) of any increase attributable to the passing of the said Act of the present Session in any grants or sums payable under any other enactment out of moneys provided by Parliament;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Minister of Health or Secretary of State under the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Bevan.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Landlord and Tenant (Rent Control) Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, l. 17, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 17, at end, insert—

"Provided always that in the case of a dwelling-house the first letting of which occurred between the first day of September nineteen hundred and thirty-nine and the fourteenth day of August nineteen hundred and forty-five in consequence of the landlord serving in any of His Majesty's forces or otherwise being required to reside elsewhere than in the dwelling-house by reason of circumstances arising out of the war, the rent so determined as aforesaid shall, as from the date of the determination thereof, be the standard rent of the dwelling-house whether the same shall be greater or less than what would be the standard rent apart from this section," 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. Blenkinsop);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Poplewell, Yeas, Mr. Wilkins: 209.

Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Popplewell, 86.

Colonel Wheatley:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 14, l. 20, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 14, l. 20, at end, insert Clause B (Amendment of 9 & 10 Geo, 6, c. 34), 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. Blenkinsop);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Poplewell, Yeas, Mr. Snow: 188.

Mr. Digby: 75.

Major Conant:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Lords Amendment in p.15, l. 9, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 25th May, 1949:

The remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Bevan, Mr. Bing, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Hare and Mr. Hastings.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Bevan.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

Mr. Bevan 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
Landlord and Tenant (Rent Control) 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. 2, l. 17, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment is inconsistent with the purpose of the Clause.

They disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 14, l. 20, for the following Reason:—

Because it is inexpedient to make provision as respects a particular class of landlord. 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. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 124.]

Wednesday, 25th May, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (South Molton) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Chichester) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Morley) 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.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations entitled the Police Pensions Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Caithness County Council and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th May 1949, Supplies and entitled the Grass Seed (Growers' Fixed Prices) Services (Scotland) Order, 1949.

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 Sixty-sixth Report of the Commissioner-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for 1948.

Copies of Orders, dated 24th May 1949, Supplies and entitled—

(1) the Utility Apparel (Infants' and Girls' Wear) (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Outerwear) (Manufacture and Supply) Amendment No. 5 Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th May 1949, entitled the Molasses Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Patents, Designs and Trade Marks be printed.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th May 1949, entitled the Local Government (Members' Allowances) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's International Command,—Copy of a Statement of proposed Labour Conference action by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the Convention concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise.

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 entitled 23rd May, 1949, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 14) Regulations, 1949, and

(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 15) Regulations, 1949.

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 and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Urmston Urban District Council Bill have leave to make a Special Report.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report relative to the Urmston Urban District Council Bill which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Urston Urban District Council Bill. They had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir Robert Young reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Commander Noble; and had appointed in substitution Sir Thomas Dugdale.

Sir Robert Young further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty-Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Bill): Mr. Adamson, Mr. Boothby, Mr. Bowden, Mr. George Brown, Mr. Dower, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Edward Evans, Sir Gifford Fox, Captain Hewitson, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Hector Hughes, Wing Commander Hubert, Squadron Leader Kinghorn, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. Mitchellson, Mr. Peart, Commander Pursey, Sir David Robertson, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Dr. Summerskill, Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Thornton-Kemsley, Brigadier Thorp, Mr. Thomas Williams, Lord Willoughby de Eresby and Mrs. Wills.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords to the Lands Tribunal Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, "The Rochdale Canal Bill [Lords]", the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister): The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for [Mr. Hannan], [Mr. Bowden] 228.

Tellers for [Brigadier Mackeson], [Mr. Digby] 109.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly took into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lands Tribunal Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, 1. 23, at end insert—

"(e) any question on which, but for this provision, an appeal or reference to the county court would or might be made by virtue of section forty-nine, sixty-two or eighty-seven of the Local Government Act, 1948", the first Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, 1. 9, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, 1. 21, at end insert Clause A (Power to determine Appeal against Development Charge), 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.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for [Mr. Joseph Henderson], [Mr. Hannan] 225.

Tellers for [Mr. Studholme], [Mr. Digby] 129.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 13, 1. 60, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 15, 1. 60, at end add—


Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 21, p. 21, 1. 25, and Clause No. 22, p. 21, 1. 36, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Attorney General:—(Mr. Attorney General).

Resolved, That this House will immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—

Legal Aid and Advice Bill.
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

In the Committee.

Clauses Nos. 7, 21 and 22 amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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-commitment, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Secrecy)—(Mr. Attorney General)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Secretary Ede, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Colonial Loans [Money] (No. 2).

Mr. Attorney General, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Colonial Loans [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 for giving financial assistance to persons engaged in or desiring to engage in the sea-fishing industry, for regulating the crew accommodation provided in fishing boats, and for other matters, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(i) of any sums required by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State concerned with the sea-fishing industry in Scotland for the making of loans, not exceeding in the aggregate ten million pounds, to such persons as aforesaid, in connection with the acquisition, improvement and reconditioning of boats, being loans made within a period not exceeding fifteen years beginning with the date of the passing of the said Act;—

(ii) of expenses incurred by any Minister under the said Act;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by any Minister by way of interest on any loan made under the said Act or repayment of the principal thereof, or by way of fees paid 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 put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 14th April 1949, entitled the Meat (Maximum Retail Prices) Order, 1949 (S.I., 1949, No. 778), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 23rd day of April last, be annulled—

(Mr. Piratin);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Mr. Gallacher, Yeas, { Mr. Piratin:} 4.

Tellers for the {Mr. Pearson, Noes, { Mr. Bowden:} 229.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 14th April 1949, entitled the Meat
(Maximum Retail Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949 (S.I., 1949, No. 783), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 23rd day of April last, be annulled—(Mr. Piratin):—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 20th April 1949, entitled the Meat Products and Canned Meat (Amendment) Order, 1949 (S.I., 1949, No. 782), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 23rd day of April last, be annulled—(Mr. Piratin):—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 6th May 1949, entitled the Butter (Amendment) Order, 1949 (S.I., 1949, No. 878), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 7th day of this instant May, be annulled—(Mr. Piratin):—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 6th May 1949, entitled the Cheese (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949 (S.I., 1949, No. 879), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 7th day of this instant May, be annulled—(Mr. Piratin):—It passed in the Negative.

Mr. Hall reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Lands Tribunal Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as followeth:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 3, 1. 21, for the following Reason:

Because they consider that the Amendment raises questions not relevant to this Bill.

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.

—(Mr. Bowden.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 25th May, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee B.

P R A Y E R S.

The Grimsby 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.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented a Bill Glasgow to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Glasgow Corporation: And the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Friday, the 3rd day of June next.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 18th day of May 1949, on Stock issued by the Gas Council under the Gas Act, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of Pay and Conditions of Service of Police.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th May 1949, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Restriction of Fishing in Northern Waters) Suspension Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of Action by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the Convention and Recommendation of the International Labour Conference concerning the Organisation of the Employment Service.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee London County on the London County Council (General Council (General Powers) Bill, That for the convenience of the Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.
Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on the River Great Ouse (Flood Protection) Bill, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Select Committee on Estimates yesterday 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 Proceedings on Consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board Order Confirmation (Special Procedure) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £60, be granted to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Services (Farm Production) and Fisheries, ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

Class IX, Vote 1, Ministry of Supply
Class IX, Vote 2, Ministry of Food
Class VI, Vote 1, Board of Trade
Class II, Vote 11, West African Produce Control Board
Class VI, Vote 8, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
Class VI, Vote 9, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services) • • • 10

Total • • • £60.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class IX, Vote 2, Ministry of Food be reduced by £5.—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Brigadier Mackeson, Yeas: 114, Colonel Wheatsley: 224.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Popplewell, 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 report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Mid-day to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board Order Confirmation (Special Procedure) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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 Wycombe, a copy of which Order was laid before this House on the 23rd day of this instant May, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. (Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until twenty-three minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 126.]

Friday, 27th May, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the University of Nottingham Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th May 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) Act, 1949. Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant Police to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations entitled the Police Pensions (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant Police to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Services (Farm Copy of an Order, dated 26th May 1949, Machinery).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1949, entitled the Pears (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Colonial Loans [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the Treasury to guarantee certain loans by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to the Governments of colonial territories, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the guarantee by the Treasury of the principal of and the interest on any such loan, so, however, that the amount of the principal of the loans so guaranteed shall not in the aggregate exceed the equivalent of fifty million pounds;

(b) the charge on and issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling any such guarantee;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by way of the repayment of any sums so issued.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Colonial Loans [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the Treasury to guarantee certain loans by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to the Governments of colonial territories, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the charge on and issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling a guarantee of any charges in respect of any such loan as well as of the principal thereof and interest thereon;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by way of the repayment of any sums so issued.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Colonial Loans Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 2 agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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 Colonial Development and Welfare Bill 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.

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 Colonial Development and Welfare [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 increase the amounts payable in any financial year out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purposes of schemes under section one of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys so provided of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the amounts so payable.—(Mr. Secretary Jones.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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 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 next.
MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 27th May, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Charles MacAndrew Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill and Mr. William Wells Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Analgesia in Childbirth Bill.

[No. 127.]

Monday, 30th May, 1949.

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 Thomas William Stamford, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Leeds (West Division), and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the British Transport Commission Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Falmouth Docks Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

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 28th day of this instant May, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

1. The copy of an Order, dated 27th May 1949, entitled the Ground Sulphur (Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.
4. The copies of Orders, dated 27th May 1949, entitled—
   (i) the Potatoes (General Provisions) (Amendment) Order, 1949,
   (ii) the New Potatoes (1949 Crop) Order, 1949,
   (iii) the Feeding Stuffs (Licensing) (Amendment) Order, 1949,
   (iv) the Hay (Revocation) Order, 1949, and
   (v) the Condensed Milk (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Return showing transactions connected with the National Debt for the years 1938-39 to 1948-49.

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 19th May 1949, entitled the Control of Agricultural Machinery (Revocation) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report relative to British Dependencies in the Far East, 1945-49.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders, dated 27th May 1949, entitled—

1. The House and Textiles (Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) Order, 1949,
2. The Woven Cloth (Cotton, Rayon and Linen) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Marquand presented, by His Majesty's Pensions Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other grants for Officers, Nurses and Soldiers disabled, and for the Widows and Children of Officers and Soldiers deceased, in consequence of Service during the 1914 World War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Payments under the Seamen's Fund Winding-up Act, 1851, for 1948.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of an Additional Rule for the Disposal of Documents which are not considered of sufficient Public Value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on the River Great Ouse (Flood Protection) Bill, That Mr. Harrison, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee this day.
Mr. Matthews reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Coast Protection Bill):—Mr. Grenfell; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Arthur Allen.

The House.

Telegraphs Bill.

Commonwealth Telegraphs Bill.

Commonwealth..

Business of the House.

Housing Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 20, p. 15, l. 45, and Clause No. 41, p. 33, l. 2, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan—(Mr. Blenkinsop)

The Question was amended by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and in respect of the new Clause (Insurance Funds) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. McKay."—(Mr. McKay).

And the Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 20, p. 15, l. 45, and Clause No. 41, p. 33, l. 2, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan and in respect of the new Clause (Insurance Funds) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. McKay.—(Mr. McKay.)

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. 20 and 41 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Insurance Funds)—(Mr. McKay)
—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. 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 (Provisions as to further improvement grants)—(Mr. Blenkinsop) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to increase rent fixed under Part II in certain cases)—(Mr. Blenkinsop) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to increase rent fixed under Housing (Rural Workers) Acts in certain cases)—(Mr. Blenkinsop) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Revival of power to make byelaws as to number of persons permitted to occupy working-class houses)—(Mr. Blenkinsop) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Development charges)—(Mr. Elliot); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 5, by leaving out the words "are satisfied," and inserting the words "as determined by the Registered Valuer"—(Mr. Baldwin), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "are satisfied" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Richard Adams:

Mr. Joseph Henderson:

Mr. Hannan:

Brigadier Mackeson:

215.

111.

203.

109.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 24, by leaving out the word "such," and inserting the word "a"—(Mr. Walker-Smith), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "such" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Joseph Henderson:

Mr. Hannan:

Mr. Conant:

Colonel Wheatley:

203.

109.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 40, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that nothing in this section shall authorise a local authority to permit any person to use any such facilities for the purposes of carrying on a business."—(Mr. Mottram.)

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. 5, by leaving out Clause No. 8.—(Mr. Hare.)
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",
Yees, { Mr. Hannan: } 210.
Tellers for the "Commander Agnew",
Noes, { Colonel Wheatley: } 100.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 44, by leaving out from the first word "the" to the word "or," and inserting the word "owner"—(Mr. Mott-Radclyffe),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill,—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 45, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the word "either (1)."—(Mr. Elliot.)

And the Question being put, That the word "either (1)" be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the "Brigadier Macksen",
Yees, { Colonel Wheatley: } 79.
Tellers for the "Mr. Pearson",
Noes, { Mr. Collindridge: } 221.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 31, l. 29, by leaving out the word "eight," and inserting the word "five"—(Mr. Elliot).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "eight" 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. 38, col. 2, by leaving out ll. 17 to 22, and inserting the words—

In subsection (5), after the word "rents," where it first occurs, there shall be added the words "of houses suitable for occupation by the working classes"—(Mr. Print),—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.

And the Title of the Bill was amended as followeth: A Bill to amend the Housing Act, 1936; to promote the improvement of housing accommodation by authorising the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and of grants by local authorities; to amend the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946, with respect to the amounts of contributions payable thereunder out of the Exchequer, and certain other enactments relating to the making of contributions out of the Exchequer in respect of the provision of housing accommodation; to authorise the making out of the Exchequer of contributions in respect of the provision of hostels and of grants in respect of building experiments; to extend and amend other enactments relating to housing and domestic water supply; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

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. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 128.]
Tuesday, 31st May, 1949.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, viz.:

Rochdale Canal Bill [Lords].
Oldbury Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time:

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Provisional Standing Orders Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Teesside Railless Traction Board (Additional Routes) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow:

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Provisional Standing Orders Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Marriages Provisional Orders Bill.
Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Southwold) Bill.
Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Crarae) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow:
Ordered, That the Urmston Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order made upon the 9th day of this instant May, that the Paper relating to Local Government do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Third Report on Operations under the Economic Co-operation Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America, covering the first quarter of 1949.

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 1948, 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.

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 Draft Regulations entitled—

(1) the Civil Defence (General) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the Civil Defence Corps Regulations, 1949.

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 Draft Regulations entitled—

(1) the Civil Defence Corps (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the Civil Defence (General) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

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 31st May 1949, entitled the Veterinary Surgeons (Agreement with Republic of Ireland) Order, 1949.

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 30th May 1949, entitled the Cutlery, Spoons and Forks Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Government Services (Food).


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Marquand presented, by His Majesty's Pensions Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant concerning Pensions and other Grants for Members of the Home Guard disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents and other Dependents of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Government Services (Food).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the Minister of Education (Transfer of Functions) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Strauss presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1949, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 70) Order, 1949.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Accounts of the Special Account and of the Intra-European Payments Account for the period ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of National Insurance, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of a Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of Saint John, Sheffield, Dyers Hill, and Saint Aidan, Sheffield, in the diocese of Sheffield.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.
Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, That the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday the 22nd day of June next, at two of the clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Ireland Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals 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 Grimsby Corporation Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Landlord and Tenant (Rent Control) Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Ireland Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be expedited, 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. Collindridge, Yeas, Mr. Bowden; Tellers for the [Brigadier Mackeson, Nos, Mr. Digby; so it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Superannuation 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. 3, p. 3, l. 4 and p. 3, l. 9, Clause No. 4, p. 4, l. 13, p. 4, l. 14 and p. 4, l. 17, Clause No. 17, p. 14, l. 28 and p. 14, l. 32, Clause No. 18, p. 15, l. 37, p. 15, l. 39 and p. 15, l. 42, Clause No. 32, p. 26, l. 4, Clause No. 36, p. 30, l. 11, p. 30, l. 22 and p. 30, l. 37, Clause No. 40, p. 34, l. 45, Clause No. 47, p. 42, l. 1, Clause No. 56, p. 45, l. 29, Clause No. 61, p. 47, l. 23 and p. 47, l. 34, and in respect of the new Clause (Counting of certain war service for superannuation purposes) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Hall. — (Mr. Hall.)

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. 3, 4, 17, 18, 32, 36, 40, 47, 56 and 61 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Counting of certain war service for superannuation purposes) — (Mr. Hall) — brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 7, p. 8, l. 21, and to Clause No. 13, p. 14, l. 11, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Woodburn.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

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 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 13 (Rules of Court).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 11, to leave out from the beginning, to the end of l. 16, and insert the words—

"(3) The Court may, by act of adjournal or act of sederunt, as the case may be, restrict to such proportion of the fees for the time being applicable as may be provided therein the fees to be paid to auditors of court,messengers-at-arms, sheriff officers and shorthand writers in any case where such fees are payable in the first instance by or on behalf of a person receiving legal aid:

Provided that the imposition of any restriction under this subsection shall not affect the sums recoverable by virtue of an award of expenses in favour of a person who has received legal aid, or of an agreement as to expenses in favour of such a person which provides for taxation.

(4) The Court may, by act of adjournal or act of sederunt, as the case may be, make provision for the taxation by the Auditor of the Court of Session or the auditor of the sheriff court of accounts of expenses incurred in connection with the giving of legal aid and with respect to the remuneration to be paid to auditors in respect of the taxation of such accounts".—(The Lord Advocate.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Major Conant, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport: 85. 
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Collindridge, Mr. Bowdon: 222.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 25, by leaving out subsection (6) .—(Lieutenant-Commander Hutchison.)
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 210. 
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Digby: 89.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 37, by leaving out from the beginning to the word "and" in l. 40, and inserting the words—

"(a) to swear an affidavit before the person employed to give legal advice that his gross income does not exceed such sum as may be prescribed by regulations made under the provisions of this Act".—(Lieutenant - Commander Hutchison.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace: 216. 
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme: 82.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 7, by leaving out the words "he thinks."—(Mr. Willis.)
And the Question being put, That the words "he thinks" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 9, by leaving out from the word "shall" to the word "House," in l. 10, and inserting the words "not come into operation unless and until approved by resolution of each"—(Lieutenant-Commander Hutchison),—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 Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Hannan:

Tellers for the Noses, Major Conant, Colonel Whealey:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) (Amendment) Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for his Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament—(Mr. Burden);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 1st June, 1949:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) (Amendment) Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for his Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.

Resolved, That the Church Dignitaries (Retirement) Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for his Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Burden).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Airways Corporations Bill for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made upon the 16th day of May last, That in the applicable case of the Airways Corporations Bill no Standing Orders are applicable.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Urmston Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And no Motion being made thereon, further Proceeding stood adjourned, pursuant to Standing Order 190 relating to Private Business (Order in which Private Bills considered), till to-morrow.

The Marriages Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Crarae) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Southwold) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Teesside Railless Traction Board (Additional Routes) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Statute of the Council of Europe, signed at London on the 5th day of May, 1949 (The Statute has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of an Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden for the establishment of a Preparatory Commission of the Council of Europe, signed at London on the 5th day of May, 1949.

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 the Territorial Army, 1936.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—(Diplomatic Privileges).

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 31st May 1949, entitled—

(1) the Diplomatic Privileges (World Health Organisation and International Civil Aviation Organisation) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1949,
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant June; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Basil Neven-Spence reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Housing (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant June; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Money) Bill, That they had examined the allegations of the 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. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on the River Great Ouse (Flood Protection) Bill, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday, the 22nd day of this instant June, at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Assheton, Colonel Dower, Mr. Edelman, Sir Cuthbert Headlam, Mr. Peake and Mr. Walker-Smith; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eccles, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Kinley, Mr. Law, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tetoo and Mr. Shepherd.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill): Mr. Bevan, Mr. Bing, Mr. Blankinshop, Dr. Broughton, Major Bruce, Mrs. Castle, Mr. Cove, Mrs. Cullen, Mrs. Gould, Dr. Guest, Mr. Howard, Sir George Jeffreys, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Linnean, Mrs. Emanuel, Manning, Mr. Messer, Dr. Morgan, Mr. Piratin, Sir Stanley Reed, Mr. Renton, Mr. Robertson, Dr. Segal, Mr. Snow, Colonel Stoddart-Scott, Mr. Henry Strauss, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, Lady Tweedsmuir, Sir Wavell Wakefield and Mr. West.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C: Mr. Glanville; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Grenfell.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Bill 148.
Standing Committee E.

Message from the Lords.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill.

Mountbatten Estate Bill [Lords].

Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords].

Business of the House.

Business of the House.

Supply [16th allotted Day].

Bill: Mr. George Thomas; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Callaghan.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee E (in respect of the Docking and Nicking of Horses Bill): Lieutenant-Colonel Bolles, Mr. Bradock, Mr. Brook, Mr. George Brown, Colonel Clarke, Mr. Cocks, Mr. Corlett, Mr. Farthing, Mr. Peter Freeman, Mr. Gage, Mr. Gallacher, Sir Ralph Glyn, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Longden, Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Moody, Mr. Papet, Mr. Price, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Mr. Norman Smith, Mr. Solley, Mr. Ivor Thomas, Brigadier Thorp, Sir Wavell Wakefield, Sir Dymoke White, Mr. Frederick Willey and Mr. Younger.

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 City of London (Various Powers) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to remove the restraint upon anticipation imposed upon the Countess Mountbatten of Burma in respect of her interest in income under the Will of the late Sir Ernest Joseph Cassel dated the 9th day of July 1920; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board to construct waterworks and acquire lands for the purpose; to amend the enactments regulating the use of water impounded by certain compensation reservoirs of the Board; to extend the limits for the supply of water by the Board; to alter the constitution of the Board; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Mountbatten Estate Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on consideration of the Amendment made by the Lords to the Ireland Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to His Majesty towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Marginal Agricultural Land for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:

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Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £50, be granted to His Majesty towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Rural Water Supplies for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question put That Item Class V, Vote 1, Ministry of Health, be reduced by £5.—(Mr. Elliot.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Brigadier Mackeson: } 99.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. George Wallace: } 196.

Original Question again proposed.

And it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Ireland Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Pastoral Church of Reorganisation Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for his Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Burden)

Mr. Herbert Morrison, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, gives His Consent, as
far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed, That the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for his Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 2nd June, 1949:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for his Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pearson)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock 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 seven minutes before One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

——— MEMORANDUM. ——

Wednesday, 1st June, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Frank Anderson Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Bill.

[No. 130.]

Thursday, 2nd June, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The British Transport Commission Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Urmston Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday, the 22nd day of this instant June.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 24th day of May 1949, 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 Jones presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report for 1948, showing the Quantities of Spirituous Beverages imported into certain Territories under British Administration in Africa, and the Import Duties levied thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by St. Hugh’s College, Oxford, for administering certain funds of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st May 1949, authorising the landing of a Shorthorn heifer at the Port of Glasgow from Canada.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Marquand presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other Grants for Members of the Military Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents and other Dependents of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service after the 2nd day of September 1939.

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:—

Memorandum by the Lord Chancellor proposing corrections and minor improvements in certain Enactments relating to the Solemnisation and Registration of Marriages in England.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mrs. Paton reported from Standing Committee E. That they had gone through the Baiting of Animals Bill, and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title as follows:—A Bill to make it unlawful to have possession of any domestic fowl prepared for use in fighting or for any instrument or appliance designed or adapted for use in connection with the fighting of a domestic fowl. 

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 24th day of this instant June; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Assheton reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
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 Coal Industry Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the enactments relating to Patents and Designs and to provide for the appointment of an additional puisne judge of the High Court; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the administration by the Minister of Pensions of veterans' pensions and other sums payable under the law of the United States of America in respect of certain persons; and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Coal Industry Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant June; and to be printed.

The Patents and Designs Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant June; and to be printed.

The U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant June; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 21st day of this instant June.—(The Prime Minister);

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers: —And having returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:


And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 21st day of this instant June.
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 19th day of February 1949, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of an Order, dated 2nd June 1949, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Manufacture) Order, 1949.

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 following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:— Copy of a Scheme for effecting the union of the parishes of All Saints, Northampton, and Saint Katharine, Northampton, situate in the diocese of Peterborough.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Barnsley Corporation Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the 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 amended the Title, as followeth:— A Bill to enlarge the powers of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the county borough of Barnsley in relation to Locke Park; to increase the tolls leviable by the Corporation in connection with their markets undertaking; and to make further and better provision with respect to the improvement health and local government of the borough and the finances of the Corporation; and for other purposes; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Mersey Tunnel 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 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. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee E: Sir William Darling and Mr. Sidney Marshall; and had appointed in substitution Sir Patrick Hannon and Mr. Lloyd.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed. That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley):

And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment,—(Mr. Snow).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 21st day of this instant June, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[No. 132.] Tuesday, 21st June, 1949.

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.:

Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the City of London (Various 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 Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals 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 Oldbury Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Rochdale Canal Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Edinburgh and Midlothian Water; and the same was read the first time, and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant June.

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 Royal Bank of Scotland Officers' Widows' Fund: 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 Alexander Scott's Hospital: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command 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 Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the undermentioned dates, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of Regulations, dated 13th June 1949, entitled the National Research Development Corporation Regulations, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th June 1949, entitled the Paper (Use in Betting Schemes) Order, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 13th June 1949, entitled the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th June 1949, entitled the Control of Building Operations (No. 13) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th June 1949, entitled the Control of Building Operations (No. 18) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 17th June 1949, entitled—

(1) the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Rags (Wiping Rags) (Maximum Charges) (Revocation) Order, 1949.
Copy of an Order, dated 20th June 1949, entitled the Fertilisers (Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Profits Tax) (Republic of Ireland) Order, 1949.

Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949. Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 3rd day of June 1949, on Stock issued by the Gas Council under the Gas Act, 1948.

Copy of the Seventy-fourth Annual Report of the Public Works Loan Board (for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table ; and that the Papers relating to Finance Accounts and Gas be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th June 1949, entitled the Probation Officers (Superannuation) Order, 1949.

Copy of the Twentieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Racial Course Betting Control Board, for 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the National Service (Adaptation of Enactments) (Naval and Marine Forces) Order, 1949.

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 a Draft Order in Council entitled the National Service (Adaptation of Enactments) (Military and Air Forces) Order, 1949.

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 the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Colonial Development Corporation for 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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. 257 (No. 46 of the University Court of the University of St. Andrews) (Regulations for Degrees and Diplomas in Dental Surgery).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes:

(1) made by the Governing Body of Lincoln College, Oxford, on the 3rd day of April 1949, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) made by the Governing Body of Peterhouse, Cambridge, on the 15th day of March 1949, 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 Eleventh Report of the Cinematograph Films Council relating to the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

Copy of the General Annual Report on Companies by the Board of Trade for 1947.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1949, entitled the Control of Binder Twine (Revolution) Order, 1949.

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 1st June 1949, entitled the Basingstoke Rural (Preston Candover) Housing Confirmation Order, 1949, with a Certificate by the Minister of Health under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1943.

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) Breconshire County Council.
(2) Cambridge Town Council.
(3) Dover Town Council.
(4) East Cheshire (Local Authorities) Superannuation Joint Committee.
(5) Hereford City Council.
(6) Nottinghamshire Superannuation Joint Committee.
(7) St. Pancras Metropolitan Borough Council.
(8) Smethwick County Borough Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, pursuant to Telegraphs.
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th June 1949, entitled the Telephone Amendment (No. 5) Regulations, 1949.

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 Photographic Representations and Photographic Sound Recordings existing or accruing in the Ministry of Fuel and Power, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the standing Committee B (added in respect of the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill) : Mr. Renton ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Niall Macpherson.
Message from the Lords.
Lands Tribunal Bill.
Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills.

Supply (17th allotted Day). The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £40, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with the Holiday and Tourist Industries and the administration of the Catering Wages Act for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class VI., Vote 1, Board of Trade, be reduced by £5.—(Mr. Butcher.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Brigid Medlicott, Yea, Mr. Niall Macpherson: 122.

Tellers for the Mr. Snow, Noes, Mr. George Wallace: 216.

Original Question again proposed. And it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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 moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the House will, tomorrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Pophlewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eighth minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 21st June, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Mathers Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Analgesia in Childbirth Bill in place of Mr. William Wells.

[No. 133.]

Wednesday, 22nd June, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mersey Tunnel Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Mountbatten Estate Bill Mountbatten Estate Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday the 30th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Urmston Urban District Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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Mr. Secretary Bevin, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Explanatory Note on the Provisions of the Statute of the Council of Europe.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Buenos Aires, Treaty Series (No. 37, 1949), between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Argentine Government for the Avoidance of Double Taxation on Income derived from Sea and Air Transport.

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 22nd June 1949, entitled—

(1) the Control of Paper (Newspapers) (Economy) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Control of Paper (Magazines) (Economy) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd June 1949, entitled the Sales by Auction and Tender (Control) Order, 1949.

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 Stourbridge Town Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 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 the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Coal Board for 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st June 1949, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Contributors) (Transitional) Amendment Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the National Insurance (Pensions, Existing Beneficiaries and Other Persons) (Transitional) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

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:

Memorandum by the Lord Chancellor proposing corrections and minor improvements in certain Enactments relating to Excise Duties on mechanically propelled Vehicles, and to the Licensing and Registration thereof.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Gibbings reported from the Committee on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill. That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the 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.

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 extend the time for the compulsory acquisition of certain lands by the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Crewe; to authorise the supply of heat by means of hot water or steam; to make further provision for the improvement of health local government and finance of the borough; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords] Manchester was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Crewe Corporation Bill [Lords] was Crewe read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.
Clause No. 5 (Sweets).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 38, after the word “ charged,” to insert the words “ in respect of sweets other than mead.” —(Mr. Turton.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the" Colonel Wheatley, Yeas, } 141.
Mr. Digby: } 286.
Tellers for the" Mr. Joseph Henderson, } 285.
Noes, } Mr. Hannan: } 141.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Matches).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the" Mr. Snow, Yeas, } 279.
Mr. George Wallace: } 136.
Tellers for the" Brigadier Mackeson, } Noes, } Mr. Digby: } 286.

Clause No. 8 (Mechanical Lighters).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the" Mr. Popplewell, Yeas, } 286.
Mr. Richard Adams: } 139.
Tellers for the" Commander Agnew, } Noes, } Brigadier Mackeson: } 279.

Clause No. 9 (Extension of relief from entertainments duty for rural entertainments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 25, to leave out from the word “ words “ to the end of subsection (1), and insert the words “ and (b) ’ of the words ‘ or (b) ’ that the entertain-ment is held in a borough, urban district or parish defined as above with a population not exceeding six hundred and forty to the square mile “.—(Mr. Niall Macpherson.)
Question proposed, That the words pro-
posed to be left out stand part of the Clause:
—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Pool betting duty).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

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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,
Mr. Wilkins: ] 186.

Tellers for the [Brigadier Mackeson,

Question put accordingly, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson,
Yeas, Mr. Wilkins: ] 188.

Tellers for the [Sir John Mellor,

Clause No. 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 13 agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit
again.—[Mr. Robert Taylor.] 

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and
the Chairman of Ways and Means re-
ported, 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.

Mr. Blenkinsop reported from the Com-
mittee on National Health Service (Amend-
ment) [Money], a Resolution; which was read,
as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the
present Session to amend the National Health
Service Act, 1946, and the National Health
Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, and otherwise
to amend the law in relation to services pro-
vided under the said Acts, it is expedient to
authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by
Parliament—

(i) of compensation, in certain cases,
to members of medical partnerships,
being compensation additional to the
compensation payable under section
thirty-six of the National Health Ser-
vice Act, 1946, and section thirty-seven
of the National Health Service (Scot-
land) Act, 1947;

(ii) of remuneration and allowances
for the members of any arbitration com-
mittee appointed under the said Act of
the present Session and of the expenses
of any such committee; and

(iii) of any increase attributable to
the passing of the said Act of the pre-
sent Session in any grants or sums pay-
able under any other enactment out
of moneys provided by Parliament;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any
sums received by the Minister of Health or
Secretary of State under the said
Act of the present Session.

The said Resolution, being read a second
time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—[Mr. Robert Taylor.] 

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till five minutes before
Three of the clock on Thursday morn-
ing, adjourned till this day.

Thursday, 23rd June, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after
Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The London County Council (Money) Bill
London County
was read the third time, and passed.
Council (Money) Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Barnsley Corporation Bill, 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 Urmston Urban
District Council Bill, as amended in the Com-
mittee.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill
to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Alexander Scott's Hospital Order Con-
firmation 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 Royal Bank of Scotland Officers’
Widows' Fund 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. Hall presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the
Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the
Duties of the Customs of the Isle of Man, and Accounts of the Accumulated Fund, and of Passenger Tax and Harbour Dues, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereto.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Press.

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. Stracey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd June 1949, entitled the Labelling of Food (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Copies of Orders, dated 22nd June 1949, entitled—

(1) the Feeding Stuffs (Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1949,
(2) the Oats (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order, 1949,
(3) the Oats (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1949,
(4) the Wheat (Great Britain) Order, 1949,
(5) the Wheat (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949, and
(6) the Beans and Peas (Sack Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd June 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Contributions) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

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 (Contributions) Amendment Regulations, 1949, 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 of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Salford Corporation Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E (added in respect of the Docking and Nicking of Horses Bill): Mr. Norman Smith; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Collins.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following fifteen Members to the Scottish Standing Committee (in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee): Mr. Attewell, Mr. Bechervaise, Mr. Delargy, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Longden, Mr. Mack, Mr. McKay, Mr. Manning, Mr. George Porter, Mr. Scott-Elliot, Mr. John Thomas, Mr. Usborne and Mr. Ronald Williams.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on the River Great Ouse (Flood Protection) Bill, that for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 5th day of July next, at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Teignmouth Teignmouth Bridge and Shaldon Bridge Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Committee of Supply be discharged from considering the Estimates set out hereunder and that the said Estimates be referred to the Scottish Standing Committee—

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(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill, itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 14 (Charge of income tax for 1949-50).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 4, to leave out the words "nine shillings," and insert the words "eight shillings and sixpence."—(Mr. Eccles.)
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Order, That Mr. Watson be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Select Committee appointed by the Lords on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills, and that Mr. Forman be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Pearson.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.  
(Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes after Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 135.]  
Friday, 24th June, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill. 
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Adoption of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Rights of inheritance of an adopted child)—(Mr. Parker); 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 (Removal of infants on refusal of adoption order)—(Mr. Hastings); 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. 9, by inserting at the end thereof, the words “or, in the case of an infant committed to or received into the care of a local authority by virtue of the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, or the Children Act, 1948, with the consent of that authority.”—(Mr. Hastings.)

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 Chairman do report Progress, and the Clerk do carry the said Message.
(Mr. Pearson.)

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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—(Mr. Stanley)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Committee proceeded to take into consideration the Adoption of Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Rights of inheritance of an adopted child)—(Mr. Parker); 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 (Removal of infants on refusal of adoption order)—(Mr. Hastings); 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. 9, by inserting at the end thereof, the words “or, in the case of an infant committed to or received into the care of a local authority by virtue of the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, or the Children Act, 1948, with the consent of that authority.”—(Mr. Hastings.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Then Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 21, by inserting at the end thereof, the words—

"(e) that the parent of the infant has failed to comply with the duty imposed upon him by subsection (1) of section ten of the Children Act, 1948."—(Mr. Sidney Marshall.)

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. 2, l. 41, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(a) the infant has been for not less than six weeks in the care and possession of an adoption society or of a children's committee of a local authority or their representative or of a relative as defined in Clause twelve of this Act, during which period but not subsequently the natural mother may reclaim possession of the child:

Provided that—

(i) the adopting parents shall be entitled to take charge of the child before the six weeks shall have elapsed, having been advised in writing by the placing authority that they are liable to be deprived of the child if the natural mother should wish it before the six weeks has expired; and

(ii) that the above subsection (1) (a) of this section shall not apply if the infant is more than eighteen months old."—(Mr. Levy.)

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.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time; and made part of the Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day nominated Sir Basil Neven-Spence Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Barnsley Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Mersey Tunnel Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The following Papers, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment on the under-mentioned dates, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

24th June 1949:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd June 1949, entitled the National Health Service (General

**Memorandum.**

Friday, 24th June, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day nominated Sir Basil Neven-Spence Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee.
Medical and Pharmaceutical Services (Scotland) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd June 1949, entitled the Telephone Amendment (No. 5) Regulations, 1949.

25th June 1949:

- Copy of an Order, dated 24th June 1949, entitled the Utility Apparel (Nurses’ Uniforms) (Manufacturer and Supply) Order, 1949.
- Copies of Orders,
  1. dated 22nd June 1949, entitled the Paper Prices Order, 1949, and
  2. dated 24th June 1949, entitled the Newsprint (Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949.


Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Account of all Deposits received and paid during 1948, with a Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Depositors in the Post Office Savings Banks on the 31st day of December 1948, and the nature and amounts of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those Liabilities at that date.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty’s Command, Report under sub-section (5) of Section 14 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Report under sub-section (5) of Section 14 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 258 (No. 65 of the University Court of the University of Glasgow) (Regulations for Degrees in Science in Engineering).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command, Particulars of Grants of Pay, Allowances, &c., sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, 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. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, London. Copy of a Statute, made by the Senate of the University of London on the 25th day of May 1949, amending the Statutes for the Management of the University of London, University College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, London. Copies of Draft Schemes entitled:
1. the Teachers Superannuation (Royal Navy Education) Scheme, 1949, and
2. the Teachers Superannuation (Royal Air Force Education) Scheme, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Strauss presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, London. Copy of an Order, dated 24th June 1949, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 72) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, London. Copies of Draft Schemes entitled:
1. the Barley (Great Britain) Order, 1949,
2. the Barley (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949,
3. the Cod Liver Oil (Revocation) Order, 1949,
4. the Dredge Corn (Great Britain) Order, 1949, and
5. the Rye (Great Britain) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, London. Copy of
an Order, dated 23rd June 1949, entitled the Gas (Conversion Date) (No. 3) Order, 1949.

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 27th June 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Death Grant) Regulations, 1949.

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 (Death Grant) Regulations, 1949, 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 Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought by the Lords from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to reconstitute the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and otherwise to amend the Nurses Acts, 1919 to 1945, and to make further provision with respect to the training of nurses for the sick; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 23 (Abolition of duties).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Increase in estate duty and modification of provisions related to legacy or succession duty).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 33, to leave out the word "forty-five," and insert the word "fifty-five."—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

Question put, That the word "fifty-five" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Commander Agnew, }113.

{Mr. Digby: }

Mr. Joseph Henderson, {238. }

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 33, at the end, to insert the words—"and where the property in respect of which estate duty is chargeable passes to persons who, save for section twenty-three of this Act, would have been liable to legacy duty or succession duty at the rate of ten per cent., then on that proportion of the property passing and for the benefit of those persons there shall, without prejudice to the reduced rate applicable to agricultural values, be a further reduction of two per cent. in each of the rates."—(Mr. Assheton.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 43, after the word "shown," to insert the words "that the property passes by reason only of a gift inter vivos or."—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 43, after the word "that," to insert the words "by the law of the country in which it is situate such property is immovable property or."—(Mr. Foster.)

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. Joseph }235.

Henderson,

Noes, {Mr. Hannan: }

Mr. Digby:

Clauses Nos. 25 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Extension of exemption for small gifts inter vivos).

Amendment proposed, in p. 21, l. 9, to leave out from the word "amount," to the end of the Clause, and add the words "if the following condition is satisfied, namely, that bona fide possession or enjoyment of the property so taken was assumed by the donee immediately upon the gift and thenceforth retained to the entire exclusion of the deceased or of any benefit to him by contract or otherwise.

(2) Where in the case of any donee such gifts do not exceed in the aggregate five hundred pounds in value or in amount and bona fide possession or enjoyment of some but not all of the property so taken was assumed by the donee immediately upon the gift and thenceforth retained to the entire exclusion of the deceased or of any benefit to him by contract or otherwise, the foregoing subsection shall apply to the gift or gifts of..."
which such possession or enjoyment was so taken or assumed and retained but not to the other or others."—(Mr. Assheton.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yea, Mr. Joseph Henderson, 250.
Mr. Hannan, 102.
Tellers for the
Noes, Brigadier Mackeson, Colonel Wheatley.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 30 to 33 agreed to.

Clause No. 34 (Exoneration of certain properties).

Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 12, to leave out the words "ten shillings," and insert the words "one pound."—(Mr. Assheton.)

Question proposed, That the words "ten shillings" stand part of the Clause:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 19, at the end, to insert the words—
"(d) all properties comprised in the counties of Orkney and Shetland."—(Sir Basil Neven-Spence.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 35 to 39 agreed to.

Clause No. 40 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Remission of customs duties on certain aircraft and parts and equipment thereof)—(Mr. Jay)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Footballers' benefits)—(Mr. Hollis)—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
Yea, Mr. Hollis, 131.
Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite,
Mr. Wilkins, 262.
Tellers for the
Noes, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. George Wallace,
Colonel Wheatley, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after
One of the clock on Tuesday morning,
adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 27th June, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Diamond Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Docking and Nicking of Horses Bill.

[No. 137.]

Tuesday, 28th June, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after
Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, viz.:

Crewe Corporation Bill [Lords].
Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.
A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on the Political Activities of Civil Servants. 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 25th June 1949, entitled the National Galleries of Scotland (Application of Transferred Property) Order, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 25th June 1949, entitled the National Health Service (Medical Practices Compensation) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.


Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 27th June 1949, entitled—
(1) the Rye (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Dredge Corn (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th June 1949, entitled the Electricity (Falmouth, Dartmouth and Kingswear) (Transfer) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, the Minutes of the further Proceedings of the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Frank Anderson reported from Standing Committee D, that they had gone through the Sea Fish Industry Bill, and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Mathers reported from Standing Committee E, that they had gone through the Analgesia in Childbirth Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Dover Harbour Act to make further provision with respect to the dues rates rents and charges demandable by the Dover Harbour Board; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Dover Harbour Bill [Lords] was read upon Monday next, and to be printed. Bill 159.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of an Order, dated 25th June 1949, entitled the Water (Adaptation and Modification of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1947) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Nurses Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

Another Clause (Dependent relatives allowance)—(Viscount Hinchingbrooke)—brought up, and read the first time.

Ordered, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 3 of Finance Act, 1920)—(Mr. Stuart)—brought up, and read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed Question put pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Hannan:

Mr. Hannan:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Digby:

Mr. Duthie:

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite, Mr. Duthie:

Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Hannan:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Hannan:

Another Clause (Initial and annual allowances, &c., for office buildings)—(Mr. Eccles)—brought up, and read the first time.

Ordered, That the Clause be read a second time.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Clause (Relief in respect of foreign income tax)—(Mr. Eccles)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Commander Agnew,

Colonel Wheatley: 

115.

Yeas,

Mr. Collindridge;

Tellers for the 

Mr. Collindridge,

Mr. Hannan: 

272.

Noes,

Another Clause (Relief of income tax where total cost of education is borne by taxpayer)—(Mr. Hollis)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Debate arising;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Snow,

Mr. George Wallace: 

274.

Yeas,

Mr. Drew,

Brigadier Mackeson: 

125.

Noes,

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Commander Maitland,

Mr. Hollis: 

112.

Yeas,

Mr. Snow,

Mr. George Wallace: 

280.

Noes,

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act, 1948, s. 42)—(Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite)—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 Finance Act, 1947, s. 33)—(Mr. Lloyd)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Debate arising;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Papplewell,

Mr. Snow: 

285.

Yeas,

Mr. Papplewell,

Mr. Wilkins: 

288.

Noes,

Another Clause (Profits tax distribution of Government stock after nationalisation)—(Lieutenant-Commander Braithwaite)—brought up, and read the first time.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Colonel Wheatley, Yeas, Mr. Digby: 84.
Tellers for the Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Snow: 201.

Another Clause (Income tax arrears cancellation) — (Lieutenant - Commander Braithwaite)—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 (Annual allowances, &c., for mineral rights in the United Kingdom) — (Commander Agnew) — 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. Charles Williams, Yeas, Mr. Langford-Holt: 63.
Tellers for the Mr. Hannan, Noes, Mr. Bowden: 187.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Schedule No. 6. Amendment proposed, in p. 48, 1. 46, to leave out the word "use," and insert the words "efficient use for the purpose for which it was provided." (Mr. Eccles.) Question proposed, That the word "use" stand part of the Schedule: — Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 7 agreed to.

Schedule No. 8 amended, and agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 9 and 10 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — (Mr. Bowden.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Six of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Dartford Tunnel (Extension of Time) Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the 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 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 of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations of the 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 of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Teesside Railless Traction Board (Additional Routes) Provisional Order Bill, That they had considered the Order contained in the 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 of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Cranae) Bill, That they had considered the Order contained in the 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 of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Southwold) Bill, That they had considered the Order contained in the 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords give leave to the Lord Robinson to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Estimates, if his Lordship think fit.

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. Collindridge, 
Yeas, 230.
Tellers for the [Brigadier Mackeson, 
Noes, 216.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Airways Corporations Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months.—(Mr. Lennox-Boyd.)

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. Snow, 
Yeas, Mr. George Wallace:
Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, 
Noes, Mr. Digby:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was 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 Airways Corporations [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 merger of the British South American Airways Corporation with the British Overseas Airways Corporation; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase in the amounts chargeable on the Consolidated Fund under section sixteen of the British Overseas Airways Act, 1939, which may be attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session extending the borrowing powers of the British Overseas Airways Corporation; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(b) any increase in the amounts payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under section twelve of the Civil Aviation Act, 1946, which may be attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session authorising the appointment of an additional deputy chairman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation;
(c) any increase attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session in the amounts payable into the Exchequer under section eighteen of the said Act of 1946.—(Mr. 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 tomorrow.

The Patents and Designs 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 Patents and Designs [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 enactments relating to patents and designs and to provide for the appointment of an additional puisne judge of the High Court, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required—

(a) for making payments to patentees and other persons in respect of the use of inventions and registered designs by or with the authority of a Government department under the provisions of the enactments relating to patents and designs as amended by the said Act of the present Session;—

(b) for making payments in pursuance of any provision of the said Act of the present Session authorising the payment of compensation to applicants for patents who suffer hardship by reason of directions given under the provisions of the said Act for the purposes relevant for defence purposes or under section twelve of the Atomic Energy Act, 1946; and

(c) for the payment of remuneration to scientific advisers appointed to assist the Court or the Appeal Tribunal in pursuance of any provision of the said Act of the present Session.

(2) The payment out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom and out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums equal to the amount of any increase in the sums payable under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, out of the said Fund and out of moneys so provided respectively, which may be incurred by reason of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing the maximum number of puisne judges of the High Court.—(Mr. Wilson.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Police, proposed, That the Draft Police Pensions Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 25th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Younger);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

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And the Question being put:

Resolved, That the Draft Police Pensions Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 25th day of May last, be approved.

Resolved, That the Draft Police Pensions Police (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 27th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Two of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 139.] Thursday, 30th June, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Salford Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mountbatten Estate Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of July next.

The Teesside Railless Traction Board (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 (Southwold) 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 (Crarae) 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 Edinburgh and Midlothian Water Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Charter of the Allied High Commission for Germany, signed at Paris on the 20th day of June 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Memoranda explanatory—

(1) of North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Schemes, No. 10 (Fassnackyle-Beaulieu Transmission Lines), and No. 14 (Fassnackyle-Beaulieu Transmission Lines), and

(2) of North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 21 (Shira-Inveruglas Transmission Lines).

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Memoranda explanatory—

(1) of North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 10 Confirmation Order, 1949,

(2) of North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board—Constructional Scheme No. 14 Confirmation Order, 1949, and

(3) of North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 21) Confirmation Order, 1949.

Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, for 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:

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Doctments existing or accruing in the Offices of the National Coal Board which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the 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 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 1948. (Mr. Younger.)

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on the Shoreham Harbour Bill. That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Ayles, Mr. Gaitskell, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Maude and Mr. Henry Strauss; and had appointed in substitution Air Commodore Harvey, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Sir Peter Macdonald, Mr. Mikardo and Sir Walter Smiles.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following thirty Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Airways Corporations Bill): Mr. Awbery, Mr. Beswick, Mr. Clynes, Mr. Challen, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cooper-Key, Mr. Crawley, Mr. Ernest Davies, Colonel Dower, Mr. Dower, Mr. Gage, Mr. Gammans, Major Gates, Colonel Ghislain, Mr. Ibbetson, Mr. Jenkyns, Squadron Leader Kinghorn, Lieutenant-Colonel Kingsmill, Mr. Lindgren, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, Mr. Fitzroy Maclean, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Goronwy Roberts, Mr. Ivor Thomas, Major Vernon, Mr. George Wallace, Mr. Watkins, Group Captain Wilcock and Mr. John Williams.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D: Sir Thomas Dugdale and Captain Marsden; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Foster and Sir David Maxwell Eyle.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Patents and Designs Bill [Lords]): Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bossom, Mr. Bradock, Mrs. Castle, Mr. Cobb, Mr. John Edwards, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. John Freeman, Mr. Hare, Mr. Kendall, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. Malcolm Macpherson, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Price, Mr. Pritt, Commander Pursey, Mr. Renton, Mr. Richards, Mr. Shawcross, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Skeffington-Lodge, Mr. Edward Smith, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Wilson.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Southampton Harbour 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 Schedules thereto; and had directed the Chairman 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 of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Royal Holloway College Bill [Lords], 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 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 of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Royal Alexandra and Albert School Bill [Lords], 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 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. Oliver reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills, that they had considered the Civil Aviation Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and directed him to make a Report in respect thereof to the House; together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Oliver reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills, that they had considered the Representation of the People Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and directed him to make a Report in respect thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. William Paling, supported by Mr. Hall and Mr. Hobson, presented a Bill to repeal section five of the Post Office and Telegraph Act, 1940, so far as it applies to contracts made by local telegraph authorities: And the same 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, 1949-50.

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 Industry and Employment in Scotland in so far as they relate to Agriculture, Fisheries, Food, Transport and Rural Industries in Scotland for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:

- Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

Class I, Vote 24.—Scottish Home Department...

Class VI, Vote 20.—Department of Agriculture for Scotland...

Class VI, Vote 21.—Department of Agriculture for Scotland (Food Production Services)

Class VI, Vote 22.—Fisheries, Scotland...

Class VI, Vote 23.—Herring Industry...

Total...

£50.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and moved, 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. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 30th June, 1949.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Airways Corporations Bill to Standing Committee A and the Patents and Designs Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D.

Order, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Leeds Borough 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 Leeds (West Division) in the room of Thomas William Stamford, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Whiteley.)
The Edinburgh and Midlothian Water Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on the Proceeding of the Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held at Paris between the 22nd day of May and the 20th day of June 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty yesterday, for a Return relating to Offences relating to motor vehicles.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on the Proceeding of the Proceedings of the Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held at Paris between the 22nd day of May and the 20th day of June 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th June 1949, entitled the West African Territories (Air Transport) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1949.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th June 1949, declaring that the Government of Liberia has acceded to the Safety Convention.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th June 1949, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 2) Order, 1949.

Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Oxford on the 15th day of March 1949, amending the Statutes of the University.

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 June 1949, entitled the Salvage of Waste Materials (Nos. 2 and 3) Orders (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st July 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Unemployment Benefit) (Transitional) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Hairdressers (Registration) 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. 3, l. 39, by leaving out the words “a male or female nurse,” and inserting the words “an enrolled assistant nurse within the meaning of the Nurses Acts, 1919 and 1943, or any person authorised by regulations made and in force thereunder to describe himself as a nurse or any person engaged in or applying the process or practice of physio-therapy”—(Mr. Turner-Samuels),—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. 5, by leaving out from the word “nurse” to the end thereof—(Mr. Hale),—and adding the words “or a member of the Chartered Society of Physio-therapists or of the Physio-therapists Association of Great Britain”—(Mr. Paton),—instead thereof, and, so amended, were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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. Irvine.)

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. Awbery, 

Mr. Kinley: 53.

Tellers for the Noes, 

Mr. Irvine, Mr. Lee: 67.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words “upon this day three months” be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon this day three months.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Analgesia in Childbirth Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

And it being Four of the clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Friday next.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Bowden.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 1st July, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Lang Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Airways Corporations Bill and Mr. Touche Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Patents and Designs Bill [Lords].

[No. 141.]


The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Crewe Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Orders made upon the 31st day of May last, that the Papers relating to Civil Defence do lie upon the Table, were read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 2nd day of this instant July, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of Regulations, dated 1st July 1949, entitled the National Health Service (Medical Practices Compensation) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1948.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Regulations entitled—

(1) the Civil Defence (General) Regulations, 1949, and

(2) the Civil Defence Corps (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

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 Draft Regulations entitled—

(1) the Civil Defence (General) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, and

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1949, entitled the Potato Marketing Scheme, 1933 (Modification and Suspension) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food), Orders, dated 1st July 1949, entitled—

(1) the Livestock (Sales) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Rabbits and Hares (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1949, entitled the Soap (Licensing of Manufacturers and Rationing) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Basingstoke Rural (Preston Candover) Housing Confirmation Order, 1949.

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 E; Sir Patrick Hannon; and had appointed in substitution Major Legge-Bourke.

The House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) 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.

(Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £40, be granted to His Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Housing for the year ending on the 31st March 1950, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

Class V, Vote 1, Ministry of Health. ... 10
Class V, Vote 5, Ministry of Labour and National Service. ... 10
Class VII, Vote 1, Ministry of Works. ... 10
Class IX, Vote 1, Ministry of Supply. ... 10

Total ... ... £40.
Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class V, Vote 1, Ministry of Health, be reduced by £5.—(Mr. Elliot.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Studholme, Yeas, 100.
Tellers for the Mr. Snow, Noes, 258.

Original Question again proposed. And it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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 moved, 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 Patents and Designs [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the enactments relating to Patents and Designs and to provide for the appointment of an additional puisne judge of the High Court, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required—
   (a) for making payments to patentees and other persons in respect of the use of inventions and registered designs by or with the authority of a Government department under the provisions of the enactments relating to patents and designs as amended by the said Act of the present Session;
   (b) for making payments in pursuance of any provision of the said Act of the present Session authorising the payment of compensation to applicants for patents who suffer hardship by reason of directions given under the provisions of the said Act for ensuring secrecy in respect of inventions relevant for defence purposes or under section twelve of the Atomic Energy Act, 1946; and
   (c) for the payment of remuneration to scientific advisers appointed to assist the Court or the Appeal Tribunal in pursuance of any provision of the said Act of the present Session;

(2) The payment out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom and out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums equal to the amount of any increase in the sums payable under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, out of the said Fund and out of moneys so provided respectively, which may be incurred by reason of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing the maximum number of puisne judges of the High Court.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until twenty-one minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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 Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, viz.—

Dover Harbour Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southampton Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order for reading a second time upon Mountbatten Estate Bill, Tuesday next the Mountbatten Estate Bill [Lords] was read, and discharged.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Awards for Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of Service.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Awards for Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1949, relating to the fiduciary note issue.

The Order for a second reading upon Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation Bill, Tuesday next the Greenwich Hospital and of Travers' Foundation Bill [Lords] was read, and discharged.

The Prime Minister presented, by His Awards for Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of Service.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 4th July 1949, relating to the fiduciary note issue.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 4th July 1949, relating to the fiduciary note issue.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers' Foundation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1949, entitled the Crop Acreage Payments (Scotland) Order, 1949.
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 28th day of March 1949, namely, the Aberdeen Harbour Order and the Dundee Corporation (Administration and General Powers) 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 Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th July 1949, entitled the Services Laundry (Maximum Charges) Order, 1949.

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. Darlington Town Council.
2. Durham County Council.
4. Pembrokeshire County Council.
5. Poole Town Council.
7. Thornaby-on-Tees Town Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th July 1949, entitled the Carrots (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Burden reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Coast Protection 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. Diamond reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Docking and Nicking of Horses Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title, as followeth: A Bill to restrict the docking and nicking of horses and the importation of docked horses.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday 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 D: Mr. Douglas Marshall; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Galbraith.

Mr. Secretary Jones, supported by Mr. Hall and Mr. Rees-Williams, presented a Bill to empower the Treasury, under section twelve of the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1948, to guarantee other charges, as well as in respect of loans made to the Corporations established under that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday 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. Whiteley.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surpluses and deficits upon Navy, Army and Air Grants for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, and the application of surpluses to meet Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Navy, Army and Air Departments, which were presented upon the 18th day of January last, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to His Majesty towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Education for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1949-50. £
Class IV, Vote 1, Ministry of Education ... 10
Class VII, Vote 3, Public Buildings, Great Britain... ... ... ... 10
Total ... ... ... £20

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and moved, 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 Airways Corporations [Money].
That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the merger of the British South American Airways Corporation with the British Overseas Airways Corporation; to authorise the appointment of an additional deputy chairman of the British
Overseas Airways Corporation and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase in the amounts chargeable on the Consolidated Fund under section sixteen of the British Overseas Airways Act, 1939, which may be attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session extending the borrowing powers of the British Overseas Airways Corporation;

(b) any increase in the amounts payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under section twelve of the Civil Aviation Act, 1946, which may be attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session authorising the appointment of an additional deputy chairman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation;

(c) any increase attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session in the amounts payable into the Exchequer under section eighteen of the said Act of 1946.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Thurtle be added to the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, dated 25th May 1949, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Permit) Regulations, 1949 (S.I., 1949, No. 1008), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 26th day of May last, be annulled.—(Mr. Peter Thorneycroft):—It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 143.]

Wednesday, 6th July, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dartford Tunnel (Extension of Time) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords], 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. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 27th day of June 1949, on stock issued by the Gas Council under the Gas Act, 1948.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 28th day of June 1949, on stock issued by the Gas Council under the Gas Act, 1948.

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 an Order, dated 5th July 1949, entitled the Crop Acreage Payments (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement (No. 1, 1949), on Trade and Payments between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Argentine Government (with Schedules, Annex and Notes exchanged), signed at Buenos Aires on the 27th day of June 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Ministry of Health for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, including the Report of the Chief Medical Officer on the State of the Public Health for 1947.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the Local Government (Directors of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the aforementioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:

(1) Loughborough Town Council.

(2) Runcorn Urban District Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and Services (Food) Order, dated 5th July 1949, entitled the Coffee Essence (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the National Health Service (Amendment) 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 Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Marriages Provisional Orders Bill, That they had considered the Orders contained in the Bill; that
they were of opinion that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (South Molton) Bill, That they had considered the Order contained in the 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 of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Chichester) Bill, That they had considered the Order contained in the 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 of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Morley) Bill, That they had considered the Order contained in the 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. Naylor reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports, That they had agreed to a 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. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. George Thomas from the Panel of Members to serve on Committees on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 132 relating to Private Business on Committees on Unopposed Bills, and had appointed Mr. Edward Porter thereto.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Patents and Designs Bill (Lords)): Mr. Walter Fletcher, Mr. Pritt and Mr. Skeffington-Lodge; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Binns, Mr. Manningham-Buller and Mr. Hopkin Morris.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clarks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Hall, presented a Bill to indemnify John Burns, Esquire, John James Robertson, Esquire, and Albert Evans, Esquire, from any penal consequences which they may have incurred under the Succession to the Crown Act, 1707, the House of Commons (Disqualification Act), 1782, or the House of Commons (Disqualifications) Act, 1801, in respect of certain matters arising before the passing of this Act, and to remove any disqualification for membership of the House of Commons so incurred by them: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Committee on Housing (Scotland) [Money] (No. 2) be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Ordered, That the Finance Bill, as amended, may be considered immediately after the re-committal of the Bill and report thereof, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the interval between the various stages of such a Bill.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Finance Bill, into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the new Clause (Duration of dog licences) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Duration of dog licences)—(Mr. Hall)—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 added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.
A Clause (Amendment of rates of entertainments duty)—(Mr. Hall), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Exemption from entertainments duty of amateur entertainments)—(Mr. Hall), was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Assessment of profits for income tax, &c., purposes)—(Mr. Hale); 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 (Amendment of Finance Act, 1946)—(Mr. Houghton); 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 (Amendment of Finance Act, 1925, s. 15)—(Mr. Lloyd); 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.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Brigadier Mackeson, 118.
Colonel Wheatley: 
Mr. Joseph Henderson, 
Mr. Hanham: 
Noes, 
Major Conant, 
Colonel Wheatley: 
Mr. Collindridge, 
Mr. Wilkins: 
254.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of s. 27 of Income Tax Act, 1945)—(Mr. Douglas Marshall); 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 (Amendment as to double taxation relief)—(Mr. Lloyd); 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 (Payment of estate duty in respect of property situated abroad)—(Colonel Hutchinson); 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. 27, by leaving out Clause No. 13.—(Mr. Lloyd.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that, on the ratification by His Majesty the King of Sweden of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Draft of an Order in Council entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sweden) Order, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 3rd day of May last, an Order may be made in the form of that Draft.—(Mr. Hall.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Argentina) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 3rd day of May last.—(Mr. 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 an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Profits Tax) (Republic of Ireland) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 21st day of June last.—(Mr. 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.

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 Housing (Scotland) (Money) (No. 2) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1946, and to promote the improvement of housing accommodation in Scotland by authorising the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and of grants by local authorities, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in making to a corporation established by an order under section two of the New Towns Act, 1946, a grant in respect of—

(a) the construction of a house or flat by an experimental method, the use for the purposes of experiment of any materials in the construction of a house or flat or the installation in a house or flat, in the course of the construction thereof, of equipment or fittings for those purposes; or

(b) the incorporation or installation in a house or flat, otherwise than in the course of the construction thereof, of materials, equipment or fittings for those purposes.

—(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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

THE House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses yesterday relating 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) (Sweden) Order, 1949, the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Argentina) Order, 1949, and the Double Taxation Relief (Profits Tax) (Republic of Ireland) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the respective drafts laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The Marriages Provisional Orders 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 (South Molton) 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 (Chichester) 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 (Morley) 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 (Macclesfield) 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. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Warrant, dated 4th July 1949, entitled the Postal Order Warrant, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copies—

(1) of the Annual Report of the Colonial Research Council,
(2) of the Sixth Annual Report of the Colonial Products Research Council,
(3) of the Fifth Annual Report of the Colonial Social Science Research Council,
(4) of the Fourth Annual Report of the Colonial Medical Research Committee,
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Superannuation 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.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [21st allotted Day].

(7) of the Fourth Annual Report of the Committee for Colonial Agricultural, Animal Health and Forestry Research, and
(6) of the Second Annual Report of the Colonial Insecticide Committee, and

Mr. Secretary Jones also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of Schemes made under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act in the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Colonial Development and Welfare be printed.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th July 1949, entitled the Local Government (Allowances to Members) (Prescribed Bodies) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1949, entitled the Crop Acreage Payments (England and Wales) Order, 1949.

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 July 1949, entitled the Milk (Non-Priority Allowance) (No. 2) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mainwaring reported from the Committee on the River Great Ouse (Flood Protection) 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 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. Lang reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Airways Corporations Bill, and made an Amendment 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. 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 Superannuation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 7th July, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Mathers Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee in place of Sir Basil Neven-Spence.

[No. 145.] 
Friday, 8th July, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ashdown Forest Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th July 1949, entitled the Exchange Control (Import and Export) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as to the Expulsion, Registration and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of April 1949 to the 30th day of June 1949.

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 8th July 1949, entitled the Fish (Port Allocation Committees) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th July 1949, entitled the Gas (Conversion Date) (No. 4) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Rochdale Canal Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations of the 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 of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Falmouth Docks Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Extension of jurisdiction of Court of Session in certain consistorial proceedings)—(Mr. Manningham-Buller)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Docking and Nicking of Horses Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Analgesia in Childbirth Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And 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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, 44.

Mrs. Manning:

Mr. Daines, 108.

Mr. Binns:

So it passed in the Negative.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the U.S.A. Veterans’ Pensions (Administration) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Colonial Loans Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (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. Bowden reported from the Committee on Colonial Development and Welfare [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the amounts payable in any financial year out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purposes of schemes under section one of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys so provided of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the amounts so payable.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN,
Speaker.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Bowden);

And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Bowden.)

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.

THE Dartford Tunnel (Extension of Time) Dartford Tunnel (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.

The Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Royal Alexandra and Albert School Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Dover Harbour Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of an Agreement (No. 38, 1949), between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Ethiopia for the Regulation of Imperial Mutual Relations (with Annexure, Schedule and Letters exchanged), signed at Addis Ababa on the 19th day of December 1944.


Copy of Notes exchanged at London, Treaty Series No. 40, 1949, between the 12th day of April and the 17th day of May 1949, between His Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic regarding the exclusion of the French Somali Coast from the Franc Area as defined in the Anglo-French Financial Agreement of the 27th day of March 1945.

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 Draft Regulations, entitled the National Health Service (Scotland) Superannuation (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of an Order in Council, dated 8th July 1949, entitled the Utility Cloth and Utility Household Textiles (Maximum Prices) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—

(1) Ashford and District Superannuation Joint Committee.

(2) Bexley and Swanscombe (Superannuation) Joint Committee.

(3) Carmarthen Superannuation Joint Committee.

(4) Cotswold District Joint Superannuation Committee.

(5) Hawarden-Prestatyn Superannuation Joint Committee.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parish of the Cathedral Benefice of Sheffield.

Mr. Gibbins reported from the Committee on the Shoreham Harbour 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 thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Prime Minister acquainted the House, That he had a Message from His Majesty to this House signed by His Majesty: —And he presented the same to the House, and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered); and as follows:—

The 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 or 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 stoppage of work on an extensive scale in the Port of London 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 eleventh day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, to declare that a state of emergency exists.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That His Majesty's Most Gracious Message be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Bowden; Mr. Piratin, Mr. Solley.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question Business of the House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment proposed upon the 6th day of this instant July on consideration of the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and on recommittal:

Which Amendment was, in p. 7, l. 27, to leave out Clause No. 13;

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—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. Pearson: 209.
Mr. Richard Adams: 104.
Tellers for the Commander Agnew: 242.
Brigadier Mace: 88.

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. 36, l. 32, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(4) Notwithstanding anything in section fifty-four of the Finance Act, 1948, interest on unpaid contribution shall be chargeable only from a date within twenty-eight days from the passing of this Act."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 37, l. 11, by leaving out the words "whether before or."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

And the Question being put, That the words "whether before or" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 53, l. 18, by leaving out the words "used in connection with," and inserting the words "the use of which is dependent on"—(Mr. Asheton), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "used in connection with" 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. 55, l. 47, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " and if that person is aggrieved by the decision of the Commissioners on the amount of the capital expenditure so deemed to have been incurred he may appeal to the General or Special Commissioners."—(Mr. Stanley.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Superannuation Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 20, l. 36, leave out sub-section (4), the first Amendment, being a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 21, l. 9, at end, insert—

"(2) Where a nomination validly made has become void at any time on the ground that a child of the nominator might then have been but was not a nominee of his and the nominator has died or retired without having made a new nomination, the Treasury may, if in the circumstances they think fit so to do, direct that the provisions of this Act shall have effect as if the nominator, immediately after the event by which the nomination was avoided, had nominated the person who was the nominee under the nomination (or, where more than one nomination was avoided by that event, such of those persons as may be specified in the direction) and had also nominated his child," the next Amendment, being a second read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 30, l. 28, leave out from "Act" to "the " in l. 29, the next Amendment, being a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 44, l. 27, at end insert new Clause A (Application to employees of Cable and Wireless, etc.), the remaining Amendment, being a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Special Entry. Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, That this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy, Army and Air Force Expenditure, 1947-48.

(In the Committee.)

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, that the aggregate Expenditure on Navy 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 Navy Services over the net Expenditure is £15,776,537 8s. 9d. viz.:—

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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 Navy Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

1. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. Hall.)

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**Net Surplus** £32,477,294 15s. 7d.

II. Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, 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 £32,477,294 15s. 7d. viz.:

| Total Surpluses | £40,040,465 18s. 10d. |
| Total Deficits | £5,563,171 3s. 3d. |
| Net Surplus | £32,477,294 15s. 7d. |

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.

2. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. Hall.)

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**Total Deficits:** £41,003,902 Is. 5d. **Total Surpluses:** £26,779,940 10s. 10d.

**Net Surplus** £13,219,660 13s. 1id.

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 the Timber (Charges) (No. 10) Order, 1949 (S.I., 1949, No. 1080), dated 3rd June 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 7th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. John Edwards.)

Ordered, That the U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Bill [Lords] 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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 147.]

Tuesday, 12th July, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Ashdown Forest Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion being made, That the London County Council (General Powers) Bill be now read the third time; The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Paris on the 10th day of May 1948, modifying the International Convention relating to Exhibitions, of the 22nd day of November 1928 (The Protocol has not yet been accepted by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Limitation of Actions.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooks reported from the Committee Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords], 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 thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision consequent on the intended transfer of the undertaking of the Rhodesia Railways Limited to a body to be constituted by a Statute of the Legislature of the Colony of Southern Rhodesia with respect to certain pension schemes of the Company and to certain contracts to which the Company are a party or under which they have acquired rights and incurred obligations; and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Rhodesia Railways Limited (Pension Schemes and Contracts) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be excepted, 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. Hammond: 253.) (Mr. Bowden: 119.) Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Stuchholme: 253.) (Mr. Digby: 119.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill, Third Reading of the Finance Bill; And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House of Commons (Indemnification of Certain Members) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Collinbridge.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputv Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wireless Telegraphy Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, leave out ll. 21 and 22, the first Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being Special Entry, willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 23, leave out " elsewhere," the next Amendment, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 9, l. 32, at end insert—

" (5) If, in the case of any reference or application to the appeal tribunal under section eleven of this Act, any of the parties or the president of the tribunal, within such time, if any, as may be limited in that behalf by the rules regulating the procedure of the tribunal, request the Lord Chancellor, if the proceedings are in England or Wales, or the Secretary of State, if the proceedings are in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to appoint two additional members of the tribunal to act for that case, the Lord Chancellor or Secretary of State, as the case may be, shall select and appoint two persons, who need not possess any legal qualifications or expert knowledge, to act as additional members of the tribunal for that case, and the additional members so appointed shall act therefor accordingly in addition to the president and the assessors or assessor, 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. 10, l. 32, at end insert—

"Provided that nothing in this section shall render a person liable to incur any expenditure for the purpose of complying with any requirement in excess of one florin in respect of each one apparatus in his possession which is made or adapted for use for ordinary domestic purposes and is used by him for those purposes in his household and is in reasonable repair and running order," 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. Wilfred Paling);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. George Wallace: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant: 78.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 12, l. 30, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 12, l. 30, at end insert—

"(c) if they are satisfied that compliance with the said requirements or those requirements as directed to be varied, would impose unreasonable cost (not being less than one hundred pounds) upon the person having possession of or any interest in the apparatus they may if they think fit direct the Postmaster General to allocate the cost in such proportion among such persons or class of persons and in such manner as may be specified in the direction," 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. Wilfred Paling);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Mr. Snow, 232.

Mr. George Wallace.}

Mr. George Wallace. 97.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 12, l. 31, after "notice," insert "or allocate the cost," the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 13, l. 40, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 40, leave out sub-section (2), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 22, l. 3, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 22, leave out ll. 3 to 20 and insert—

"1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, the members of the appeal tribunal, other than any members appointed to act for a particular case, shall hold office for such period as may be determined at the time of their respective appointments.

(2) Any member of the tribunal may at any time by notice in writing to the Lord Chancellor resign his appointment.

(3) If a member of the tribunal becomes a member of the advisory committee, his office shall thereupon become vacant.

(4) The Lord Chancellor may declare the office of any member of the tribunal vacant on the ground of incapacity to perform the duties thereof, or on the ground of misconduct.

(5) If any member of the tribunal becomes bankrupt or makes an arrangement with his creditors, his office shall thereupon become vacant.

(6) In the application of the preceding provisions of this paragraph to members appointed by the Lord President of the Court of Session, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland or the Secretary of State, references to the Lord President, Lord Chief Justice or Secretary of State, as the case may be, shall be substituted for the references to the Lord Chancellor," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 23, l. 17, after "president" insert "or, in a case where additional members have been appointed, the decision of all, or, in the event of a difference of opinion, of the majority of, the members of the tribunal other than the assessors," the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill:

And a Committee was nominated of Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Grimston, Mr. Houghton, Mr. William Williams and Mr. Wilfred Paling.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Wilfred Paling.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Coal Industry Bill:

And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, l. 23, at end, insert—

"Provided that before the Board carry on any of the activities referred to in paragraphs (b), (c), (d) or (e) of subsection (2) of section one of the principal Act in any country or place overseas the carrying on by them of that activity in that country or place shall have been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament," 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. Galskeld);

The House proceeded to a Division;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 13th July, 1949:

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the {Mr. Hannan, 167.

Mr. Wilkins.}

Mr. Wilkins. 84.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 2, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 2, at end, insert "and (in such cases and to such extent
as may be specified in the regulations) taking into account, as regards the amount thereof, any loss of benefits which might have been expected to accrue by virtue of employment after the expiration of the period aforesaid," the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—

(Mr. Gaitskell):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Studholme, 

Mr. Popham;

Mr. Macdonald,

Mr. Wilks;

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Popplewell,

Mr. Wilkins;

Mr. W Roberts.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 9, at end insert—

"( ) Regulations made for the purposes of the said section thirty-seven shall provide for the reference to a referee or board of referees appointed by the Minister of Labour and National Service of any dispute arising—

(a) in a case where—

(i) a right to any particular benefits in favour of a person to whom subsection (2) of that section, as amended by subsection (1) of this section, applies, or in favour of another person by reference to his employment, has ceased or been prejudiced by reason of his ceasing in consequence of the passing of the principal Act to be employed by his previous employer or to be employed in activities to which paragraph (a) of the said subsection (2), as so amended, applies; or

(ii) any such person retired from employment before the primary or other relevant vesting date, and, he, or another person by reference to his employment, had been in receipt of benefits granted in respect of his employment;

whether benefits provided in pursuance of regulations so made are the same as, or not less advantageous than, those the right to which has so ceased or been prejudiced, or, as the case may be, those that had been received;

(b) in a case where an expectation of accruer of any particular benefits in favour of a person to whom the said subsection (2), as amended as aforesaid, applies, or in favour of another person by reference to his employment, has ceased or been prejudiced as aforesaid, whether compensation provided in pursuance of regulations so made satisfies the requirements of the regulations;

and where, upon a reference under a provision of regulations having effect by virtue of this subsection, the referee or board of referees determines what benefits or compensation must be provided in order to satisfy the requirements of the regulations, it shall be the duty of the person charged by the regulations with the provision of the benefits or compensation to give effect to the determination," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Bracken, Colonel Clarke, Mr. Gaitskell, Mr. Neal and Mr. Sylvester.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

And they are to withdraw immediately.

Mr. Wilfred Paling 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 Wireless Telegraphy Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 10, l. 32, for the following Reason:—

Because they consider that it is wrong that a person in an arbitrarily selected class should be allowed to interfere with the amenities of his neighbours regardless of whether it would unreasonably cause him hardship to cease doing so, merely because the cost of abating the interference would exceed an arbitrarily fixed amount; and that if this were permitted the voluntary collaboration on which the Government must in the great majority of cases continue to rely for the control of interference would be undermined.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 12, l. 30, and p. 12, l. 31, for the following Reason:—

Because the said Amendments would in certain cases affect public funds; and the Commons consider it unnecessary to offer any further Reason, hoping that the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The said Reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Mr. Gaitskell reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Coal Industry 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. 2, l. 23, for the following Reason:

Because the said Amendment would unduly impede the National Coal Board in the exercise and performance of their duty.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendment): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 148.]
Wednesday, 13th July, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

M R. HALL presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Tables relating to the Balance of Payments.

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 Commission with respect to the areas comprised in the constituencies of Normanton and Wakefield; Battersea North and Battersea South; and Harrow Central, Harrow East and Harrow West.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, on the 31st day of March 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America prolonging the Bizonal Fusion Agreement of the 2nd day of December 1946, as amended by the Agreement of the 17th day of December 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland for the ten years 1939-48.

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 subsidiary Scheme made by Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, for administering certain funds of the Hall.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, by His Majesty's Wool Disposals, Command,—Copy of the Accounts of United Kingdom—Dominion Wool Disposals, Ltd. (Joint Organisation) for the year ended the 31st day of July 1946, and the eleven months ended the 30th day of June 1947, with Reports by the Chairman and Directors and an Explanatory Note by the Board of Trade.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the Supplies and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Services (Food).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lindgren presented, by His Majesty's Civil Aviation. Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Recruitment, Training and Licensing of Personnel for Civil Aviation and a Memorandum by the Minister of Civil Aviation.

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 in the Board of Trade, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee on the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords], 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 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 of Ways and Means Mr. Wilson presented, by His Majesty's Supplies and Services Bill [Lords], 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 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. Mathers reported from the Committee Selection of Membership, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee E: Mr. Lloyd; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Baldwin.
Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Thirty Members to Standing Committee E (in respect of the Pet Animals Bill): Mr. Alpass, Mr. Austin, Lieutenant-Colonel Bolee, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Braddock, Mr. Brook, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cocks, Miss Colman, Mr. Corlett, Mr. Ewart, Mrs. Ganley, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Brigadier Head, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lipson, Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Mrs. Nichol, Mr. Pager, Brigadier Peto, Mr. Price, Mr. Prior-Palmer, Mr. Ross, Sir Waldron Smithers, Mr. Ivor Owen Thomas, Sir Harvie Watt, Mr. Wigg, Mr. Frederick Willey and Mr. Younger.

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 Alexander Scott's Hospital Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Royal Bank of Scotland Officers' Widows' Fund Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the British Transport Commission Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Hall presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to customs in the Isle of Man: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration His Majesty's most gracious Message of the 11th day of this instant July, relating 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 person 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 or 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 stoppage of work on an extensive scale in the Port of London 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 Emergency Powers Act, 1920, and dated the 11th day of July 1949, to declare that a state of emergency exists—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, Yeas, 345; Mr. George Wallace];

Tellers for the [Mr. Piratin, Noes, 4; Mr. Platts-Mills];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty thanking His Majesty for His Most Gracious Message communicating to this House that His Majesty has deemed it proper by Proclamation, made in pursuance of the Emergency Powers Act, 1920, and dated the 11th day of July 1949, to declare that a state of emergency exists—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, Yeas, 327; Mr. George Wallace];

Tellers for the [Mr. Piratin, Noes, 4; Mr. Platts-Mills];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Popplewell reported from the Committee on Housing (Scotland) [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1925 to 1946, and to promote the improvement of housing accommodation in Scotland by authorising the making of contributions out of the Exchequer and of grants by local authorities, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the
Secretary of State in making to a corporation established by an order under section two of the New Towns Act, 1946, a grant in respect of—

(a) the construction of a house or flat by an experimental method, the use for the purposes of experiment of any materials in the construction of a house or flat or the installation in a house or flat, in the course of the construction thereof, of equipment or fittings for those purposes; or

(b) the incorporation or installation in a house or flat, otherwise than in the course of the construction thereof, of materials, equipment or fittings for those purposes.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 9, p. 8, l. 15, Clause No. 25, p. 20, l. 44, Clause No. 25, p. 21, l. 14, Clause No. 25, p. 21, l. 20, Clause No. 29, p. 24, l. 38, Clause No. 29, p. 24, l. 42, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Woodburn.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

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. 9, 25 and 29 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 (Provisions as to further improvement grants)—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of section 16 of Act of 1930)—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

The proposed Clause was amended, in l. 6, by inserting after the first word “under-taking,” the words “or from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, whichever is the later”—(Mr. Niall Macpherson); and, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Duty of local authority to submit particulars of properties to be included in improvement proposals)—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Preservation of certain houses unfit for human habitation)—(The Lord Advocate)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to increase rent under Part II in certain cases)—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to increase rent fixed under Housing (Rural Workers) Acts in certain cases)—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 17, by inserting, after the word “may,” the words “where it is deemed desirable to preserve buildings of architectural or historical value, and.”—(Mr. Willis.)

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. 9, l. 10, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “and tenants for additional dwellings provided by means of the works shall be selected in consultation with the local authority from their housing list.”—(Mr. Willis.)

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. 10, l. 1, by leaving out from the word “dwelling” to the third word “the” in l. 2.—(Commander Galbraith.)

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.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 24, by inserting, after the word “transfer,” the words “testamentary disposition or otherwise.”—(Mr. Niall Macpherson.)

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. 22, l. 34, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “the local authority shall make provision whereby either form of repayment of the advance under this section shall be available.”—(Mr. Willis.)

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.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 26, l. 16, by leaving out the word "eight," and inserting the word "five."—(Commander Galbraith) instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "eight" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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 National Parks and Access to the Countryside [Money] (No. 2) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for National Parks and for other matters, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session involving payments out of the Road Fund.—(Mr. King.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Mathers reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the National Service (Adaptation of Enactments) (Naval and Marine Forces) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 21st day of June last.—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the National Service (Adaptation of Enactments) (Naval and Marine Forces) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 21st day of June last.—(Mr. Dugdale.)

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. Bowden):—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 twenty-nine minutes before Two of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 13th July, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mrs. Paton Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Pet Animals Bill.

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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 yesterday, relating to National Service (Military and Air Forces), 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 National Service (Adaptation of Enactments) (Military and Air Forces) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address yesterday, relating to National Service (Naval and Marine Forces), 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 National Service (Adaptation of Enactments) (Naval and Marine Forces) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The Royal Alexandra and Albert School Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Royal Holloway College Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Orders in Council entitled—
(1) the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Order, 1949,
(2) the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) (No. 2) Order, 1949, and
(3) the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) (No. 3) Order, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1949, entitled the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations, 1949.

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 11th July 1949, entitled the Agriculture (Artificial Insemination) (Financial Matters) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

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 and Statute Law Revision Bills, That they had considered the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and directed him to make a Report in respect thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Touche reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Patents and Designs 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 E (added in respect of the War Damage (Amendment) Bill): Brigadier Macksen; and had appointed in substitution Captain Marsden.

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 consolidate the enactments relating to the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according, to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £2,289,926, 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 1950, for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of His Majesty's Treasury and subordinate departments, including additional salary payable to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Whiteley), put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee

A Motion being made, and the Question Adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley)—

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant Royal Assent. General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses and to several Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned ;
Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts and Measures therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measures, as follow:


Church Dignitaries (Retirement) Measure, 1949.
Parochial Church Councils (Powers) (Amendment) Measure, 1949.
Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949.

Adjournment.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Employment and Training.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, dated 14th June 1949, entitled the Youth Employment Service (Particulars) Regulations (S.I., 1949, No. 1118), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 16th day of June last, be annulled—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter):—It passed in the Negative.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rochdale Canal Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Rules, dated 15th July 1949, entitled—

(1) the Superannuation (Approval Employment) Rules, 1949, and
(2) the Superannuation (Public Offices) Rules, 1949.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th July Superannuation, 1949, directing that Mr. Michael McDiarmid shall be subject to the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1949, Supplies and entitled the Road Vehicles and Drivers Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents, transferred to the Ministry of National Insurance from Approved Societies, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Crewe Corporation Bill [Lords], 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 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 Representation of the People Bill [Lords.] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

The Civil Aviation Bill [Lords.] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. James Griffiths, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Hall and Mr. Steele, presented a Bill to substitute a new condition for the first of the contribution conditions for death grant set out in paragraph 5 of the Third Schedule to the National Insurance Act, 1946: And the same 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Prevention of Damage by Pests Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Duty of occupier to destroy rats and mice)—(Sir Thomas Dugdale); 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 Mr. Drewe, the Yeas, Colonel Wheatley: 29.

Tellers for Mr. Joseph Henderson, the Noes, Mr. Richard Adams: 60.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Application to Crown Property)—(Sir Thomas Dugdale); 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 (Use of poisons)—(Mr. Turton); 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. 1, l. 14, by leaving out the words “and” and “—(Mr. Turton.)

And the Question being put, That the word “and” stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Overseas Resources Development 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 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 (hereinafter referred to as "the new Act") to empower the Treasury, under section twelve of the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1948 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1948"), to guarantee certain other charges as well as interest, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to guarantees authorised by the new Act in the sums issuable out of that Fund under the Act of 1948;

(b) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any money required for providing or replacing sums authorised to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund by paragraph (a) of this Resolution;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of receipts of a Minister under section thirteen of the Act of 1948 in respect of guarantees authorised by the new Act;

(d) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the said receipts and their application in accordance with the provisions of section eighteen of the Act of 1948.—(Mr. Rees-Williams.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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. 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 twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the British Transport Commission 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 Royal Holloway College Bill [Lords] Royal Holloway was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dover Harbour Bill [Lords], as Bill [Lords], amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Falmouth Docks Bill [Lords], as Bill [Lords], amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords], as Bill [Lords], amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the River Great Ouse (Flood Protection) (Flood Protection) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time: The Chairman of Ways and Means, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Statutory Instruments (Notification).
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been so laid before the Instruments came into operation, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments):—

Rules, dated 15th July 1949, entitled—

(1) the Superannuation (Approved Employment) Rules, 1949, and

(2) the Superannuation (Public Offices) Rules, 1949.

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 July, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1949, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1949, entitled the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1949.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts in respect of—

(1) the Post Office Savings Banks Fund, for 1948,

(2) the Savings Bank Fund, for the year ended the 20th day of November 1948,

(3) the Friendly Societies Fund, for the year ended the 20th day of November 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copies of Notes exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Philippine Republic for the reciprocal exemption from Stamp Duty of Leases, &c., in respect of Property occupied for diplomatic purposes, signed at London between the 21st and the 24th days of May 1949.

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 14th July 1949, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

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 18th July 1949, entitled the Control of Matches (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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 1948.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed. 

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1949, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations, 1949.

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 E (added in respect of the Pet Animals Bill) : Mr. Alpass and Mrs. Nichol; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Kenyon and Mr. Shurmer.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Blenkinsop, Local presented a Bill to dissolve the Local Government Boundary Commission and repeal the Local Government (Boundary Commission) Act, 1945; and to make consequential provision as respects certain enactments of the Local Government Act, 1933, which were amended or repealed by the said Act of 1945: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be limited, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Supply be discharged from considering the Estimates set out hereunder and that the said Estimates be referred to the Scottish Standing Committee—

Class I, Vote 24—Scottish Home Department.

Class VI, Vote 20—Department of Agriculture for Scotland.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley);

Mr. Ellis Smith, Member for the Borough of Stoke-upon-Trent (Stoke Division), having conducted himself in a grossly disorderly manner, Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order (Disorderly Conduct), ordered Mr. Ellis Smith to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's Sitting, but he declined to comply with that direction:—Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order (Order in Debate), named Mr. Ellis Smith for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Ordered, That Mr. Ellis Smith be suspended Member from the service of the House.—(Mr. Herbert suspended. Morrison.)

And the Original Question being again proposed:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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
Patents and Designs [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.

(Ini the Committee.)

Resolved. That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the enactments relating to Patents and Designs and to provide for the appointment of an additional puisne judge of the High Court, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required for the payment of remuneration to scientific advisers appointed to assist the Scottish Appeal Tribunal, to be set up by the said Act of the present Session, in pursuance of any provision of that Act.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered. That the Report be received to-morrow.

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. Snow.)

Resolved. That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Navy, Army and Air Force Expenditure, 1947-48, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, that the aggregate Expenditure on Navy 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 Navy Services over the net Expenditure is £15,776,537 8s. 9d. viz.:

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II. Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948, 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 £13,219,660 13s. 11d. viz.:

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3. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Airways Corporations Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Employees of Corporations not to be dismissed on account of redundancy)—(Mr. Lennox-Boyd); 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 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. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

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**PRAYERS.**

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills (Lords) (No Standing Orders not previously applicable).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Gas be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 11th day of July 1949, on stock issued by the Gas Council under the Gas Act, 1948.

Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1949, Purchase Tax. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Gas be printed.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Fisheries Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on (Scotland), the Fisheries of Scotland from 1939 to 1948.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, Local Government Superannuation (Scotland).
Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1949, entitled the Threshing Order, 1949.

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.

Mrs. Paton reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Pet 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. 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 Colonial Development and Welfare Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Colonial Loans Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Legal Aid and Advice Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Royal Holloway College Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to render inoperative any restriction upon or alienation attached to the enjoyment of property by a woman: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Marred Women (Restraint upon Anticipation) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exapted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order, Sittings of the House.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on National Parks and Access to the Countryside [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 National Parks and for other matters, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session involving payments out of the Road Fund.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 2, p. 2, ll. 19, 20 and 32 and Clause No. 7, p. 5, l. 11, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Silkin; in respect of Clause No. 9; in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 12, p. 9, ll. 1 and 4, and Clause No. 13, p. 10, l. 14, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Silkin; in respect of Clause No. 14; in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 22, p. 15, l. 29, Clause No. 27, p. 18, l. 3, Clause No. 28, p. 18, l. 12, Clause No. 33, p. 25, l. 16, Clause No. 40, p. 30, ll. 16 and 25, and Clause No. 42, p. 32, l. 26, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Silkin; in respect of Clause No. 47; and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 48, p. 37, ll. 32, 39, and 43, and p. 38, ll. 15, 20, 25, 27, 39 and 47, Clause No. 49, p. 39, ll. 16 and 20, Clause No. 59, p. 46, ll. 35 and 36, Clause No. 77, p. 57, ll. 37, 38 and 40, and p. 58, ll. 5 and 13, Clause No. 79, p. 59, l. 18, Clause No. 83, p. 63, l. 23, Clause No. 88, p. 66, l. 11, Clause No. 102, p. 77, ll. 9 and 23, and the proposed Clauses (General duties of Commission in relation to National Parks), (Power of drainage authorities to do work in nature reserves), (Liability for repair of public paths), (Private street works), (Ferries for purposes of long-distance routes), (Accommodation, meals and refreshments along long-distance routes), (Variation of approved proposals), (Penalty for displaying on footpaths notices deterring public use), (Exercise of powers under the Act as respects open country and waterways comprised in access orders), (Applications to Isles of Scilly), standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Silkin—(Mr. Silkin); The Question was amended by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 83, p. 63, l. 30, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. William Morrison."—(Mr. William Morrison.)

The Question, so amended, being put; Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 2, p. 2, ll. 19, 20 and 32 and Clause No. 7, p. 5, l. 11, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Silkin; in respect of Clause No. 9; in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 12, p. 9, ll. 1 and 4, and Clause No. 13, p. 10, l. 14, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Silkin; in respect of Clause No. 14; in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 22, p. 15, l. 29, Clause No. 27, p. 18, l. 3, Clause No. 28, p. 18, l. 12, Clause No. 33, p. 25, l. 16,
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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. 2 and 7 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 9 disagreed to.

Clauses Nos. 12 and 13 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 14 disagreed to.

Clauses Nos. 22, 27, 28, 33, 40, and 42 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 47 disagreed to.

Clauses Nos. 48, 49, 59, 77 and 79 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 83 (Restriction of traffic on certain roads).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 63, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words—

“(6) The powers conferred by this section are additional to and not in derogation of the powers conferred by other enactments, and the powers conferred by section forty-six of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, as amended by section twenty-nine of the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933, to prohibit or restrict the driving of any vehicle, or of any specified class or description of vehicles, on any specified road shall be exercisable on the ground that the road cannot be used, or cannot be used without restriction, by any such vehicle without prejudicing the comfort and enjoyment of other persons using the road or of the public generally.”—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 88 and 102 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (General duties of Commission in relation to National Parks)—(Mr. Silkin)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 8, to leave out the words “and time.”—(Mrs. Castle.)

Question, That the words “and time” stand part of the proposed Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 20, at the end, to insert the words—

“(c) to keep under review all cases where a direction has been given under subsection (2) of section seven of this Act, and to make representations to the Minister if at any time they consider such a direction should be revoked.”—(Mr. Herbert Hughes.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 49, at the end, to insert the words—

“(e) to make recommendations to the Minister with regard to applications for permission to develop land in a National Park as to the most effective administration for the purposes of National Parks of all statutory provisions applicable to such applications and such permission and in particular (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing words) of subsection (4) of section sixteen and section twenty of the Act of 1947.”—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 70, after the word “in,” to insert the word “the.”—(Mr. William Morrison.)

Question proposed, That the word “the” be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause added.

Another Clause (Power of drainage authorities to do work in nature reserves)—(Mr. King)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Liability for repair of public paths)—(Mr. King)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 16, to leave out the word “whether.”—(Mr. Molson.)

Question put, That the word “whether” stand part of the proposed Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for [Mr. Joseph Henderson, the Yeas, [Mr. Wilkins : 260,
Tellers for [Brigadier Mackeson, the Noses, [Colonel Wheelrey : 97.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 27, at the end, to add the words—

“(4) For the purposes of this section and section forty-eight of this Act, it shall be the duty of the highway authority in relation to every public path over which a right of way exists to secure the removal of obstructions.”—(Mr. Herbert Hughes.)
Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Registration of orders and agreements in local land charges register)—(Mr. William Morrison); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 18, by inserting, after the word "thereof," the words "as to the grounds upon which it is alleged that a right of way subsists over such path or other way."—(Mr. William Morrison.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 20, by leaving out from the word "authority" to the end of l. 21, and inserting the words "are requisite for the proper information of the public and of the owner, lessee or occupier of the land over which a right of way is alleged to subsist:—(Mr. William Morrison),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 40, l. 32, by leaving out from the word "husbandry" to the end of l. 34, and inserting the words "to carry out on the land any farming operation, and (b) it is convenient in the course of that operation to disturb the surface of the path:—(Mr. William Morrison),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 42, l. 33, by leaving out the words "adjacent to," and inserting the word "adjoining"—(Colonel Clarke),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "adjacent to" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 43, l. 13, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that unless the Minister is satisfied that exceptional circumstances prevail, the land or any part of it shall not be excluded from the operation of the said sub-section (1) on any public holiday, nor on any Saturday or Sunday immediately following or preceding a public holiday, nor for more than twelve consecutive days or a total of twenty days in any one year."—(Mr. Anthony Greenwood.)
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. 43, l. 24, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “and is unenclosed.”—(Mr. Molson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 43, l. 32, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words, “or which is managed in accordance with the rules and practice of good forestry.”—(Mr. William Morrison.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 51, l. 25, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

“(2) The powers of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under this section shall be exercised by the country agricultural executive committee for the county in which the land comprised in the access agreement or order is situated.”—(Mr. William Morrison.)

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. 61, l. 30, by inserting, after the word “local,” the word “planning.”—(Mr. William Morrison.)

And the Question being put, That the word “planning” be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 61, l. 31, by inserting, after the word “persons,” the words “having a knowledge of country life and of flora and fauna.”—(Colonel Clarke.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in p. 68, l. 46, by inserting, after the word “authority,” the words “after consultation, in the case of a National Park, with the Commission.”—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

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. 84, l. 23, by leaving out sub-paragraph (hi).—(Mr. Turton.)
Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Cultural Convention between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the States of America and the French Republic and the Polish Republic relating to the Restoration of Poland of Monetary Gold looted by Germany, signed at London on the 25th and 30th days of April 1949 depecting Newfoundland from the List of Territories covered by the Visa Abolition Agreements between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Danish, Icelandic, Italian, Luxembourg, Norwegian, Swedish and Swiss Governments.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Eighty-sixth Report of His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, for 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 11th July 1949, entitled the Cheshire and North Shropshire Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1949, with a Certificate of 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. Gaitskell presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Mineral Development Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of the Ninety-sixth Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, for 1948.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of a Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parish of Saint John the Evangelist, Angell Town, Brixton, in the diocese of Southwark.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Scottish Standing Committee. That they had considered all the Estimates to them referred, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

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 Estimates, That they had made a Report of Estimates 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. 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.
Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Third Reading of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Bill yesterday be null and void, and that the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

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. Hannan, Mr. Bowden: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport: 123.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1949-50.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £35, be granted to His Majesty towards defraying the charges connected with the following services connected with Colonial Affairs for the year ending on the 31st March, 1950, namely:—

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1949-50.

| Class II, Vote 9, Colonial Office | £ 10 |
| Class II, Vote 10, Colonial and Middle Eastern Services | £ 10 |
| Class II, Vote 10, Colonial and Middle Eastern Services (Supplementary Estimate) | £ 5 |
| Class II, Vote 12, Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) | £ 10 |

Total £35.

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.

The National Insurance 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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Draft National Health Service (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 4th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Prayers.

A Motion being made, That the Dover Harbour Bill [Lords] be now read the third time:

Mr. Secretary Ede, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, 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 Falmouth Docks Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. Bill [Lords].

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 Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords] be now read the third time:

Mr. Secretary Ede, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, 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. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th July 1949, entitled the Post Office Register Regulations, 1949.
Copy of Rules, dated 20th July 1949, entitled the Superannuation (Joint Colonial and Civil Service) Rules, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to Crime and Criminal Proceedings for 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 a Scheme, dated 19th July 1949, entitled the Grass and Forage Crop Co-operative Drying (Financial Assistance) (Scotland) Scheme, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 18th July 1949, entitled the Grass and Forage Crop Co-operative Drying (Financial Assistance) (England and Wales) Scheme (No. 1), 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Accounts of Cable and Wireless Limited for 1948, with the Report of the Directors.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th July 1949, entitled—

(1) the Training of Teachers Amending Grant Regulations No. 1, 1949,
(2) the Education (Local Education Authorities) Amending Grant Regulations No. 3, 1949, No. 1, 1949,
(3) the State Scholarships and University Supplemental Awards Amending Regulations No. 1, 1949,
(4) the Technical State Scholarships Amending Regulations No. 1, 1949, and
(5) the State Scholarships (Mature Student) Amending Regulations No. 2, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Draft of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) (Substitution) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Report of the Central Land Board for the period ended the 31st day of March, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Southwold) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Superannuation (Joint Colonial and Civil Service) Rules, 1949.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nurses (Scotland) Acts, 1919 to 1945, and to make further provision with respect to the training of nurses for the sick; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Barnsley Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the West Bromwich Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Rochdale Canal Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the West Bromwich Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Streets and Buildings Acts, 1919 to 1945, and to further provision with respect to the powers of the Council for Scotland and otherwise to amend the Nurses (Scotland) Acts, 1919 to 1945, and to make further provision with respect to the training of nurses for the sick; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Housing Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Legal Aid and Solicitors (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nurses (Scotland) Bill [Lords], was read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Business of the House be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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 the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1949-50.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £35, be granted to His Majesty towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Foreign Affairs for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1949-50.

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And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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 moved, 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 Crop Acreage Payments (England and Wales) Order, 1949, dated 5th July 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 7th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

Resolved, That the Crop Acreage Payments (Scotland) Order, 1949, dated 5th July 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

Resolved, That the Crop Acreage Payments (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949, dated 5th July 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Insurance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Silkin, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. Silkin, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Possessor of the Duchy of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Mr. Silkin, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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.

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. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, if being then twenty-four minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 155.]

Friday, 22nd July, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Crewe Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

- Copy of the Benefices (Suspension of Presentation) Measure, 1946 (Amendment) Measure, 1949, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England. (Lords)
- The said said Papers be printed. (No. 225)

One hundred and fourth Report of the Ecclesiastical Committee (on the Benefices (Suspension of Presentation) Measure, 1946 (Amendment) Measure, 1949).

Ordered, That the said said Papers be printed. (No. 226)

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.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to. Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to 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. CLIFFTON BROWN, (Speaker).

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Patents and Designs [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the enactments relating to Patents and Designs and to provide for the appointment of an additional puisne judge of the High Court, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required for the payment of remuneration to scientific advisers appointed to assist the Scottish Appeal Tribunal, to be set up by the said Act of the present Session, in pursuance of any provision of 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 Patents and Designs 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 Amendment to Clause No. 48, p. 32, l. 43, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Wilson.—(Mr. John Edwards.)

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. 48 amended, and agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made a further Amendment to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Additions to principal Act, s. 85)—(Mr. Erroll); 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. 4, l. 20, by leaving out from the beginning, to the end of l. 6, in p. 5.—(Mr. Erroll.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “of” in l. 21, 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. 4, l. 45, by leaving out the word “may,” and inserting the word “shall”—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 46, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

“(3) The presence or absence in or from a complete specification of any reference to another patent shall not be deemed to warrant that any patent to which reference has been inserted is valid, or that the invention disclosed in that specification can be performed without infringement of any other patent, and no liability shall be incurred by the Board of Trade or any officer thereof by reason of any connection with the presence or absence of any such reference.”—(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. 12, l. 2, by inserting after the word “patent,” the words “a Minister of the Crown or.”—(Mr. Erroll.)

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. 22, l. 25, by leaving out Clause No. 30.—(Mr. Erroll.)

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. 40, l. 5, by leaving out from the beginning to the word “and” in l. 10, and inserting the words “as soon as may be after the acceptance of a complete specification, the Comptroller shall advertise in the Journal the fact that the specification has been accepted, provided always that on the date of the publication of advertisement the application and specification or specifications filed in pursuance thereof shall be laid open to public inspection and printed copies of the specification or specifications shall be available for purchase”—(Mr. Erroll), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Herbert Morrison, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes after Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Lords to the Barnsley Corporation Bill; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Lords to the Halifax Corporation Bill; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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Lords to the Barnsley Corporation Bill; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
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 Swindon Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That Standing Order 199 relating to Private Business (Notice of Committee) be suspended and that the Committee of Selection have leave to appoint the Committee on the Rhodesia Railways Limited (Pension Schemes and Contracts) Bill [Lords] to sit and proceed forthwith. (The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment).

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 23rd day of this instant July, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Supplies and Services (Food, Packaging).

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd July 1949, entitled the Control of Tobacco and Snuff Containers (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Food, Rationing).

Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 21st July 1949, entitled the Soft Drinks (Amendment) Order, 1949; and
(2) dated 22nd July 1949, entitled the Egg (Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Food, Rationing).

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd July 1949, entitled the Meat (Rationing) (Amendment: No. 3) Order, 1949.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd July 1949, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

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 25th July 1949, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1949,
(2) the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1949, and
(3) the National Insurance (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

National Insurance.

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 (Maternity Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1949, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act.

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 (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1949, preceded by a Statement made by the National Insurance Joint Authority in accordance with that Act.

Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Insurable and Excepted Employments) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Reports be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be on Living graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of experiments performed under the Act, 39 and 40 Vic., c. 77, during 1948, with statistics of experiments performed under the Act during 1939-48 in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 143 of Session 1938-39.—(Mr. Younger.)

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Rhodesia Railways Limited (Pension Schemes and Contracts) Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Married Women (Maintenance) Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow; and 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 Finance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Urmston Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Dover Harbour Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Falmouth Docks Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Manchester Ship Canal Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison):

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan, Yeas, Mr. Bowden; Mr. Studholme, Noes, Major Conant: } 291.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Iron and Steel Bill; and the same were read.

The first Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 8, at end insert—"The initial and subsequent appointments shall be so made as to secure the inclusion of at least three persons appearing to the Minister to have had wide experience of and shown capacity in the production of iron ore or iron or steel," the first Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. George Strauss):

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Mr. Wilkins; Mr. Major Conant, Noes, Mr. Digby: ] 299.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The second Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 8, after the words last inserted, insert—"The initial and subsequent appointments shall be so made as to secure the inclusion of at least one person appearing to the Minister to have had wide experience as a consumer of iron or steel for industrial purposes," 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. John Jones):—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. Hannan, Yeas, Mr. Richard Adams: Mr. Major Conant, Noes, Colonel Wheateley: ] 320.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan, Yeas, Mr. Richard Adams: Mr. Colonel Wheateley, Noes, Mr. Digby: ] 322.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 18, at end insert Clause A (Powers of subsidiaries of the Corporation), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. George Strauss):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. 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. Snow, Yeas, Mr. George Wallace: Mr. Major Conant, Noes, Brigadier Mackeson: ] 325.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, Yeas, Mr. George Wallace: Mr. Major Conant, Noes, Brigadier Mackeson: ] 324.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 18, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 32, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 33, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 4, l. 18, leave out sub-section (3) and insert—

"(3) The Corporation shall have power to carry on such other activities as shall have been specified in an order of the Minister, such order being subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament," the next Amendment, being read a second time;
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. Snow,
Yeas, 
Mr. Richard Adams: 267.
Tellers for the 

Mr. Studholme,
Noes, 
Mr. Digby: 140.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put;

That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Snow,
Yeas, 
Mr. Richard Adams: 266.
Tellers for the 

Commander Agnew,
Noes, 
Colonel Wheatley: 140.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The fourth Lords Amendment in p. 5, l. 13, after the words last inserted, insert—
“() If any such undue preference or unfair discrimination as aforesaid is shown or exercised or reasonably apprehended, any person affected shall have a right of action for damages, or for an injunction or other relief as may be just,” the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. George Strauss):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. 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. Snow,
Yeas, 
Mr. Richard Adams: 265.
Tellers for the 

Brigadier Macksen,
Noes, 
Colonel Wheatley: 140.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put;

That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Popplewell,
Yeas, 
Mr. Wilkins: 265.
Tellers for the 

Brigadier Macksen,
Noes, 
Mr. Digby: 140.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That further consideration of the Lords Amendments be now adjourned—(Mr. Lyttleton);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Snow,
Yeas, 
Mr. George Wallace: 242.
Tellers for the 

Mr. Drew,
Noes, 
Major Conant: 102.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being accordingly put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment; the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Snow], [Mr. George Wallace]: 247. Tellers for the [Major Conant], [Brigadier Macksen]: 104. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 9, l. 26, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. George Strauss)—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. 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. Hannan], [Mr. George Wallace]: 284. Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme], [Brigadier Macksen]: 141. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment: the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan], [Mr. George Wallace]: 285. Tellers for the [Commander Agnew], [Colonel Wheatley]: 137. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 11, l. 48, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

And a Motion being made, That the Crewe Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time; the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Major Conant], [Brigadier Macksen]: 104.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment: the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan], [Mr. George Wallace]: 247. Tellers for the [Major Conant], [Brigadier Macksen]: 104. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as His Majesty is concerned, 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.

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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Crewe Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time; the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan], [Mr. George Wallace]: 285. Tellers for the [Commander Agnew], [Colonel Wheatley]: 137.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion being made, That the Shoreham Harbour Bill be now read the third time; the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Major Conant], [Brigadier Macksen]: 104.

A Motion being made, That the Crewe Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time; the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan], [Mr. George Wallace]: 247. Tellers for the [Major Conant], [Brigadier Macksen]: 104.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 11, l. 48, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Crewe Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time; the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Major Conant], [Brigadier Macksen]: 104.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Lords Amendments be now adjourned.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments be taken into further consideration this day.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday afternoon, adjourned till this day.
Mr. Secretary Ede presented,—Return to an Address to His Majesty yesterday for a Return relating to Experiments on Living Animals.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 26th July 1949, entitled the Summary Jurisdiction Rules, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on the Proceedings of the Second Part of the Third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations held in New York from the 5th day of April to the 18th day of May 1949.

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 22nd July 1949, entitled the Herring Industry (Grants and Advances) Order, 1949.

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 25th July 1949, entitled—

(1) the Miscellaneous Goods (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1949,
(2) the Photographic Film (Maximum Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1949, and
(3) the Toys and Indoor Games (Maximum Prices and Records) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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 25th July 1949, entitled—

(1) the Home Grown Grains (Sack Charges) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Pickles and Sauces (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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 22nd July 1949, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Approved External Service) Rules, 1949.

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 22nd July 1949, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Compensation Stages) Regulations, 1949.

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 Annual Report of the Board of Control to the Lord Chancellor for 1948.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents which have accrued in the Office of the late Railway and Canal Commission and which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed.

Mr. Reid reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills, That they had considered the Marriage 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from His Majesty's Command has been brought from the Lords by the Lord Chancellor, to the effect that they had directed him to make 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from His Majesty's Command has been brought from the Lords by the Lord Chancellor, to the effect that they had agreed to the Housing (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the House of Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Bradford Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Defence (Air) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Prevention of Damage by Pests Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Coal Industry Bill to which this House hath disagreed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Coal Industry Bill to which this House hath disagreed, but propose an Amendment in lieu thereof.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Housing (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Coal Industry Bill, in lieu of one of their Amendments to which this House hath disagreed, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. Assheton reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The Prime Minister acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Majesty to this House signed by His Majesty:—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:

His Majesty, by Proclamation, dated the eleventh day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, having declared the existence of a state of emergency for the purposes of the Emergency Powers Act, 1920:

And it having appeared to His Majesty that the state of emergency has now ceased to exist:

His Majesty has deemed it proper by Proclamation, dated the twenty-sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, to proclaim, direct and ordain that the said Proclamation of the eleventh day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, is revoked.

Ordered, That His Majesty's said Most Gracious Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.—(The Prime Minister.)

26th July 1949

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. Collindridge, Yeas, Mr. Bowden: 229,]
Tellers for the [Brigadier Mackeson, Nokes, Colonel Wheatley: 103.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

1. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £286,596,041, be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with the Production of Groundnuts and with Agricultural Production and the Purchase of Feedingstuffs for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

| Class IX, Vote 2, Ministry of Food | £239,580,863 |
| Class II, Vote 9, Colonial Office | £573,760 |
| Class II, Vote 11, West African Produce Control Board | £4,000,010 |
| Class VI, Vote 8, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries | £9,713,398 |
| Class VI, Vote 9, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services) | £32,728,010 |

Total £286,596,041.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed,
That a sum, not exceeding £21,720,825, be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with the docks dispute for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

| Class V, Vote 5, Ministry of Labour and National Service | £17,750,000 |
| Class VI, Vote 13, Ministry of Transport | £1,833,300 |
| Class III, Vote 1, Home Office | £2,137,525 |

Total £21,720,825.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class V, Vote 5, Ministry of Labour and National Service, be reduced by £1,000.—(Mr. Eden.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Drew, Yeas, Commander Agnew: 185,]
Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge, Nokes, Mr. Wilkins: 245,]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £65,419,372, be granted to His Majesty to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with Fuel and Power with particular reference
to Coal, Gas and Electricity for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1949-50. £

Class VI, Vote 6, Ministry of Fuel and Power 4,683,000
Class IX, Vote 4, Ministry of Fuel and Power (War Services) 500,000
Class VI, Vote 16, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research 3,164,717
Class IX, Vote 1, Ministry of Supply 51,292,000
Class VII, Vote 1, Ministry of Works 5,779,655

Total 665,419,372.

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 Ministry of Defence 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, 1949-50.

Class I.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £8,467,885, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. House of Lords</td>
<td>59,123</td>
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<td>2. House of Commons</td>
<td>592,314</td>
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<td>3. Registration of Electors</td>
<td>230,000</td>
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<td>4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments (including a Supplementary sum of £2,000)</td>
<td>2,291,926</td>
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<td>5. Privy Council Office</td>
<td>18,977</td>
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<td>6. Privy Seal Office</td>
<td>5,665</td>
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<td>7. Charity Commission</td>
<td>45,331</td>
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<td>8. Civil Service Commission</td>
<td>384,320</td>
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<td>9. Exchequer and Audit Department</td>
<td>224,230</td>
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<td>10. Government Actuary</td>
<td>21,089</td>
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<td>11. Government Chemist</td>
<td>125,561</td>
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<td>12. Government Hospital</td>
<td>75,000</td>
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<td>13. The Mint</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>14. National Debt Office</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>15. National Savings Committee</td>
<td>658,020</td>
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<td>16. Overlapping Income Tax Payments</td>
<td>33,000</td>
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<td>17. Public Record Office</td>
<td>47,226</td>
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<td>18. Public Works Loan Commission</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>19. Repayments to the Local Loans Fund</td>
<td>9,500</td>
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<td>20. Royal Commissions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>86,000</td>
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<td>21. Secret Service</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
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<td>22. Tithe Redemption Commission</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>23. Miscellaneous Expenses</td>
<td>494,210</td>
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<td>23A. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund</td>
<td>107,594</td>
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<td>24. Scottish Home Department</td>
<td>946,815</td>
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<td>25. Scottish Record Office</td>
<td>11,604</td>
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</table>

Total 8,467,885.

Question put, and agreed to.

Class II.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £37,495,168, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Foreign Office</td>
<td>1,885,580</td>
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<td>2. Diplomatic and Consular Establishments, &amp;c. (including a Supplementary sum of £745,000)</td>
<td>10,197,300</td>
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<td>3. British Council</td>
<td>1,651,000</td>
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<td>4. United Nations</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<td>5. International Refugee Organisation</td>
<td>4,137,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Commonwealth Relations Office</td>
<td>238,440</td>
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<td>7. Commonwealth Services</td>
<td>1,342,560</td>
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<td>8. Oversea Settlement</td>
<td>435,290</td>
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<td>9. Colonial and Middle Eastern Services (including a Supplementary sum of £6,600,000)</td>
<td>11,012,432</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &amp;c.)</td>
<td>5,603,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Development and Welfare (South African High Commission Territories)</td>
<td>202,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Imperial War Graves Commission</td>
<td>784,066</td>
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Total 37,495,168.

Question put, and agreed to.

Class III.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £31,436,107, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>2. Home Office (Civil Defence Services)</td>
<td>2,347,960</td>
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<td>4. Prisons, England and Wales</td>
<td>3,279,420</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Child Care, England and Wales</td>
<td>5,324,900</td>
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<td>6. Fire Services, England and Wales</td>
<td>3,513,370</td>
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<td>7. Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
<td>922,591</td>
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<td>8. County Courts, &amp;c.</td>
<td>180,758</td>
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<td>9. Land Registry</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>10. Public Trustee</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>11. Law Charges</td>
<td>332,064</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>16,365</td>
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Scotland

13. Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services) 254,320
14. Police 2,309,591
15. Prisons 318,373
16. Approved Schools 132,350
17. Fire Services 287,271
18. Scottish Land Court 9,635
19. Law Charges and Courts of Law 91,853
20. Department of the Registers of Scotland 90

Ireland

21. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland 13,431
22. Irish Land Purchase Services 591,830

Total 31,436,107.

Question put, and agreed to.
Class IV.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £161,433,990, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<th>Service Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Ministry of Education</td>
<td>122,986,282</td>
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<td>2. British Museum</td>
<td>165,742,126</td>
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<td>3. British Museum (Natural History)</td>
<td>145,315,240</td>
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<td>4. Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>21,723,010</td>
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<td>5. London Museum</td>
<td>9,362,000</td>
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<td>6. National Gallery</td>
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<td>7. National Maritime Museum</td>
<td>14,078,000</td>
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<td>8. National Portrait Gallery</td>
<td>11,876,000</td>
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<td>9. Wallace Collection</td>
<td>16,202,000</td>
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<td>10. Grants for Science and the Arts</td>
<td>1,870,686,000</td>
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<td>11. Universities and Colleges, &amp;c., Great Britain</td>
<td>10,071,500,000</td>
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<td>12. Broadcasting</td>
<td>11,050,000</td>
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<td>13. Festival of Britain, 1951 (including a Supplementary sum of £40,000)</td>
<td>440,000</td>
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<td>14. Public Education</td>
<td>15,456,222</td>
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<td>15. National Galleries</td>
<td>20,505,000</td>
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<td>16. National Library</td>
<td>8,968,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£161,433,990</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class V.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £453,010,283, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>51,925,000</td>
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<td>2. National Health Service, England and Wales</td>
<td>140,424,600</td>
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<td>3. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales</td>
<td>31,850,000</td>
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<td>4. Registrar-General’s Office</td>
<td>323,509,000</td>
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<td>5. Grants in respect of Employment Schemes</td>
<td>600,000</td>
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<td>7. National Assistance Board</td>
<td>57,850,000</td>
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<td>8. National Insurance Audit Department</td>
<td>87,480,000</td>
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<td>9. Friendly Societies Registry</td>
<td>36,700,000</td>
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<td>10. Ministry of Town and Country Planning</td>
<td>928,000</td>
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<td>11. Central Land Board</td>
<td>1,329,000</td>
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<td>Scotland</td>
<td><strong>£453,010,283.</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class VI.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £65,574,627, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>1. Board of Trade</td>
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<td>2. Services in Development Areas</td>
<td>8,171,000</td>
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<td>3. Financial Assistance in Development Areas</td>
<td>352,010,000</td>
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<td>4. Export Credits</td>
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<td>5. Export Credits (Special Guarantees)</td>
<td>58,000</td>
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<td>6. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>41,652,000</td>
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<td>7. Surveys of Great Britain, &amp;c.</td>
<td>1,609,050,000</td>
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<td>8. Forestry Commission</td>
<td>4,145,000</td>
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<td>9. Development Fund</td>
<td>570,000</td>
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<td>10. Roads, &amp;c.</td>
<td>19,197,000</td>
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<td>11. Mercantile Marine Services</td>
<td>331,600</td>
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<td>12. Ministry of Civil Aviation</td>
<td>15,054,084</td>
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<td>13. Development Grants</td>
<td>7,690</td>
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<td>14. State Management Districts</td>
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<td>Scotland</td>
<td><strong>£65,574,627.</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class VII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £47,370,607, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>2. Houses of Parliament buildings and works</td>
<td>730,000</td>
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<td>3. Public Buildings, Great Britain</td>
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<td>4. Public Buildings Overseas</td>
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<td>5. Royal Palaces</td>
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<td>6. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
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<td>7. Miscellaneous Works Services</td>
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<td>8. Rates on Government Property</td>
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<td>9. Stationery and Printing</td>
<td>6,670,779</td>
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<td>10. Office of Information</td>
<td>2,259,850</td>
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<td>11. Peterhead Harbour</td>
<td>36,000</td>
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<td>Ireland</td>
<td><strong>£47,370,607.</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class VIII.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £60,473,100, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>1. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions</td>
<td>153,000</td>
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<td>2. Ministry of Pensions</td>
<td>56,050,000</td>
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<td>3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>720,000</td>
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<td>4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>3,550,100</td>
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<td>Scotland</td>
<td><strong>£60,473,100.</strong></td>
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Question put, and agreed to.
Class IX.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £55,838,541, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

- £
  3. Ministry of Transport (War Services) (including a Supplementary sum of £1,250,000) 18,667,000
  5. Foreign Office (German Section) 17,052,241
  6. Administration of certain African Territories (including a Supplementary sum of £1,469,300) 1,949,300
  7. Advances to Allies, &c. 7,000,000
  8. War Damage Commission 1,170,000
  9. Burma War Damage Payments 10,000,000

- £55,838,541.

Question put, and agreed to.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1949-50.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £133,558,640, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

- £
  1. Customs and Excise 5,861,000
  2. Inland Revenue 14,706,640
  3. Post Office 112,991,000

- £133,558,640.

Question put, and agreed to.


14. That a sum, not exceeding £475,695, 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 1950, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence.

Question put, and agreed to.


15. That a sum, not exceeding £103,283,000, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

- £
  3. Medical Establishments and Services 1,550,000
  5. Educational Services 695,000
  6. Scientific Services 7,180,000
  7. Royal Naval Reserves 1,000,000
  8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c. —
    Section I.—Personnel 25,900,000
    Section II.—Material 20,220,000
    Section III.—Contract Work 28,550,000
  9. Naval Armaments 13,035,000
  12. Admiralty Office 5,106,000
  14. Merchant Shipbuilding, &c. 47,000

- £103,283,000.

Question put, and agreed to.

Army Estimates, 1949-50.

16. That a sum, not exceeding £158,690,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

- £
  3. War Office 2,340,000
  4. Civilians 46,460,000
  5. Movements 22,650,000
  6. Supplies, &c. 33,810,000
  7. Stores 50,000,000
  9. Miscellaneous Effective Services 3,430,000

- £158,690,000.

Question put, and agreed to.


17. That a sum not exceeding £60,850,000, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

- £
  3. Air Ministry 3,000,000
  4. Civilians at Outstations 20,846,000
  5. Movements 8,630,000
  6. Supplies 26,040,000
  9. Miscellaneous Effective Services 2,344,000

- £60,850,000.

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.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, the sum of £1,751,693,881 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Licensing Bill.

to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Licensing Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, l. 7, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 7, leave out "section" and insert "Part of this Act," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 10, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 11, at end insert—

"Provided that—

(a) except in this section the said expression does not include any such area after the development corporation established therefore has been dissolved;

(b) if, by reason of the revocation or variation of any such order as aforesaid, land ceases to be, or to be comprised in, the site of a proposed new town, the Secretary of State shall by order direct that as from such date as may be specified in such order (being the date on which the revocation or variation takes effect or the earliest date thereafter which appears to the Secretary of State practicable) the land shall be deemed no longer to be comprised in a State management district.

The power conferred on the Secretary of State under proviso (b) to this subsection to make orders shall be exercisable by statutory instrument," 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. 4, l. 18, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 4, l. 18, leave out "or club," 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. Secretary Ede);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. George Wallace;

Mr. Commander Agnew:

297.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Studholme:

106.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 7, l. 8, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 7, l. 8, leave out from "business" to end of l. 14, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 7, l. 23, at end insert—

"(c) the Secretary of State shall so far as is practicable secure that a resident tenant or manager of licensed premises acquired by the Secretary of State under the last foregoing section shall have the opportunity, if the business previously carried on in the premises is continued by the Secretary of State, of being employed in the carrying on thereof on terms not less favourable than those appropriate to a manager employed in a business such as was carried on in the premises before their acquisition," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 7, l. 28, after "holder" insert "or one of joint holders," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Secretary Ede, Commander Galbraith, Mr. Grimston and Mr. Nally.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Ede).

And they are to withdraw immediately.

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence, (General) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 4th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence, Corps Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 4th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence, (General) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, a copy which was laid before this House on the 4th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence, Corps (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 4th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

Resolved, That the Draft House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Order, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That the Draft House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) (No. 2) Order, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Resolved, That the Draft House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) (No. 3) Order, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

Resolved, That the Draft House of Commons (Redistribution ofSeats) Order, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ede.)

Resolved, That the Draft House of Commons (Redistribution ofSeats) Order, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Resolved, That the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations, 1949, dated 14th July 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Ordered, That Mr. Emrys Roberts be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Select Committee appointed by the
the Lords on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills, and that Mr. Hopkin Morris be added to the Committee. (Mr. Robert Taylor.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Iron and Steel Bill.

The Lords Amendment in p. 12, l. 31, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 15, l. 17, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 15, l. 17, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 17, l. 36, 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. Hall);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 27th July, 1949:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Henderson,

Mr. Hannan;

Tellers for the Mr. Studholme,

Colonel Wheatley;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 25, l. 8, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 25, l. 8, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 34, l. 13, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 34, l. 13, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 35, l. 1, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 44, l. 26, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 44, l. 26, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 48, line 28, being read a second time, were disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 48, l. 28, leave out "may" and insert "shall" 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. 54, l. 6, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 62, l. 10, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 62, l. 10, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 95, l. 49, the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Stanley Evans, Mr. Lyttelton, Mr. Peake, Mr. George Strauss and Mr. George Thomas.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee. (Mr. George Strauss.)

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 Licensing 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 follow:

' The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 4, l. 18, in p. 4, l. 22, and in p. 4, l. 25, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendments would prevent the proper planning in State management districts of facilities for the supply of intoxicating liquor.

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.

Mr. George Strauss 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 Iron and Steel 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. 2, l. 8, for the following Reason:
there is a free market and to meet demands for those products is unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to the first Amendment made by the Lords in p. 5, l. 13, for the following Reason: — Because the words to be left out are necessary for furtherance of the export trade and to give a margin of discretion in meeting the demands of the home market.

The Commons disagree to the third Amendment made by the Lords in p. 5, l. 13, for the following Reason: — Because the procedure laid down in the Amendment would be too rigid.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 9, l. 27, and in p. 95, l. 49, for the following Reason: — Because the Bill already provides adequate machinery for dealing with the prices of products of the publicly-owned companies and the Corporation.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 10, l. 21, in p. 10, l. 22, in p. 10, l. 23, in p. 11, l. 11, in p. 11, l. 12, and in p. 62, l. 10, for the following Reason: — Because it is in the national interest that the securities of the iron and steel companies should be transferred as soon as practicable.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 12, l. 31, in p. 12, l. 48, in p. 13, l. 6, in p. 34, l. 13, and in p. 35, l. 1, for the following Reason: — Because in certain cases the Amendments might prevent the publicly-owned companies and the Corporation from disclaiming improper contracts and recovering dissipated assets.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 17, l. 36, in p. 17, l. 37, and in p. 18, l. 26, for the following Reason: — Because the Bill provides a fairer and more expeditious method of assessing the compensation payable to security holders than the Amendments.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 44, l. 26, in p. 44, l. 39, and in p. 44, l. 46, for the following Reason: — Because these Amendments impose unnecessary tasks of accountancy on the Corporation and the publicly-owned companies.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — (Mr. Robert Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded, pursuant to the Order made upon the 22nd day of this instant July, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bradford 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, pursuant to the Order made upon the 22nd day of this instant July, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southampton 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West Bromwich 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 Slough Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, that Standing Order 205 relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 179 (Printing of amended Bill), 180 (Re-deposit of Bill before Consideration), 181 (Time between Report and Consideration of Bill, &c.), and 201 (Notice of Consideration of Bill) relating to Private Business be suspended, and that the Rhodesia Railways Limited (Pension Schemes and Contracts) Bill [Lords] be now taken into consideration, amended copies of the Bill having been previously deposited.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill, as amended in the Committee, into consideration.
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 of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of an Order, dated 26th July 1949, entitled the Threshing of Grain (Amendment) (Scotland) Order, 1949.

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 22nd July 1949, entitled the Veterinary Surgery (Exemptions) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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 25th July 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1949.

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 Provisional Regulations, dated 27th July 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Provisional Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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 under the Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding-Up) Act, 1935, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

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 Dartford Tunnel (Extension of Time) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Salford Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Marriages Provisional Orders Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (South Molton) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Chichester) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Morley) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ministry of Health Provisional Order (Macclesfield) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bolton Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Ashdown Forest 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 Patents and Designs Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Gaitskell, supported by Mr. Hall and Mr. Robens, presented a Bill to provide for the making to colliery concerns and subsidiaries of such concerns of further income payments for the period between the primary vesting date and the date on which compensation under the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, in respect of transfers of transferred subsidiaries of such concerns is satisfied in full, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same 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 Business of the House of Commons shall be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—Mr. Herbert Morrison.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be put out of the House of Commons; and Mr. Speaker put forthwith the Questions which he is directed to put at 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.)
Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Supply, yesterday, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

1. That a sum, not exceeding £286,596,041, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with the Production of Groundnuts and with Agricultural Production and the Purchase of Feedingstuffs, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

- Class IX, Vote 2, Ministry of Food £239,580,863
- Class II, Vote 9, Colonial Office £573,760
- Class II, Vote 11, Western African Produce Control Board £4,000,010
- Class VI, Vote 8, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries £9,713,398
- Class VI, Vote 9, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services) £32,728,010

Total £286,596,041.

2. That a sum, not exceeding £21,720,825, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with the Docks Dispute for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

- Class V, Vote 5, Ministry of Labour and National Service £17,750,000
- Class VI, Vote 13, Ministry of Transport £1,833,300
- Class III, Vote 1, Home Office £2,137,525

Total £21,720,825.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £65,419,372, be granted to His Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with Fuel and Power with particular reference to Coal, Gas and Electricity for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1949-50.

- Class VI, Vote 6, Ministry of Fuel and Power £4,683,000
- Class IX, Vote 4, Ministry of Fuel and Power (War Services) £500,000
- Class VI, Vote 18, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research £3,164,717
- Class IX, Vote 1, Ministry of Supply £51,292,000
- Class VII, Vote 1, Ministry of Works £5,779,655

Total £65,419,372.
Class III.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £31,436,107, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<tr>
<td>Home Office (Civil Defence Services)</td>
<td>£2,347,960</td>
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<tr>
<td>Police, England and Wales</td>
<td>£11,509,755</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prisons, England and Wales</td>
<td>£3,279,420</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Child Care, England and Wales</td>
<td>£5,324,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fire Services, England and Wales</td>
<td>£3,513,370</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£922,591</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>County Courts, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£180,758</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Land Registry</td>
<td>£90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Trustee</td>
<td>£90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Law Charges</td>
<td>£332,064</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>£16,365</td>
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<tr>
<td>Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services)</td>
<td>£254,320</td>
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<tr>
<td>Police</td>
<td>£2,309,591</td>
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<tr>
<td>Prisons</td>
<td>£318,373</td>
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<tr>
<td>Approved Schools</td>
<td>£132,350</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fire Services</td>
<td>£287,271</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scottish Land Court</td>
<td>£9,635</td>
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<tr>
<td>Law Charges and Courts of Law</td>
<td>£91,853</td>
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<tr>
<td>Department of the Registers of Scotland</td>
<td>£90</td>
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Class IV.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £161,433,990, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Education</td>
<td>£122,986,282</td>
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<tr>
<td>British Museum</td>
<td>£165,712</td>
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<tr>
<td>British Museum (Natural History)</td>
<td>£145,315</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>£21,723</td>
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<tr>
<td>London Museum</td>
<td>£9,362</td>
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<tr>
<td>National Gallery</td>
<td>£45,377</td>
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<tr>
<td>National Maritime Museum</td>
<td>£14,078</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Portrait Gallery</td>
<td>£11,876</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wallace Collection</td>
<td>£16,202</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grants for Science and the Arts</td>
<td>£1,870,868</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Universities and Colleges, &amp;c., Great Britain</td>
<td>£10,071,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Broadcasting</td>
<td>£10,150,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Festival of Britain, 1951 (including a Supplementary sum of £40,000)</td>
<td>£440,000</td>
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Total: £161,433,990.

Class V.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £453,010,283, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ministry of Health (including a Supplementary sum of £1,000,000)</td>
<td>£51,925,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Health Service, England and Wales</td>
<td>£140,424,600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales</td>
<td>£31,850,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registrar-General’s Office</td>
<td>£325,509</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grants in respect of Employment Schemes</td>
<td>£600,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ministry of National Insurance</td>
<td>£136,280,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Assistance Board</td>
<td>£57,850,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Insurance Audit Department</td>
<td>£87,480</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friendly Societies Registry</td>
<td>£36,700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ministry of Town and Country Planning</td>
<td>£928,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Central Land Board</td>
<td>£1,329,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Department of Health for Scotland (including a Supplementary sum of £75,000)</td>
<td>£8,380,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>National Health Service</td>
<td>£19,303,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland</td>
<td>£3,645,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Registrar-General’s Office</td>
<td>£47,494</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Total: £453,010,283.

Class VI.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £65,574,627, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Board of Trade</td>
<td>£7,418,875</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Services in Development Areas</td>
<td>£8,171,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Financial Assistance in Development Areas</td>
<td>£352,010</td>
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<tr>
<td>Export Credits (Special Guarantees)</td>
<td>£58,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>£41,652</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Surveys of Great Britain, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£1,609,050</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Forestry Commission</td>
<td>£4,145,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Development Fund</td>
<td>£570,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Roads, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£19,197,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mercantile Marine Services</td>
<td>£331,600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ministry of Civil Aviation</td>
<td>£15,054,084</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Development Grants</td>
<td>£7,690</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State Management Districts</td>
<td>£90</td>
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Total: £65,574,627.

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Class VII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £47,370,607, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2. Houses of Parliament Buildings</td>
<td>£730,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Public Buildings, Great Britain</td>
<td>£25,598,950</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Public Buildings Overseas</td>
<td>£1,243,180</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Royal Palaces</td>
<td>£274,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
<td>£441,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Miscellaneous Works Services</td>
<td>£3,636,645</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Rates on Government Property</td>
<td>£6,326,073</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Stationery and Printing</td>
<td>£6,670,779</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Central Office of Information</td>
<td>£2,259,850</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Peterhead Harbour</td>
<td>£36,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Works and Buildings in Ireland</td>
<td>£152,130</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>£47,370,607</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Class VIII.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £60,473,100, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Merchant Seamen’s War Pensions</td>
<td>£153,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Ministry of Pensions</td>
<td>£56,050,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£720,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>£3,550,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>£60,473,100</td>
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</table>

Class IX.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £55,838,541, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3. Ministry of Transport (War Services)</td>
<td>£18,667,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Foreign Office (German Section)</td>
<td>£17,052,241</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Administration of certain African Territories (including a Supplementary sum of £1,469,300)</td>
<td>£1,949,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Advances to Allies, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£7,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. War Damage Commission</td>
<td>£1,170,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Burmah War Damage Payments</td>
<td>£10,000,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>£55,838,541</td>
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Revenue Departments Estimates, 1949-50.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £133,558,640, 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 1950, for

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Department</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Customs and Excise</td>
<td>£5,861,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£14,706,640</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Post Office</td>
<td>£112,591,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>£133,558,640</td>
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</tbody>
</table>


14. That a sum, not exceeding £475,695, 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 1950, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence.


15. That a sum, not exceeding £103,283,000, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3. Medical Establishments and Services</td>
<td>£1,550,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Educational Services</td>
<td>£695,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Scientific Services</td>
<td>£7,180,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Royal Naval Reserves</td>
<td>£1,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£20,220,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Section I.—Personnel</td>
<td>£25,900,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Section II.—Material</td>
<td>£20,220,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Section III.—Contract</td>
<td>£28,550,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Naval Armaments</td>
<td>£13,035,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Admiralty Office</td>
<td>£5,106,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14. Merchant Shipbuilding, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£47,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>£103,283,000</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Army Estimates, 1949-50.

16. That a sum, not exceeding £158,690,000, be granted to His Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

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<th>Service</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>3. War Office</td>
<td>£2,340,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Civilians</td>
<td>£46,460,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Movements</td>
<td>£22,650,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Supplies, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£33,810,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Stores</td>
<td>£50,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£3,430,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>£158,690,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>


17. That a sum not exceeding £60,850,000, 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 1950, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

<table>
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<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>3. Air Ministry</td>
<td>£3,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Civilians at Outstations</td>
<td>£20,846,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Movements</td>
<td>£8,620,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Supplies</td>
<td>£26,040,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£2,344,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>£60,850,000</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
The First Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out "£239,580,863," and inserting "£239,579,863"—(Sir John Barlow),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£239,580,863" stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—[Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Hannan:]
Tellers for the Noes—[Mr. Digby:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was 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 the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Classes I-IX of the Civil Estimates and of the Revenue Departments Estimates, the Ministry of Defence Estimate, the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates and the Air Estimates.

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1949-50.

Class I.

Central Government and Finance.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class I of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class II.

Foreign and Imperial.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class II of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III.

Home Department, Law and Justice.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions 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, National Insurance, and Contributions to Local Revenues.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions 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 Resolutions reported in respect of Class VI of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VII.

Commons Services (Works, Stationery, &c.).

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions 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.

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 IX of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Revenue Departments Estimates, 1949-50.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Revenue Departments Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.


And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Ministry of Defence Estimate:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.


And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Navy Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Army Estimates, 1949-50.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Army Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.


And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Air Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Mr. Collindridge reported from the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1950, the following sum, viz. £1,751,693,881, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution; And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Hall do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. 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 fifty, and to appropriate the Supplies thereto, by their Lordships.——And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the 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 Housing Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Dugdale reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, yesterday, the draft National Health Service (Scotland) (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of this instant July, be approved.——(Mr. Dugdale).

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 1950, laid before this House on the 5th day of this instant July, be approved.——(Mr. Dugdale).

Resolved, That the draft National Health Service (Scotland) (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 11th day of this instant July, be approved.——(Mr. Secretary Woodburn).

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Housing (Scotland) Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 7, l. 12, at end insert—

“(iii) (a) if in relation to any dwelling the Secretary of State (after consultation with the Agricultural Executive Committee and District Wages Committee having jurisdiction within the area in which such dwelling is situate) certifies that such dwelling is necessary for the proper and efficient carrying on of an agricultural holding, the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section twelve of this Act shall not apply with respect to such dwelling during such period as such certificate continues in force;

(b) any certificate granted by the Secretary of State as aforesaid may be revoked by him if he is of opinion that the dwelling to which it relates is no longer necessary for the proper and efficient carrying on of the said agricultural holding but before any such certificate is revoked the Secretary of State shall consider any representations made to him by the owner of the dwelling or by the tenant of the said holding;

(c) where any such certificate granted by the Secretary of State is revoked as aforesaid the owner of the dwelling to which the certificate related shall within a period of three months pay to the local authority the like amount as would become payable to them under subsection (2) of section twelve of this Act in the event of a breach of the conditions specified in subsection (1) of the said section and in the event of the owner failing to pay such amount as aforesaid the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section twelve of this Act shall extend and apply to the dwelling in like manner as they would have applied if in the absence of a certificate from the Secretary of State an improvement grant had been made in respect of the dwelling, the first Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put. That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Thomas Fraser).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannan, 201.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Digby, 62.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Elliot, Commander Galbraith, Mr. Malcolm Macpherson, Mr. Willis and Mr. Secretary Woodburn.

Ordered, That three be the Quorum of the Committee.——(Mr. Secretary Woodburn).

And they are to withdraw immediately.

The House according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration His Majesty's Most Gracious Message yesterday, relating to the state of emergency.

And the same was again read by Mr. Speaker, as followeth:
His Majesty, by Proclamation, dated the eleventh day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, having declared the existence of a state of emergency for the purposes of the Emergency Powers Act, 1920:

And it having appeared to His Majesty that the state of emergency has now ceased to exist:

His Majesty has deemed it proper by Proclamation, dated the twenty-sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, to proclaim, direct and ordain that the said Proclamation of the eleventh day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, is revoked.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, thanking His Majesty for His Most Gracious Message.—(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.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Housing (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. 7, l. 12, for the following Reason:

Because it is undesirable that improvement grants should be given except in respect of dwelling houses occupied by the owners or by tenants who have the protection of the Rent Restriction Acts, and because the administrative arrangements required by the amendment would involve uneconomic use of man-power.

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.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded, pursuant to the Ashdown Forest Bill, Order made upon the 22nd day of this instant July, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ashdown Forest 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, pursuant to the Bolton Corporation Bill, Order made upon the 22nd day of this instant July, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bolton Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of the Ninety-first Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to Civil Defence, the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

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 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, Civil Defence, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Copies of Draft Regulations, entitled—

(1) the Civil Defence (Burial) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

[No. 159.]

Thursday, 28th July, 1949.

The House proceeded, pursuant to the Ashdown Forest Bill, Order made upon the 22nd day of this instant July, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ashdown Forest 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, pursuant to the Bolton Corporation Bill, Order made upon the 22nd day of this instant July, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bolton Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,— Copy of the Ninety-first Report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended the 31st day of March 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to Civil Defence, the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Draft Regulations, entitled—

(1) the Civil Defence (Fire Services) Regulations, 1949,

(2) the Civil Defence (Public Protection) Regulations, 1949, and

(3) the Civil Defence (Public Protection) (London) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th July 1949, Local Government, the Western Valleys (Monmouthshire) Sewerage Board Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to Civil Defence, the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Draft Regulations, entitled—

(1) the Civil Defence (Fire Services) Regulations, 1949,

(2) the Civil Defence (Public Protection) Regulations, 1949, and

(3) the Civil Defence (Public Protection) (London) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th July 1949, Local Government, the Western Valleys (Monmouthshire) Sewerage Board Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to Civil Defence, the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Draft Regulations, entitled—

(1) the Civil Defence (Burial) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.
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 28th July 1949, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Sickness Benefit) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the National Insurance (Unemployment Benefit) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Reports of the Aycliffe, Crawley, Harlow, Hatfield, Hemel Hempstead, Peterlee, Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City Development Corporations for the period ended the 31st day of March 1949.

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 25th July 1949, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Procedure).

Mr. Viant reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petition presented upon the 28th 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.

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 Subcommittee F:

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 Subcommittee E, 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 Subcommittee D:

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 Subcommittee C:

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 Subcommittee B, and Appendices:

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 Subcommittee A, and Appendices:

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 Subcommittee Z:

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th July 1949, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Sickness Benefit, Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Transitional) Amendment Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the National Insurance (Unemployment Benefit) (Transitional) Amendment No. 2 Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Housing.

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Second Annual Report of the Advisory Council on Scientific Policy for the year ended the 12th day of March 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Eighty-fifth Annual Report by the Chief Inspectors under the Alkali &c. Works Regulation Act, 1906, for 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:

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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 Subcommittee F, and Appendices:

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 Subcommittee E, and Appendices:

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 Subcommittee D:

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 Subcommittee C, and Appendices:

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 Subcommittee B, and Appendices:

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 Subcommittee A, and Appendices:

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 Subcommittee Z, and Appendices:

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Adoption of Children 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 Crewe Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Oldbury Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Slough Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rhodesia Railways Limited (Pension Schemes and Contracts) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Housing (Scotland) Bill to which this House hath disagreed.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Licensing Bill to which this House hath disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Steel Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Licensing Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Coal Industry Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Married Women (Maintenance) Bill; and the same was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Iron and Steel Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Housing (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Licensing Bill to which this House hath disagreed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Adoption of Children Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Ede 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.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Coal Industry Bill and the Married Women (Maintenance) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House, having taken into consideration the Report of the Royal Commission on the Press (Cmd. 7700), would welcome all possible action on the part of the Press to give effect to the Commission's conclusions and recommendations.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Coal Industry Bill, in lieu of one of their Amendments to which this House hath disagreed; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Lords Amendment in p. 1, 1. 22, at end insert Clause " A " (Provisions as to separation agreements), the first Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday the 18th day of October next.

A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Henderson):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 160.]

Friday, 29th July, 1949.

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 Fire Services, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1949, entitled the Firemen's Pension Scheme (No. 2) Order, 1949.
Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of a Measure,—Copy of the First Annual Report of the Church Commissioners for England, with Accounts for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th July 1949, entitled the National Service (Naval and Marine Forces) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th July 1949, entitled (1) the National Service (Military Forces) Regulations, 1949, and (2) the National Service (Transfer during Part-Time Service) Regulations, 1949.

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 Regulations, dated 27th July 1949, entitled the National Service (Air Forces) Regulations, 1949.

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 28th July 1949, entitled the Colonial Stock Acts Extension (East Africa High Commission) Order, 1949.


Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th July 1949, entitled the Egypt Order in Council, 1949.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th July 1949, declaring that the Government of Liberia has acceded to the Load Line Convention.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th July 1949, entitled the Weights and Measures (Electrical Standards) Order, 1949.

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 27th July 1949, entitled the Grass and Forage Crop Drying (Loans) (England and Wales) Scheme (No. 2), 1949.

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 July 1949, entitled the Salop Review (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th July 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Modification of Local Government Superannuation Schemes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1949.

Copies of Rules, dated 29th July 1949, entitled—
(1) the Superannuation (Local Government and Colonial Service) Interface Rules, 1949,
(2) the Superannuation (Local Government and Public Boards) Interface Rules, 1949, and
(3) the Superannuation (Local Government, Social Workers and Health Education Staff) Interface Rules, 1949.

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 28th July 1949, entitled the Ware Potatoes (1949 Crop) (No. 1) Order, 1949.

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 29th July 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Medical Certification) Amendment Provisional Regulations, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th July 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Hospital Insurers) Regulations, 1949.

Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the preliminary draft of the National Insurance (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Reports be printed.

Resolved, That this House do meet tomorrow at Eleven of the clock, and that Mr. Speaker do not adjourn the House until he shall have reported the Royal Assent to the Acts which shall have been agreed upon by both Houses, but subject to this condition, Mr. Speaker at Four of the clock do adjourn the House without putting any Question.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising tomorrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 18th day of October next.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clases Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to. Schedules A, B and C, agreed to. Bill to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time; and the Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

Adjournment.

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 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 to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[No. 161. Saturday, 30th July, 1949. The House met at Eleven o'clock. PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of a Scheme, dated 20th July 1949, entitled the Grass and Forage Crop Drying (Loans) (Scotland) Scheme, 1949.

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 29th July 1949, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1949 (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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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 Overseas Airways Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the British European Airways Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the British South American Airways Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of an Amendment, Regulations, dated 29th July 1949, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Message from the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Lords having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn— (Mr. Robert Taylor); And a Debate arising thereupon.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn— (Mr. Robert Taylor);

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assent. General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers: — And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

5. Legal Aid and Advice Act, 1949.
Notice given by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances).

Whereas His Majesty's Government have represented to me, Douglas Clifton Brown, Speaker of the House of Commons, that the public interest requires the House to meet at an earlier time than the eighteenth day of October 1949, and I am satisfied that the public interest does so require:

Now, therefore, I hereby give notice, pursuant to the Standing Order (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances) that the House shall meet on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of September 1949, at half-past Two of the clock.

Given under my hand this twenty-second day of September 1949.

D. Clifton Brown,
Speaker.

[No. 162.]

Tuesday, 27th September, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The following Papers, presented by His Majesty's Command during the Adjournment, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of July 1949, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of the Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire Services (Counties and Boroughs, England and Wales), for the period from the 1st day of April to the 31st day of December 1948.

Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Prisons and Directors of Convict Prisons for 1948.


Copy of the Fourth Report on Operations under the Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America, covering the second calendar quarter of 1949.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington, on Treaty Series (No. 46, 1949), between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America, further prolonging the Bizonal Fusion Agreement of the 2nd day of December 1946, as amended by the Agreement of the 17th day of December 1947.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on Treaty Series (No. 47, 1949), between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the French Government regarding a proposed Cession of Territory in the Zella area to Ethiopia (with Record of Conversations, Annex, and Supplementary Note).
Treaty Series (No. 48, 1949).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Rio de Janeiro, on the 3rd day of August 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of Brazil constituting a Trade Agreement (with Schedules).

Treaty Series (No. 49, 1949).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London between the 4th day of July and the 4th day of August 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic further prolonging the Monetary Agreement of the 1st day of November 1945.

Treaty Series (No. 50, 1949).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Rome on the 28th day of June 1949 and at London on the 13th day of July 1949 between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government prolonging the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 26th day of November 1948.


Copy of the Statute of the Council of Europe, signed at London on the 5th day of May 1949.

Treaty Series (No. 52, 1949).

Copy of a Sterling Payments Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic, signed at London on the 18th day of August 1949.

Tripartite Economic Discussions.

Copy of a Joint Communiqué issued on the 12th day of September 1949 on the Discussions held at Washington between the 7th and the 12th days of September 1949 between Representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada.

Army.

List of exceptions to the Army Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay and Allowances.

Herring Industry Board.

Copy of the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Herring Industry Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

Prisons (Scotland).

Copy of a Report on Prisons in Scotland for the years 1939 to 1948.

Ceylon.

Copy of Letters exchanged between the Economic Secretary to the Treasury and the Finance Minister of Ceylon regarding the extended application of the Letters, dated 30th April, 1948, concerning Ceylon's Sterling Assets and Monetary Co-operation between the two Governments.

India.

Copy of Letters exchanged between the President of the Board of Trade and the High Commissioner for India regarding the extended application of the Financial Agreement of the 14th day of August 1947.

Pakistan.

Copy of Letters exchanged between the Economic Secretary to the Treasury and the Finance Minister of Pakistan regarding the extended application of the Financial Agreement of the 14th day of August 1947.

Scientific and Industrial Research.


Housing.

Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st July 1949.

Broadcasting.

Copy of a European Convention on Broadcasting signed at Copenhagen on the 15th day of September 1948 (The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Maritime Radio Service.

Copy of a European Regional Convention on the Maritime Radio Service signed at Copenhagen on the 17th day of September 1948 (The Convention has not been ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of the Report of the National Assistance Board for 1948.

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 1948.

Copy of an Interim Report of the Committee on Supreme Court Practice and Procedure.

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 undermentioned dates, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

2nd August 1949:

- Copy of an Order, dated 29th July 1949, Supplies and Services (Food).
- Copy of an Order, dated 5th August 1949, Supplies and Services (Food Rationing).

4th August 1949:

- Copy of Notes exchanged at Rome on the 17th day of September 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the United States, entitled the Matches (Control of Prices) (No. 49) Order, 1949.

5th August 1949:

- Copy of Regulations, dated 30th July 1949, Education entitled the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.
- Copy of Notes exchanged at Rio de Janeiro, on the 3rd day of August 1949, between the 4th day of July and the 4th day of August 1949, entitled the Utility Apparel (Women's Domestic Supplies and Services (Apparel and Textiles)).
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(8) the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Outerwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1949,
(9) the Utility Apparel (Women's Domestic Overalls and Aprons) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949,
(10) the Utility Apparel (Men's and Boys' Shirts, Underwear and Nightwear) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949,
(11) the Footwear (Supply, Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1949,
(12) the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1949,
(13) the Utility Apparel (Gabardine Raincoats) (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1949,
(14) the Utility Apparel (Waterproofs) (Amendment) Order, 1949, and
(15) the Utility Apparel (Oilskins) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

29th August 1949: —
Copy of Regulations, dated 25th August 1949, entitled the Local Government (Payment of Grants, &c.) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

30th August 1949: —

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th August 1949, entitled the Control of Rams Regulations, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th August 1949, entitled the National Assistance (Registration of Homes) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 27th August 1949, entitled—
(1) the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

1st September 1949: —
Copy of Regulations, dated 30th August 1949, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.


Copy of an Order, dated 31st August 1949, entitled the Preserves (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1949.

2nd September 1949: —
Copy of Regulations, dated 1st September 1949, entitled—
(1) the Woven Cloth (Cotton, Rayon and Linen) (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1949,
(2) the Household Textiles (Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1949,
(3) the Upholstery Cloth (Utility) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949, and
(4) the Curtain Cloth (Utility) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

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Copy of an Order, dated 2nd September 1949, entitled the Utility Woven Cloth (Wool and Animal Fibre) (Marking and Supply) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 2nd September 1949, entitled the Control of Containers and Packaging (No. 6) Order, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 31st August 1949, entitled the Road Vehicles Lighting and Vehicles (Special Exemption) Regulations, 1949.

Copies of Orders, dated 1st September 1949, Supplies and Services (Road Traffic).

(1) the City of London Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Order, 1949,
(2) the London Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Order, 1949, and

5th September 1949: —

Copy of Rules, dated 1st September 1949, County Courts. entitled the County Court Funds Rules, 1949.

6th September 1949: —

Copy of an Order, dated 5th September 1949, entitled the Meat (Maximum Retail Prices) (General Licence) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 5th September 1949, entitled the Food Standards (Table Jellies) Order, 1949.

7th September 1949: —
Copy of Regulations, dated 5th September 1949, entitled the National Assistance (Registration of Homes) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th September 1949, Supplies and Services (Food) (Non-Priority Allowance) (No. 3) Order, 1949.

8th September 1949: —
Copy of Orders,—
(1) dated 7th September 1949, entitled the Meals in Establishments (Amendment) Order, 1949, and
(2) dated 8th September 1949, entitled the Egg Products (Amendment) Order, 1949.


9th September 1949: —
Copy of an Order, dated 8th September 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 10) Order, 1949.

10th September 1949: —
Copy of an Order, dated 9th September 1949, entitled the Kingston-upon-Hull (Expenditures of Art Gallery) Order, 1949.
Copies of Orders, dated 9th September 1949, entitled—
(1) the Food (Points Rationing) (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Imported Canned Fish (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

12th September 1949: —

Destructive Insects and Pests.
Copies of Orders, dated 8th September 1949, entitled—
(1) the Importation of Forest Trees (Prohibition) Order of 1949, and
(2) the Importation of Plants (Amendment) Order of 1949.

National Insurance.
Copy of Regulations, dated 12th September 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Death Grant) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

National Insurance (Industrial Injuries).
Copy of Regulations, dated 12th September 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1949.

14th September 1949: —
Copy of an Order, dated 12th September 1949, entitled the Seed Potatoes (Export) (Charges) Order, 1948 (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Export of Goods (Control).
Copies of Orders, dated 13th September 1949, entitled—
(1) the General Apparel (ManUFACTURERS' Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1949,
(2) the General Apparel and Textiles (DISTRIBUTORS' Maximum Prices) Order, 1949,
(3) the Perambulators (Maximum Prices) Order, 1949,
(4) the Miscellaneous Goods (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1949,
(5) the Furniture (Maximum Prices) Order, 1949,
(6) the Miscellaneous Maximum Prices and Charges Orders (Revocation) Order, 1949, and
(7) the General Hollow-ware (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Furniture).

Supplies and Services (Pencils).
Copy of an Order, dated 13th September 1949, entitled the Pencils (Control of Manufacture and Supply) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Raw Materials).
Copy of an Order, dated 13th September 1949, entitled the Control of Willow Rods and Willow Sticks (Revocation) Order, 1949.

15th September 1949: —
Copy of an Order, dated 14th September 1949, entitled the Utility Footwear (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 14th September 1949, entitled the Footwear (Supply, Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1949 (Amendment Order), 1949.

Supplies and Services (Food).
Copies of Orders, dated 14th September 1949, entitled the Cheese (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1949,
(2) the Imported Canned Fish (Maximum Prices) Order, 1949,
(3) the Imported Canned Fish (Crop) Order, 1949,
(4) the 15th September 1949, entitled the Canned Fruit and Vegetables (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949, and
(5) the 15th September 1949, entitled the Milk (Non-Priority Allowance) (No. 4) Order, 1949.

Coal Industry.
Copy of Orders, dated 8th September 1949, entitled the Fats, Cheese and Tea (Rationing) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1949.

16th September 1949: —
Copy of an Order, dated 15th September 1949, entitled the Control of Wool (Revocation) Order, 1949.

19th September 1949: —
Copy of an Order, dated 15th September 1949, entitled the National Galleries of Scotland (Disposal of Books and Pamphlets) Order, 1949.

20th September 1949: —
Copy of an Order, dated 19th September 1949, entitled the Jute Yarn (Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Goods and Services (Price Control).
Copies of Orders, dated 19th September 1949, entitled—
(1) the Flour (Amendment) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Rye (Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

21st September 1949: —
Copy of Regulations, dated 16th September 1949, entitled the Smallholdings (Selection of Tenants) Regulations, 1949.

Copies of Orders, dated 20th September 1949, entitled—
(1) the Eggs (Great Britain) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Eggs (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

22nd September 1949: —
Copy of an Order, dated 21st September 1949, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Permit) Revocation Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Fishing Vessels).
Copy of an Order, dated 21st September 1949, entitled the Nautical Order No. 47, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Navigation).
Copy of an Order, dated 21st September 1949, entitled the Restriction of Repairs of Ships Revocation Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Repairs of Ships).
Copy of an Order, dated 21st September 1949, entitled the Paper (Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Newsprint (Prices) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1949.

23rd September 1949: —
Supplies and Services (Encouragement of Exports).

Copy of an Order, dated 20th September 1949, entitled the Encouragement of Exports (Leather, Footwear and Allied Products) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Food).

Copies of Orders, dated 22nd September 1949, entitled—
(1) the Bread (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949,
(2) the Flour (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Food Rationing).

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd September 1949, entitled the Food Rationing (General Licence) Order, 1949.

Goods and Services (Price Control).

24th September 1949:—
Copy of an Order, dated 23rd September 1949, entitled the General Apparel and Textiles (Distributors' Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Raw Materials).

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd September 1949, entitled the Jute Yarn (Prices) (Amendment) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

London Traffic.

Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd September 1949, entitled—
(1) the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations, 1949,
(2) the London Traffic (Parking Places) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations, 1949,
(3) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 21) Regulations, 1949,
(4) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 22) Regulations, 1949,
(5) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 23) Regulations, 1949,
(6) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 24) Regulations, 1949, and

Air Navigation.

No. 245.

Mr. Halli presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 9th day of September 1949, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

No. 246.

Electricity.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 26th day of July 1949, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Electricity Authority.

No. 247.

Gas.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 25th day of July 1949, on stock issued by the Gas Council under the Gas Act, 1948.

Gas.

No. 248.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 8th day of August 1949, on stock issued by the Gas Council under the Gas Act, 1948.

Gas.

No. 249.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 22nd day of August 1949, on stock issued by the Gas Council under the Gas Act, 1948.

Housing.

No. 250.

Account showing the Money issued out of the Consolidated Fund, the Capital Expenditure, and the Money borrowed and repaid by the Department of Health for Scotland and the Ministry of Works, respectively, under the Housing Act, 1914, for the period ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Statements of Guarantee and the said Account be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Boundary Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Boundary Commission with respect to the area comprised in the borough constituencies of Birmingham.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant Representation to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) (No. 4) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Jones presented, pursuant to British Guiana, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the British Guiana (Constitution) Amendment Order in Council, 1949.

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 West Lothian 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. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Amendments to the Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

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 5th July 1949, and amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 12th May 1948, providing for the Pay and Allowances payable to Members of His Majesty's Royal Air Force and ancillary Services and their Wives and Dependants, and
(2) dated 25th August 1949, further amending the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 28th January 1949, making provision for the application of the King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force to Women commissioned or enlisted in His Majesty's Air Forces.

Copy of an Amendment to the Rules of Air Force 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 an Order in Council, dated 28th July 1949, approving an Admiralty
Memorial for sanction to revised rates of retired Pay, Pensions and Gratuities for Officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and Members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned Colleges for administering certain funds thereof: —

(1) Brasenose College, Oxford.
(2) St. Hilda's College, Oxford.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd September 1949, entitled the Smallholdings (Management) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th September 1949, authorising the landing of three camels, two beisa oryx and one wart hog at the port of Liverpool.

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) Bacup Town Council.
(2) Blackwell Rural District Council.
(3) Bootle Town Council.
(4) Bradford City Council.
(5) Central Lancashire (Local Authorities) Joint Superannuation Committee.
(6) Chigwell Urban District Council.
(7) Chorley Town Council.
(8) Darwen Town Council.
(9) Devon County Council.
(10) Dukinfield Town Council.
(11) East Cheshire (Local Authorities) Joint Superannuation Committee.
(12) East Ham Town Council.
(13) Halesowen Town Council.
(14) Harrow Urban District Council.
(15) Hoylake Urban District Council.
(16) Lincoln City Council.
(17) Lytham St. Annes Town Council.
(18) Mid-Cornwall Superannuation Joint Committee.
(19) Newport Town Council.
(20) St. Albans City Council.
(21) Sheppey Local Authorities Superannuation Joint Committee.
(22) South East Essex Superannuation Joint Committee.
(23) Southampton Town Council.
(24) Thanet and District Superannuation Joint Committee.
(26) Yorkshire (West Riding) County Council.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report and Abstract of Accounts of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

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, 1894, the Minister of Shipping (Transfer of Functions) Order, 1939, the Ministers of the Crown (Minister of War Transport) Order, 1941, and the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Act, 1946, during the year ended the 20th day of November 1948, and of the Interest thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Marquand presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order by His Majesty concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other Grants for Officers, Nurses and Airmen disabled, and for the Widows and Children of Officers and Airmen deceased, in consequence of Service during the 1914 World War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Overseas Food Corporation for 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House: —

Account showing the Receipts and Payments of the Cinematograph Fund during the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Receipts and Payments by Irish Land Purchase Fund.

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 1949.

Account of the National Land Fund for the period ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of sub-paragraph 6 of paragraph 1 of the Fourth Schedule of the National Insurance and Civil Service (Superannuation) Rules, 1948, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House: —

Account showing the Nature and Amount of the Contributions held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1949 as Investments for Moneys forming part of the National Insurance (Existing Pensioners) Fund.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Fund, transferred to the Fund under the National Insurance and Civil Service (Superannuation) Rules, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Measures, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of a Scheme for authorising the taking down and sale of the materials and site of the Church of St. John the Divine, Great Grimsby, in the parish of St. Andrew, Great Grimsby, in the county and diocese of Lincoln.

Copy of a Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of Attercliffe; Saint Bartholomew, Carbrook; Saint Alban, Darnall, and Emmanuel, Attercliffe.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the action taken by His Majesty's Government in relation to the exchange value of the Pound Sterling, supports the measures agreed upon at Washington by the Ministers of the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom which are designed to assist in restoring equilibrium in the sterling-dollar balance of trade for the purpose of enabling the economy of the sterling area to maintain stability independent of external aid; and calls upon the people for their full co-operation with the Government in achieving this aim, whilst maintaining full employment and safeguarding the social services—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th September 1949, relating to the fiduciary note issue.

Accounts of the Receipts into, and Payments out of, the Road Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an International Convention for the Permanent Control of Outbreak Areas of the Red Locust, signed at London on the 22nd day of February 1949 (the Convention was ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the 14th day of April 1949).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 10th day of December 1948, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Danish Government prolonging the Agreement for the participation of a Danish Contingent in the Occupation of Germany of the 22nd day of April 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dugdale presented, pursuant to the Control of Highways.

Copies of Orders, dated 27th September 1949, entitled—

(1) the Control of Highways (Coulport, Dumbartonshire) Revocation Order, 1949.
(2) the Control of Highways (Crimond) Revocation Order, 1949.
(3) the Control of Highways (Eastbourne College) Revocation Order, 1949.
(4) the Control of Highways (Easthaven) Revocation Order, 1949.
(5) the Control of Highways (Roborough Aerodrome, Plymouth) Revocation Order, 1949, and
(6) the Control of Rights of Way (Goodyear Place, Camberwell) Revocation Order, 1949.

Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of Naval Prize Money.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th September 1949, entitled the Use of Land (Little Woolden Moss) Revocation Order, 1949.

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 the Report of the East Kilbride Development Corporation for the period from the 8th day of August 1947 to the 31st day of March 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th September 1949, entitled the Woven Cloth (Cotton, Rayon and Linen) (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th September 1949, entitled the Smallholdings (Contributions Toward Loans) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report of formal proceedings taken under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended the 27th day of July 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 28th September 1949, entitled—

(1) the Food Standards (Curry Powder) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Food Standards (Tomato Ketchup) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th September 1949, entitled the Ware Potatoes (1949 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Cheshire and North Shropshire Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the action taken by His Majesty's Government in relation to the exchange value of the Pound Sterling, supports the measures agreed upon at Washington by the Ministers of the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom which are designed to assist in restoring equilibrium in the sterling-dollar balance of trade for the purpose of enabling the economy of the sterling area to maintain stability independent of external aid; and calls upon the people for their full co-operation with the Government in achieving this aim, whilst maintaining full employment and safeguarding the social services;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. l., by leaving out from the word "House," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "welcomes the measures agreed upon in Washington but regrets that His Majesty's Government, as a result of four years' financial mismanagement, should now be brought to a drastic devaluation of the pound sterling, contrary to all the assurances given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and considers that a return to national prosperity, the maintenance of full employment and the safeguarding of the social services can never be assured under the present Administration, which, instead of proposing fundamental cures for our economic ills, resorts to one temporary expedient after another"—(Mr. Churchill)—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. George Wallace.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment. proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. George Wallace);

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. Bowden.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

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Thursday, 29th September, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant Army. to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Amendment to the Rules for Field Punishment.

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 28th September 1949, entitled the Yarn and Cloth (Wool and Animal Fibre) (Maximum Prices and Charges) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949.

Copy of a Draft Order entitled the Clothing Industry Development Council Order, 1949.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st August 1949.

Housing.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Marquand presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order by His Majesty concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other Grants for Members of the Air Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents and other Dependants of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service after the 2nd day of September, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Supplies and Services (Food).

No. 259.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th September 1949, entitled the Cereal Fillers (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday the 18th day of October next.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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 27th day of this instant September, That this House approves the action taken by His Majesty's Government in relation to the exchange value of the Pound Sterling, supports the measures agreed upon at Washington by the Ministers of the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom which are designed to assist in restoring equilibrium in the sterling-dollar balance of trade for the purpose of enabling the economy of the sterling area to maintain stability independent of external aid; and calls upon the people for their full co-operation with the Government in achieving this aim, whilst maintaining full employment and safeguarding the social services ;

Which Amendment was, in 1. 1, to leave out from the word " House " to the end of the Question and add the words " welcomes the measures agreed upon in Washington by the Ministers of the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom which are designed to assist in restoring equilibrium in the sterling-dollar balance of trade for the purpose of enabling the economy of the sterling area to maintain stability independent of external aid; and calls upon the people for their full co-operation with the Government in achieving this aim, whilst maintaining full employment and safeguarding the social services; 

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

The House divided.

Pensions (Air Force).  

No. 259.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Robert Taylor ;

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn ;

Mr. Drewe ;

Mr. Piratin ;

Mr. Popplewell ;

Mr. George Wallace ;

Mr. Platts-Mills ;

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes before Eleven of the clock adjourned till Tuesday the 18th day of October next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas to the Right.

The House divided.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st August 1949.

Housing.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Marquand presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order by His Majesty concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other Grants for Members of the Air Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents and other Dependants of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service after the 2nd day of September, 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th September 1949, entitled the Cereal Fillers (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

The House divided.

Pensions (Air Force).  

No. 259.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Robert Taylor ;

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn ;

Mr. Drewe ;

Mr. Piratin ;

Mr. Popplewell ;

Mr. George Wallace ;

Mr. Platts-Mills ;

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes before Eleven of the clock adjourned till Tuesday the 18th day of October next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

The Noes to the Left.

The Yeas to the Right.

The House divided.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Housing.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday the 18th day of October next.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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 27th day of this instant September, That this House approves the action taken by His Majesty's Government in relation to the exchange value of the Pound Sterling, supports the measures agreed upon at Washington by the Ministers of the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom which are designed to assist in restoring equilibrium in the sterling-dollar balance of trade for the purpose of enabling the economy of the sterling area to maintain stability independent of external aid; and calls upon the people for their full co-operation with the Government in achieving this aim, whilst maintaining full employment and safeguarding the social services; 

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And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

The House divided.
Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Netherlands for the Settlement of conflicting Claims to German Enemy Assets in their respective Territories (with Annex), signed at London on the 20th day of September 1949 (the Agreement has not yet been ratified by the Government of the United Kingdom).

Copy of an Agreement for the Preservation or Restoration of Industrial Property Rights affected by the Second World War (with Final Protocol of Additional Protocol and Annexes), signed at Neuchâtel on the 8th day of February 1947 (the ratification in respect of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom was deposited on the 23rd day of May 1947).

Copy of the North Atlantic Treaty, signed at Washington on the 4th day of April 1949 (the Treaty was ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the 7th day of June 1949).

Copy of the Final Act of the Second Session of the Committee of European Economic Co-operation, with the Convention, Annex and Supplementary Protocols Nos. I and II, signed at Paris on the 16th day of April 1948 (the Convention was ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the 10th day of June 1948).

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic regarding Compensation for British Property, Rights and Interests affected by Czechoslovak Measures of Nationalisation, Expropriation and Dispossession (with Interpretative minute), signed at London on the 28th day of September 1949.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic relating to the Settlement of certain Inter-Governmental Debts, signed at London on the 28th day of September 1949.


Copy of a Convention between His Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His Majesty the King of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at London on the 30th day of March 1949 (ratifications exchanged at Stockholm on the 16th day of September 1949).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Paris on the 29th day of June 1949 constituting an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Greek Government establishing additional drawing rights in favour of Greece for the purpose of the European Payments Agreement of the 16th day of October 1948 (with the decision of the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation on the 4th day of July 1949).

Copy of the Second Report by the Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies, for the years 1947 to 1949.

Copy of Documents relating to the Third General Session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Agreement at Annexy from the 8th day of April to the 15th day of August 1949.

Copy of the Report on the Annexy Tariff Negotiations, with Text of the Annexy Protocol of Terms of Accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, signed at Annexy on the 27th day of August 1949.

Copy of a Statement, signed at Annexy on the 15th day of August 1949 on behalf of the Military Governors of France, the United Kingdom and the United States of America regarding the Tariff of the Western Zones of Germany, and a Memorandum of Understanding relative to the Application to the Western Sectors of Berlin of the Agreement on Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment for Areas of Western Germany under Military Occupation.

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 undermentioned dates, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

30th September 1949:
- Copies of Orders in Council, dated 29th Chartered and Chartered and September 1949, entitled:
  1. (1) the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1949, and
- Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th September 1949, declaring that the Government of Turkey has acceded to the Safety Convention.
- Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th September 1949, entitled the Superannuation Act (Application to Existing Irish Officers) Order, 1949.
- Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th September 1949, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Scotland) Amendment Order, 1949.
- Copy of an Order, dated 30th September 1949, entitled the Therapeutic Substances Amendment Regulations, 1949.
- Copy of an Order, dated 30th September 1949, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Scotland) Amendment Order, 1949.
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Diseases of Animals.
Copy of an Order, dated 30th September 1949, authorising the landing at the Port of Bristol of Pedigree Sheep from New Zealand.
4th October 1949:—

Destructive Insects and Pests (Scotland).
Copies of Orders, dated 30th September 1949, entitled—
(1) the Importation of Plants (Amendment) (Scotland) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Importation of Forest Trees (Prohibition) (Scotland) Order, 1949.
5th October 1949:—

Goods and Services (Price Control).
Copy of an Order, dated 4th October 1949, entitled the Women's and Maids' Nylon Hose (Maximum Prices) Order, 1949.
6th October 1949:—

Supplies and Services (Biscuits).
Copy of an Order, dated 5th October 1949, entitled the Biscuits (Charges) (Amendment) Order, 1949.
7th October 1949:—

Supplies and Services (Food).
Copies of Orders, dated 6th October 1949, entitled—
(1) the Flour Confectionery (Amendment) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Milk (Non-Priority Allowance) (No. 5) Order, 1949.
Supplies and Services (Food Rationing).
Copy of an Order, dated 6th October 1949, entitled the Food Rationing (General Licence No. 2) Order, 1949.
8th October 1949:—

Supplies and Services (Soap) and Goods and Services (Food Supplies and Rationing).
Copy of an Order, dated 7th October 1949, entitled the Food (Points Rationing) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.
10th October 1949:—

Copies of Regulations, dated 10th August 1949, entitled—
(1) the Agricultural Wages Board Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the Agricultural Wages Committees Regulations, 1949.
11th October 1949:—

Copies of Regulations, dated 10th October 1949, entitled—
(1) the Federated Superannuation System for Universities (Temporary Service) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the Federated Superannuation System for Universities (War Service) Regulations, 1949.

Pensions.
Copy of Regulations, dated 10th October 1949, entitled the Training of Teachers Amending Grant Regulations No. 2, 1949.
12th October 1949:—

Copies of Regulations, dated 12th October 1949, entitled—
(1) the Proprietary Infant Milk Foods (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Welfare Foods (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Food).
Copy of an Order, dated 12th October 1949, entitled the Sugar (Rationing) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1949.
14th October 1949:—

Copies of Regulations, dated 12th October London Traffic, 1949, entitled—
(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 26) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (St. Albans) Regulations, 1949.
15th October 1949:—

Copies of Orders, dated 14th October 1949, entitled the Silk Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1949.
16th October 1949:—

Copies of Orders, dated 14th October 1949, entitled—
(1) the Utility Cloth and Utility Household Textiles (Maximum Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949,
(2) the Enamelled Hollow-ware (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) Order, 1949, and
(3) the Standard Wedding Rings (Maximum Prices) Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Apparel and Textiles).
Copies of Orders, dated 14th October 1949, entitled—
(1) the Curtain Cloth (Utility) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949,
(2) the Household Textiles (Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949, and
(3) the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 14th October 1949, entitled the Cutlery, Spoons and Forks (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Education.
Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Report by the Secretary of State for the Home Department as to the Expulsion, Registration and Prohibition Orders made under the Prevention of Violence (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1939, during the period from the 1st day of July 1949 to the 30th day of September 1949.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Germany Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on some Methods used to assist Local Government and the Civil Service in the British Zone of Germany.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Import Duties (Drawback).
Copy of an Order, dated 11th October 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 11) Order, 1949.

Sheriff Courts (Scotland).
Copy of an Order, dated 11th October 1949, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Jury Trials), 1949.

Emergency Laws (Food Standards).
Copy of an Order, dated 11th October 1949, entitled the Food Standards (Preserves) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Supplies and Services (Soap Substitutes).
Copy of an Order, dated 11th October 1949, entitled the Soap Substitutes (Labelling and Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1949.
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 (Nyasaland Protectorate) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Second Annual Report on Scottish Camps, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

Copy of Draft Regulations entitled the Civil Defence (Burial) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of a Scheme made by Kilmarnock Town 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. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Rules of Procedure, 1947.

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 17th September 1949,

(1) making provision for the payment of new rates of retired pay, pensions and gratuities for service in His Majesty's Royal Air Force, and
(2) providing for the formation of the Royal Air Force (Malaya) and the pay and trade groupings thereof.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 29th September 1949, providing for the Retired Pay, Pensions and Other Grants for Members of the Naval Forces and the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children and other Dependents of such Members killed—

(1) during the 1914 War, and
(2) after the 2nd day of September 1939.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 29th September 1949, approving Admiralty Memorials for sanction to—

(1) proposals regarding the award of the Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medals,
(2) increased rates of pay and marriage allowances for Petty Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy and Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines, and additional rates of pay in certain other cases,
(3) revised scales of gratuities and pensions for certain Chinese and Malayan naval ratings, and
(4) the award of gratuities to Branch Officers and certain officers promoted therefrom.

(1) made by the Governing Body of Brasenose College, Oxford, on the 25th day of May 1949, and,
(2) made by the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, on the 19th day of May 1949.

amending the Statutes of the Colleges.

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 14th October 1949, entitled the Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1949 (Amendment No. 3), Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 17th October 1949, entitled the Sulphuric Acid (Prices) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations entitled the Civil Defence (Sewerage) Regulations, 1949.

Copies of Schemes made by the mentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:—

(1) Barnsley County Borough Council.
(2) Blyth Borough Council.
(3) Caernarvon County Council.
(4) Gloucestershire County Council.
(5) Lincoln, Parish of Kesteven, County Council.
(6) Littlehampton Urban District Council.
(7) Mitcham Borough Council.
(8) Southend-on-Sea County Borough Council.
(9) Gloucester County Borough Council.

Copy of an Order, dated 1st September 1949, entitled the Stevenage Development Corporation Water Order, 1949, with a Certificate of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders,—

(1) dated 30th September 1949, authorising the landing of two sitatunga at the port of Liverpool, and
(2) dated 12th October 1949, authorising the landing of one gazelle at the port of Liverpool.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Marquand presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report of the Minister of Pensions for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th October 1949, entitled the Fish (Supplies to Catering Establishments) (Revocation) Order, 1949. 

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 Draft Scheme entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Royal Air Force) (Locally Engaged Teachers) Scheme, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 15th October 1949, entitled the Handicapped Pupils and School Health Service Amending Regulations No. 2, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Reports of H.M. Inspectors of Mines for the North Eastern Division for 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Taylor 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 hereinafter referred to as "the new Act") to empower the Treasury, under section eighteen of the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1948 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1948"), to guarantee certain other charges as well as interest, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to guarantees authorised by the new Act in the sums issuable out of that Fund under the Act of 1948;

(b) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any money required for providing or replacing sums authorised to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund by paragraph (a) of this Resolution;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of receipts of a Minister under section thirteen of the Act of 1948 in respect of guarantees authorised by the new Act;

(d) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the said receipts and their application in accordance with the provisions of section eighteen of the Act of 1948.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Overseas Resources Development Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time. The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate):—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sea Fish Industry Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The New Forest Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Six Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That any Petitions against the Bill deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the sixth day after this day do stand referred to the Committee, but if no such Petitions are deposited, the Order for the committal of the Bill to a Select Committee be discharged and the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, be heard against the Bill provided that their Petitions are prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House, and that Counsel be heard in favour of the Bill against such Petitions.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee. (Mr. Thomas Williams.)

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 New Forest [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision as respects the New Forest in the county of Southampton, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of the expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the said Act;

(b) of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, being an increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session conferring functions on a highway authority other than the Minister of Transport;
Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Aberdeen Harbour; and the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

The Orders made upon the 28th day of July last, That the Civil Defence (Burial) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, and the Civil Defence (Sewerage) Regulations, 1949, do lie upon the Table, were read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Papers be withdrawn.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th October 1949, entitled the Woven Cloth (Cotton, Rayon and Linen) (Amendment No. 9) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Returns from Pilotage Authorities for 1946 and 1947.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Marquand 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 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the Education, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, entitled the East Sussex (Bexhill Down School Canteen) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1948, with a Certificate by the Minister of Education 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 of the day being read, for taking into consideration the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to the Schedule, p. 22, l. 9, and to the Schedule, p. 23, l. 8, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan, and in respect of the Amendments to the Schedule, p. 26, l. 21, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Woodburn—(Mr. Bevan):

The Question was amended by adding, at the end thereof, the words, “and in respect of the Amendments to the Schedule, p. 22, l. 4, and to the Schedule, p. 26, l. 16, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Elliot,”—(Mr. Elliot)—and, “and in respect of the new Clause (Cost of conveyance of certain persons under section twenty-seven of Act), standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Basil Nield.”—(Mr. Linstead).

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 the Schedule, p. 22, l. 9, and to the Schedule, p. 23, l. 8, standing

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on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan, and in respect of the Amendment to the Schedule, p. 26, l. 21, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Woodburn, and in respect of the Amendments to the Schedule, p. 22, l. 4, and to the Schedule, p. 26, l. 16, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Elliot, and in respect of the new Clause (Cost of conveyance of certain persons under section twenty-seven of Act), standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Basil Nield.

Resolved. That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Cost of conveyance of certain persons under section twenty-seven of Act)—(Mr. Linstead)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 22, l. 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"In subsection (1) of section five (which provides for accommodation for private patients) after the words 'the whole cost,' the words 'or such proportion of the cost as may be determined,' shall be inserted."—(Mr. Howard.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Yeas, 139; Major Coutant: } 139.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, } 256.

Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments, and added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered. That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Prohibition of full time salaried dental practitioner service)—(Mr. Bevan)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Reception into mental hospital of person under sixteen as voluntary boarder)—(The Lord Advocate)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Prohibition of part time dental practitioners)—(Mr. Baird); 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 (Disqualification of persons providing pharmaceutical services)—(Mr. Linestead); 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 (Charges to be paid by certain classes of persons)—(Mr. Elliot); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"In subsection (2) of section five (which provides for accommodation for private patients), leave out the words 'serving whether in an honorary or paid capacity on the staff of a hospital providing hospital and specialist services to make arrangements for the treatment of his private patients either at that hospital or at any other such hospital,' and insert 'to make arrangements for the treatment of his private patients at any hospital providing hospital and specialist services.'"—(Colonel Stoddart-Scott.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Commander Agnew, Yeas, 103; Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport: } 103.
Tellers for the [Mr. Collindridge, Noes, } 253.
Mr. Wilkins:

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 22, l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Subsection (2) of section fourteen (which provides for conditions of service and appointment of medical or dental officers employed on the staff of hospitals providing hospital and specialist services) shall have effect as if the following sub-paragraphs were added:—

'(e) for the establishment of a Central Professional Committee and for the hearing by such committee of appeals from officers engaged in the provision of hospital and specialist services who are dissatisfied with any decision under this subsection of any regional hospital board or board of governors relating to their status;
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 
Yea, 
Brigadier Mackeson: 
Noes, 
Mr. George Wallace: 

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Coast Protection 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. 21, p. 28, ll. 10 and 12, and Clause No. 30, p. 35, l. 37, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

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. 21 and 30 amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Diamond 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.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 6, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that—
(a) except with the consent in writing of any river board or drainage authority which is for the time being maintaining works for the protection of the coast, a coast protection authority shall not carry out any coast protection work in the locality in which such protective works are maintained;
(b) such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld and any question whether consent is unreasonably withheld shall be determined by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries."—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Brigadier Mackeson, 
Yea, 
Colonel Wheatley: 81.
Tellers for the 
Mr. Popplewell, 
Noes, 
Mr. Hannah: 208.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "person," the words "(including, in the case of a proposal made by a coast protection board, any river board or drainage authority represented on that board)."—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Major Conant, 
Yea, 
Brigadier Mackeson: 74.
Tellers for the 
Mr. Popplewell, 
Noes, 
Mr. Bowden: 189.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " or (in the case of an objection by a river board or drainage authority) that the proposed work will, or will be likely to, affect detrimentally any of the drainage works of such board or authority."—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General and Privileges. Mr. Herbert Morrison be discharged from the Committee of Privileges, and that Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. Solicitor General be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.
—(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 19th October, 1949.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 60 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker this day certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Nurses (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

PUBLIC BILL.

Coast Protection Bill [Lords].
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdeen Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th October 1949, entitled the National Health Service (Medical Practices Compensation) Amendment Order, No. 2 (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report of the Committee of Privy Council for Medical Research, and a Report of the Medical Research Council, for the years 1945 to 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 October 1949, entitled the Bread (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede reported from the Committee of Privy Council, to whom was referred the Matter of the Complaint, made upon the 26th day of July last, of the publication in the Daily Worker newspaper of the 22nd day of July last of a passage purporting to give an account of a Member’s speech in the House on the 21st day of July last, That they had considered the matter to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be expedited, 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. Collindridge, Yeas, 239.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Bowden: Noes, 105.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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(ii) towards expenditure incurred by any society or person in establishing, enlarging, improving or carrying on approved probation hostels or homes;

(iii) towards expenditure incurred by any body approved by the Secretary of State in the training of probation officers or 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 expenditure incurred by any society engaged in supervising or assisting persons released from a prison, Borstal institution or detention centre as defined in the said Act;

(vi) towards expenditure incurred by any body or person approved by the Secretary of State in the conduct of research into the causes of delinquency and the treatment of offenders, and matters connected therewith;

not exceeding, in the case of any such expenditure as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph, fifty per cent. of that expenditure;

(f) of any sums by which grants under section one hundred and seven of the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937, towards the expenses of councils of counties and large burghs are increased by reason of any provision of the said Act of the present Session;

(g) of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948;

and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Secretary of State under the said Act of the present Session.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Nurses (Scotland) Bill [Lords] 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 Nurses (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, he moved, That the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to reconstitute the General Nursing Council for Scotland (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") it is expedient—

(a) all expenses incurred by the Council with the approval of the Secretary of State which are attributable to defraying expenditure incurred by regional nurse-training committees constituted under the said Act,

(b) any contributions made by the Secretary of State towards the expenses of the Council in inspecting and approving, for the purposes of rules made by the Council relating to the training of nurses, institutions vested in him; and

(c) any fees and allowances paid to a person appointed under the said Act by the Lord President of the Court of Session to determine a matter relating to the refusal of the Council to approve an institution for the purposes of any such rules as aforesaid or to a withdrawal by the Council of approval given by them for those purposes to an institution, or to the variation or revocation of a scheme for the training of nurses approved under the said Act.—(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 to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned without a Question being put.

And the Question having been proposed at 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 adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. George Wallace); And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put. The House met at Eleven of the clock.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE Aberdeen Harbour 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 met at Eleven of the clock.
Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th October 1949, entitled the Petroleum-Spirit (Conveyance) Regulations, 1949.

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 University of Oxford, on the 17th day of May 1949, amending the Statutes of the University, and
(2) made by the Governing Body of University College, Oxford, on the 25th day of May 1949, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Telegraph 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 Nurses Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Snow.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Marquand, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Nurses [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 reconstitute the General Nursing Council for England and Wales (hereinafter referred to as "the Council"), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) all expenses incurred by the Council with the approval of the Minister of Health which are attributable to defraying expenditure incurred by standing nurse-training committees constituted under the said Act;
(b) any contributions made by the Minister of Health towards the expenses of the Council in inspecting and approving, for the purposes of rules made by the Council relating to the training of nurses, institutions vested in him; and
(c) any fees or allowances paid by the Lord Chancellor to a person nominated by him under the said Act to determine an appeal against a refusal of the Council to approve an institution for the purposes of any such rules as aforesaid or a withdrawal by the Council of approval given by them for those purposes to an institution.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill [Lords] 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.

The Representation of the People Bill [Lords] 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.

The Civil Aviation Bill [Lords] 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question, Adjournment, 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment,—(Mr. Snow.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
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 22nd day of this instant October, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of an Order, dated 21st October 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 12) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st October 1949, entitled the Control of Narrow and Other Fabrics (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command, Copy of a Report on the Proceedings of the First Session of the Council of Europe, held at Strasbourg from the 8th day of August to the 8th day of September 1949 (with related Documents).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London, on the 6th day of September 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, further extending the Anglo-Netherlands Monetary Agreement of the 7th day of September 1945.

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) Blackburn Town Council.
(2) Ellesmere Port Urban District Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 20th October 1949, entitled the Electricity (Dundee-Abernethy Transmission) (Transfer) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order made upon the 18th day of this instant October, That the New Forest Bill [Lords] be committed to a Select Committee, was read, and, no Petition against the Bill having been deposited in the Private Bill Office, the said Order was discharged, pursuant to the Order made upon the 18th day of this instant October.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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. Collindridge, Yeas, Mr. Bowden : 276]
Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Noes, Brigadier Mackeson: 159]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Pearson reported from the Committee on Auxiliary and Reserve Forces [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to the territorial army and the royal auxiliary air force, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums payable out of such moneys under the provisions of the said Act relating to the powers and duties of associations established under section one of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, or that section as applied under any subsequent enactment, and of any increase attributable to the said provisions in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under section three of the said Act of 1907 or that section as so applied.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Auxiliary and Reserve Forces Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Establishment of territorial army associations for two or more counties).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "established," to insert the words "with the joint consent of, but only with the joint consent of the existing Associations concerned."—(Earl Winterton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that any Lieutenant of a County who has not been appointed President of the Association established for that County jointly with one or more other counties shall be invited to be a Vice-President of that Association."—(Earl Winterton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Constitution of associations).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 32, to leave out the words "Army Council," and insert the words "the competent Naval, Air Force or Military Authority."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That the words "Army Council" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Business of the House.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Conditions of service). Amendment proposed, in p. 6, to leave out ll. 22 to 24.—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 10, to leave out the word "Part I," and insert the words "sub-section (3) of section one."—(Mr. Low.)

Question proposed, That the word " Part I " stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Application of enactments to royal auxiliary air force).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 27, at the end, to insert the words " so that one of the Vice-Chairmen shall be chosen from amongst those members of the association who shall then be serving or shall have served in the Royal Air Force and who have been appointed to 'represent the Royal Air Force.'"—(Air Commodore Harvey.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 10 and 11 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 12 and 13 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 14 to 18 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, "That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto unto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations, 1949, dated 14th July 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Silkin.)

Resolved, That the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, dated 14th July 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Scottish Standing Committee that they have power to extend the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (Lords) to England to make provision for reciprocal arrangements in connection with ancillary matters arising from the Bill and the Criminal Justice Act, 1948.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee on Criminal Justice (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law of Scotland relating to the probation of offenders, and the powers of courts under the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937; to abolish certain punishments and obsolete sanctions, and otherwise to reform existing methods and provide new methods of dealing with offenders in Scotland; to alter the law relating to the proceedings of criminal courts in Scotland; to amend the False Oaths (Scotland) Act, 1933; to regulate the management of prisons and other institutions and the treatment of offenders and other persons committed, and for purposes connected with the aforesaid matters, 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 any expenses incurred by him 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 of the present Session 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 Secretary of State in the conduct of research into the causes of delinquency, the treatment of offenders and matters connected therewith;

(c) of any expenses incurred by the General Board of Control for Scotland in connection with State Mental Hospitals;

(d) of any sums by which grants payable in pursuance of regulations made under subsection (1) of section sixty-six of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act, 1947, 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 State Mental Hospitals;

(e) 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 by 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;

(ii) towards expenditure incurred by any society or person in establishing, enlarging, improving or carrying on approved probation hostels or homes;
Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee on Nurses (Scotland) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to reconstitute the General Nursing Council for Scotland (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purposes of any such rules as aforesaid or to a withdrawal by the Council of approval given by them for those purposes to an institution, or to the variation or revocation of a scheme for the training of nurses approved under the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Wilkins.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command, a copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th October 1949, relating to the transfer, from beginning to end of 1.14., of certain Wireless Stations and their property, and other matters connected therewith.

The said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Loan Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium (with Annexes and Protocol of Provisional Application), signed at Paris on the 7th day of September 1949.

Copy of an Agreement for Intra-European Payments and Compensation for 1949-50 (with Annexes and Protocol of Provisional Application), signed at Paris on the 7th day of September 1949.

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 Queen's College, Oxford, on the 31st day of May 1949, 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 24th October 1949, entitled the General Hollow-ware (Maximum Prices) Order, 1949.

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 October 1949, entitled—

(1) the Coffee (Amendment) Order, 1949, and

(2) the Feeding Stuffs (Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949.

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 October 1949, entitled the Reports to Local Authorities (Records) Amending Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on Benefit Conditions for Seasonal Workers.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, the Minutes of the further Proceedings of the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Minutes 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. Bowden: }

250.

Tellers for the Noes, { Colonel Wheatley: } 105.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Coast Protection Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 20, l. 21, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that any person on whom a notice is served may serve notice of objection on the ground that the work as specified in the notice is unnecessary, or that the carrying out thereof would cause hardship to the objector, or that the obligations if any to which the objector is subject as provided in subsection (1) of this section does not extend to the work required in the notice, or that the period within which he is required to carry out the work is unreasonable, and the provisions of subsections (5) and (6) of section eight of this Act shall apply as if the notice of objection had been served under subsection (3) or (4) of that section."—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

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. 21, l. 32, by inserting, after the word " work," the words—

"(a) by a coast protection authority; (b) by any body or person upon whom any powers or duties relating to the protection of land have been conferred or imposed by or under any enactment other than this Act; (c) by a highway authority for the protection of a highway; (d) by the British Transport Commission, or an Executive established by or under section five of the Transport Act, 1947, for the protection of a railway; or (e) "—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

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. 2, by inserting, after the word " person," the words "other than a river board or other drainage authority."—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Brigadier Mackeson, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport: 110.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Hannan: 214.
So it passed in the Negative.
And the proposed words were then inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 23, l. 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that where, at the time of the passing of this Act, a person is entitled to excavate or remove any materials as aforesaid by reason of any contract, it shall be lawful for such person to continue such excavation or removal until the date of the expiry of such contract."—(Mr. Marlowe.)

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. 30, l. 14, by leaving out the words "used for residential purposes."—(Commander Maitland.)

And the Question being put, That the words "used for residential purposes" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Richard Adams: 218.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Major Conant: 113.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 23, by leaving out from the word "out" to the end of l. 25.—(Commander Maitland.)

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. 36, l. 24, by leaving out from the word "section" to the word "shall," in l. 25.—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks)

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. 45, l. 17, by leaving out from the word "consents" to the end of l. 20.—(Mr. Robert Hudson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Henderson, Mr. Richard Adams: 229.
Tellers for the Noes, Major Conant: 110.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Bevan, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of His Majesty, as Duke of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. Bevan, 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 Coal Industry (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Gaitskell, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Coal Industry (No. 2) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House;—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (hereinafter referred to as "the new Act") to provide for the making to colliery concerns and subsidiaries of such concerns of further income payments, it is expedient to authorise:

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums issuable thereout under the Coal Industry Nationalisation
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Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1946"), which is attributable to the making of payments under the new Act;

(b) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any money required for providing or replacing sums authorised to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund by paragraph (a) of this Resolution;

c) the payment into the Exchequer of sums received by the Minister of Fuel and Power under subsection (1) of section twenty-eight of the Act of 1946 by way of recouping the Crown expenses incurred by virtue of the provisions of the new Act; and

d) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so received and their application in accordance with subsection (2) of the said section twenty-eight. (Mr. Gaitskell.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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. 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. Wilkins):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at 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, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 25th October, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Mathers Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

[No. 171.]

Wednesday, 26th October, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Metropolitan Police Staffs Superannuation Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Universal Postal Convention (with Final Protocol and Annex and Provisions for Letters by Air Mail and Final Protocol to Provisions), signed at Paris on the 5th day of July 1947. (This Convention was ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the 14th day of January 1949.)

Copy of an Agreement concerning Insured Letters and Boxes (with Final Protocol), (No. 58, 1949). (This Agreement was ratified by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the 14th day of January 1949.)

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. 259 (No. 47 of the University Court of the University of St. Andrews) (Foundation of the James Mackenzie Chair of Child Health), and

(2) No. 260 (No. 58 of the University Court of the University of St. Andrews) (Foundation of the James Mackenzie Chair of Public Health and Social Medicine).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 29th September 1949, making provision for the Pay of Members of the Royal Air Force Regiment (Malaya), and

(2) dated 15th October 1949, amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated 8th March 1949, providing for the Payment of Grants to the Dependants of Personnel enlisted under the National Service Acts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the Motor Spirit directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th October 1949, entitled the Motor Spirit (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1948-49, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, and (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Hall.)

Mr. Mathers reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Fifteen Members to the Scottish Standing Committee (in respect of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords]): Mr. Arthur Allen, Mr. Awbery, Mr. Bechervaise, Mr. Brook, Dr. Broughton, Mr. Farthing, Mr. Grierson, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Logan, Mr. Longden, Mr. McAdam, Mr. John McKay, Mr. Moody, Mr. Edward Porter, Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Tolley.

Mr. Hall, supported by Mr. Jay, presented a Bill to continue certain expiring laws: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be adjourned, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the lines of action to deal with the present economic difficulties as outlined in the Prime Minister's statement made on the 24th day of this instant October—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in line 1, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "regrets that in the National Emergency to which we have been brought His Majesty's Government, while taking no sufficient measures to prevent the ever-increasing dangers of inflation at home and the consequent rise in the cost of living, or to restore the national credit abroad, at the same time make no positive proposals to stimulate production by the necessary incentives to individual effort throughout the nation."—(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;

Viscount Hinchingbrooke moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Deputy Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. (Mr. Popplewell)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 26th October, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Basil Neve-Spence Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Nurses (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

[No. 172.]

Thursday, 27th October, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M R. Hall presented,—Return to an Order, Civil Contingencies Fund.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th October 1949, entitled the National Insurance (Modifications of Local Government Superannuation Schemes) (Scotland) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1949.

Copies of Rules, dated 24th October 1949, Pensions, entitled—

(1) the Superannuation (Local Government and Colonial Service) (Scotland) Interchange Rules, 1949, and

(2) the Superannuation (Local Government, Social Workers and Health Education Staff (Scotland) Interchange Rules, 1949.

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 Instrument, dated 26th October 1949, entitled the Assistant Nurses (Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 26th October Nurses, 1949, entitled the Nurses (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

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 22nd October 1949, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 74) Order, 1949.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which was proposed to be made to the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the lines of action to deal with the present economic difficulties as outlined in the Prime Minister’s statement made on the 24th day of this instant October;

Which Amendment was, in l. 1, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question, and add the words “regrets that in the National Emergency to which we have been brought, His Majesty’s Government, while taking no sufficient measures to prevent the ever-increasing dangers of inflation at home and the consequent rise in the cost of living, or to restore the national credit abroad, at the same time make no positive proposals to stimulate production by the necessary incentives to individual effort throughout the nation,” instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Robert Taylor; 
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn; 353.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Drewe; 222.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Popplewell; 337.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Platts-Mills; 5.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House approves the lines of action to deal with the present economic difficulties as outlined in the Prime Minister’s statement made on the 24th day of this instant October.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Profits Tax.

Motion made, and Question put, That the profits tax payable on distributed profits (and sums treated as such) shall be increased by—

(a) substituting as respects any chargeable accounting period ending after the end of September, nineteen hundred and forty-nine—

(i) thirty per cent. for twenty-five per cent. as the rate of any tax not being a distribution charge; and

(ii) twenty per cent. for fifteen per cent. as the rate of any relief for non-distribution charge; and

(b) dividing for all or any purposes of the profits tax any accounting period of a body corporate, unincorporated society
or other body falling partly before and partly after the end of that month into two chargeable accounting periods ending beginning at the end of that month;
(c) treating dividends declared on or after the twentieth day of that month wholly or partly as a distribution for a chargeable accounting period ending after the end of that month;
and that any Act of the present Session giving effect to this Resolution may contain provisions consequential on or incidental to any of the foregoing provisions of this Resolution.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wilkins: 329.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme: 204.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Coal Industry (No. 2) Bill, now standing committed to a Standing Committee, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 27th October, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Colonel Ropner Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the War Damage (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th October 1949, authorising the landing of two Warthogs from the s.s. "Clan Chattan" at the port of Liverpool.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilfred Paling presented, by His Telecommunications (Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final Act and Text of Agreement attached thereto, dated 12th August 1949, resulting from a Meeting held at London between Representatives of the Governments of the British Commonwealth and of the Government of the United States of America to revise the Telecommunications Agreement signed in Bermuda on the 4th day of December 1945, and of a Protocol between the Governments of the United Kingdom and of the United States of America.

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 and Direction, dated 26th October 1949, entitled the Motor Fuel (Overseas Aircraft) Licence and Direction, 1949.

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 the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of All Saints, South Lambeth; Saint Barnabas, South Kennington; and Saint John, Clapham, in the diocese of Southwark.

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 Docking and Nicking of Horses Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:
That the profits tax payable on distributed profits (and sums treated as such) shall be increased by—
(a) substituting as respects any chargeable accounting period ending after the end of September, nineteen hundred and forty-nine—
(i) thirty per cent. for twenty-five per cent. as the rate of any tax not being a distribution charge; and
(ii) twenty per cent. for fifteen per cent. as the rate of any relief for non-distribution and as that of any distribution charge;
(b) dividing for all or any purposes of the profits tax any accounting period of a body corporate, unincorporated society or other body falling partly before and partly after the end of that month into two chargeable accounting periods ending and beginning at the end of that month;
The said Resolution, being read a second time ;
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and 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 by the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hall accordingly presented a Bill to increase the profits tax payable on distributed profits and sums treated as such: And the same 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 Nurses [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to reconstitute the General Nursing Council for England and Wales (hereinafter referred to as "the Council"), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) all expenses incurred by the Council with the approval of the Minister of Health which are attributable to defraying expenditure incurred by standing nurse-training committees constituted under the said Act;

(b) any contributions made by the Minister of Health towards the expenses of the Council in inspecting and approving, for the purposes of rules made by the Council relating to the training of nurses, institutions vested in him; and

(c) any fees or allowances paid by the Lord Chancellor to a person nominated by him under the said Act to determine an appeal against a refusal of the Council to approve an institution for the purposes of any such rules as aforesaid or a withdrawal by the Council of approval given by them for those purposes to an institution.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Nurses Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Reconstitution of the General Nursing Council and consequential provisions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, after the word "Committee," to insert the words "(which shall hereinafter be referred to as the Enrolled Nurses Committee)."—(Mr. Linstead.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Standing nurse-training committees).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 30, to leave out the words "standing nurse-training committee," and insert the words "nurse-training authority."—(Mr. Linstead.)

Question proposed, That the words "standing nurse-training committee" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 15, at the beginning, to insert the words "The Council may subject to such conditions as they may think fit delegate authority to,"—(Mr. Diamond.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Expenditure on nurse-training by Hospital Management Committees, &c.).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 25, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (The finance committee).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 3, after the first word "of," to insert the words "not less than seven nor more than eleven."—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words "which shall include the three members appointed by the Minister as appearing to him to have had experience of the control and management of hospitals."—(Mr. Linstead.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 9 to 11 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 12 and 13 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 15 and 16 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 17 and 18 agreed to.

Clause No. 19 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 20 agreed to.

Clause No. 21 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 22 agreed to.

A Clause (Membership of the Council, &c., not to involve Parliamentary disqualification) — (Mr. Blenkinsop) — brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Amendment of section eighteen of Act of 1943) — (Mr. Diamond) — 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 No. 1.

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words “ and one shall be a member of the University Grants Committee.”—(Mr. Howard.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 6, at the end, to insert the words—

“(d) one shall be a nurse whose name is included in the supplementary part of the register containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from infectious diseases appointed by him after consultation with such persons and bodies as he thinks fit, being persons and bodies having special knowledge and experience of the work of nurses whose names are so included.”—(Mr. Burden.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 7, to leave out the word “one” and insert the word “two.”—(Mr. Skinnard.)

Question, That the word “one” stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—

“(f) two shall be registered medical practitioners.”—(Mr. Howard.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—

“(f) one shall be a person appearing to him to have had experience in the nursing of tuberculous patients.”—(Mr. Hastings.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 20, to leave out from the beginning to the second word “and,” and insert the words “a scheme to be formulated by the Council and approved by the Minister.”—(Mr. Diamond.)

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. 14, l. 33, after the word “Council,” to insert the words “to be elected in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Schedule.”—(Mr. Diamond.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 9, after the word “may,” to insert the words “sell mortgage charge lease surrender exchange or otherwise.”—(Mr. Diamond.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 2.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that no person shall be qualified to audit the accounts referred to in sub-paragraph (d) of this paragraph unless he is a member of one or more of the following bodies:

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales;

The Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors;

The Society of Accountants in Edinburgh;

The Institute of Accountants and Actuaries in Glasgow;

The Society of Accountants in Aberdeen;

The Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants;

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.”—(Mr. Diamond.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 3 and 4 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 House, according to Order, resolved Telegraph itself into a Committee on the Telegraph Bill.

Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause Nos. 1 to 9 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 54 agreed to.
Clauses No. 55 amended, and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 56 to 176 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 9 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, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, That this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Civil Aviation Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 71 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 12 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

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 Civil Aviation Bill [Lords].

The Civil Aviation Bill [Lords].

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 Expiring Laws Continuance (No. 2) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to continue certain expiring laws, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, the Road Traffic Act, 1934, and the Population (Statistics) Act, 1938, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty, and of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, and the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, being expenses which under any Act are to be defrayed out of such moneys.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 174.]


The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

Death of a Member.

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Meredith Farrar Titterington, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Bradford (South 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 following Papers, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates, pursuant
Supplies and Services (Apparel and Textiles).

Supplies and Services (Raw Materials).

Supplies and Services (Food).

Copyright (Miscellaneous, No. 15, 1949).

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).

Air Force.

Air Navigation.

Foreign Jurisdiction.

Gold Coast Colony and Ashanti.

to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instrument), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

28th October 1949:—

Copy of an Order, dated 27th October 1949, entitled the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (Amendment) Order, 1949.

29th October 1949:—

Copies of Orders, dated 28th October 1949, entitled—

(1) the Cotton Waste Prices Order, 1949, and
(2) the Plywood Prices (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th October 1949, entitled the Feeding Stuffs (Prices) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1949.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an International Convention, signed at Brussels on the 26th day of June 1948, revising the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works signed on the 9th day of September 1886, completed at Paris on the 4th day of May 1896; revised at Berlin on the 13th day of November 1908, completed at Berne on the 20th day of March 1914 and revised at Rome on the 2nd day of June 1928.

This Convention has not been ratified by this 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 Regulations, dated 26th October 1949, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1949.

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 by His Majesty to amend the Royal Warrant of the 22nd day of August 1949, concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other Grants for Members of the Air Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents and other Dependents of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service during the 1914 World War.

Copy of a Royal Warrant to amend the Pensions.

Royal Warrant of the 24th day of May 1949, concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other Grants for Members of the Military Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents and other Dependents of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service after the 2nd day of September 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Marquand also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order by His Majesty to amend the Order of the 22nd day of August 1949 concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other Grants for Members of the Air Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents and other Dependents of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service during the 1914 World War.

Copy of an Order by His Majesty to amend the Order of the 27th day of September 1949 concerning Retired Pay, Pensions and other Grants for Members of the Air Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents and other Dependents of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service after the 2nd day of September 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Pensions (Air Force) be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliament Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Whiteley; 333.
Mr. Robert Taylor: 196.

Tellers for the
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn; 196.
Mr. Drewe:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

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. 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 eighteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, to the several Purposes detailed in the said Paper, namely:
—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th October 1949, increasing certain Pensions and Allowances payable in respect of Service during the 1914-18 War and after the 2nd day of September 1939 in—
(1) the Naval Forces, and
(2) the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of All Souls College, Oxford, on the 2nd day of June 1949, amending the Statutes thereof.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty’s Command—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 30th September 1949.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by the Inverness 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. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 30th September 1949.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Woodburn and Mr. Blenkinsop, presented a Bill to enable local Governments to make contributions towards the cost of Improving the Housing Resources Development Bill.

Mr. Bevan, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Secretary Woodburn and Mr. Blenkinsop, presented a Bill to enable local Governments to make contributions towards the cost of Improving the Housing Resources Development Bill.

General Agreement on Social Security of the 11th day of June 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the 
Yeas,  
Mr. Hannan: 259.
Mr. Bowden: 190,

Tellers for the 
Coloniel Wheatley, 103.
Mr. Digby:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

New Forest
(Money).

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on New Forest [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision as respects the New Forest in the county of Southampton, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of the expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the said Act;

(b) of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, being an increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session conferring functions on a highway authority other than the Minister of Transport;

(c) of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys, being an increase attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session involving payments out of the Road Fund;

and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of the receipts of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries thereunder in so far as they accrue under the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to enclosures for cultivation and improvement of grazing.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the New Forest Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Constitution of verderers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1. 1. 9, to leave out the word "five," and insert the word "six."—(Mr. William Morrison.)

Question, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1. 11, to leave out the word "four," and insert the word "two."—(Mr. William Morrison.)

Question put, That the word "four" stand part of the Clause.

authorities to take possession of or do work on certain war damaged land; to authorise the conversion of cost of works payments in certain cases; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yeas,  
Mr. Pearson, 241.
Mr. Richard Adams: 125.

Tellers for the 
Noes,  
Mr. Studholme,
Major Conant:

Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 2 to 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Enclosures for growth of timber).

An Amendment made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yeas,  
Mr. Joseph
Henderson: 249.
Mr. Hannan: 121.

Tellers for the 
Noes,  
Mr. Studholme,
Major Conant:

Clause No. 13 agreed to.
Clause No. 14 (Enclosures for cultivation and improvement of grazing).

An Amendment made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Yeas,  
Mr. Joseph
Henderson: 245.
Mr. Hannan: 120.

Tellers for the 
Noes,  
Mr. Studholme,
Major Conant:

Clause No. 15 agreed to.
Clause No. 16 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Roads other than trunk roads).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 23, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) A highway authority shall be empowered to construct grids or other similar structures to prevent uncontrolled ingress or egress of animals to or from the forest along the roads leading into or out of the forest:
Provided that where such a grid or other similar structure is made across a road, alternative access shall be made available by the provision of a gate or gates alongside the said road."—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 18 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 19 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 21 to 23 agreed to.

A Clause (Expenses and receipts)—(Mr. George Brown)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Agisters to have powers of special constables)—(Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre)—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 No. 1 amended, and agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration.—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Robens reported from the Committee on Coal Industry (No. 2) Money, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (hereinafter referred to as “the new Act”) to provide for the making to colliery concerns and subsidiaries of such concerns of further income payments, it is expedient to authorise:

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums issuable thereunder under the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act of 1946”), which is attributable to the making of payments under the new Act;

(b) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any money required for providing or replacing sums authorised to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund by paragraph (a) of this Resolution;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of sums received by the Minister of Fuel and Power under subsection (1) of section twenty-eight of the Act of 1946 by way of recouping the Crown expenses incurred by virtue of the provisions of the new Act; and

(d) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums so received and their application in accordance with subsection (2) of the said section twenty-eight.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Coal Industry (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Clothing Industry Organisation and Development Council Order, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of September last, be approved—(Mr. Popplewell);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the

Mr. Popplewell,

Yeas,

Mr. Wilkins:

Tellers for the

Brigadier Mackeson,

Noes,

Mr. Digby:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. (Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Wednesday, 2nd November, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st November 1949, entitled the Superannuation (Control Service for Germany and Austria—Unestablished Civilian Service) (Special Engagements) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of Regulations, dated 31st October War Damage, 1949, entitled the War Damage (Remitted Claims) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Governor of Northern Ireland in Council on the 28th day of October 1949, relating to the Winter Assizes in Northern Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on the 31st day of August 1949, for the Prolongation of the International Agreement regarding the Regulation of Production and Marketing of Sugar, signed in London on the 6th day of May 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of an Order, dated 28th October 1949, authorising the landing of Landrace Swine from Sweden.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Marguand presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of a Scheme, dated 28th October 1949, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme, 1949.

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 1st November 1949, entitled:

1. The Oat Products (Revocation) Order, 1949, and

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Aberdeen Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings in the Committee on Local Government Boundary Commission (Dissolution) [Money] be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Boundary Commission (Dissolution) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

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 suspends the making of minor and urgent adjustments by a simple and inexpensive machinery originally set up by Parliament for the purpose"—(Mr. Manningham-Buller), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. George Wallace: 229, Mr. Snow: 229, Mr. Studholme: 89],

Tellers for the Noes, [Colonel Wheateley: 89],

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. Richard Adams.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 Local Government Boundary Commission (Dissolution) [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 dissolve the Local Government Boundary Commission and to make consequential provision as respects certain enactments of the Local Government Act, 1933, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948.—(Mr. Bevan.)

Resolution to be reported.

The House divided.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Civil Defence Civil Defence. (Burial) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence. (Evacuation and Care of the Homeless) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence. (Hospital Service) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence. (Sewerage) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence. (Ambulance) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence. (Sewerage) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence. (Water Supplies) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)
Civil Defence. Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Burial) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of October last, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

Civil Defence. Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Evacuation and Care of the Homeless) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

Civil Defence. Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Hospital Service) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

Civil Defence. Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Sewerage) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

Civil Defence. Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Fire Services) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

Civil Defence. Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Water Supplies) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 13th September 1949, entitled the Furniture (Maximum Prices) Order, dated 13th September 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 27th day of September last, be annulled.—(Colonel Hutchinson):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Bowden):—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.

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Thursday, 3rd November, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Prayers.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd November 1949, entitled the Dried Fruits (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Oliver reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills, That they had considered the Patents Bill [Lords] and the Registered Designs 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. Oliver reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills, That they had considered the Vehicles (Excise) 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1923, Part II of the Small Landholders and Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1931, Part I of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948, and certain other enactments relating to agricultural holdings, save, with respect to rights to compensation, in their application to certain cases determined by past events; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Marriage Bill [Lords].

An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to the solemnization and registration of marriages in England with such corrections and improvements as may be authorised under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for the Profits Tax Bill.

Second Reading of the Profits Tax Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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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. Richard Butler.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—
And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Boothby rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent and declined then 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.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Popplewell;
Mr. Wilkins;
Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Studholme;
Colonel Wheatley;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Swaziland) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 20th day of July last.—(Mr. Hall.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

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Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Basutoland) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 20th day of July last.—(Mr. Hall.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Majesty by such Members of this House as are of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of His Majesty's Household.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 25th August 1949, entitled the Utility Footwear (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1949, (S.I., 1949, No. 1608), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 27th day of August last, be annulled.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter):—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Popplewell):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

: 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, being then three minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 3rd November, 1949.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Burden Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Censorship of Plays (Repeal) Bill.

In pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. V., c. 76, s. 2 (2)), Mr. Speaker this day nominated James Haworth, Esquire, to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee, in the room of Victor John Collins, Esquire, O.B.E., resigned.

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Friday, 4th November, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented a Bill Fife County. to confirm a Provisional Order under Council Order the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill, 1936, relating to Fife County Council:—Bill 196.

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 14th day of this instant November.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Police. Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Police Conditions of Service (Part ID).

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 3rd November 1949, entitled—

(1) the Oats (Great Britain) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949,
(2) the Oats (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949,
(3) the Milk (Non-Priority Allowance) (No.6) Order, 1949, and
(4) the Egg Products (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Accounts of Sums issued to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Minister of Food out of the Consolidated Fund to enable them to make Advances to the Colonial Development Corporation and the Overseas Food Corporation, of Sums received by them from the Corporations, and of the Disposal by them of those Sums respectively, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

The Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

The Marriage Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

The Nurses Bill [Lords].

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Nurses Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Penalization of acts falsely implying inclusion in the list) (Mr. Blenkinsop)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (The training committee) (Mr. Howard); 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. 4, l. 16, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " incurred in respect of an institution approved by the Council for the purposes of the training rules and."

And the Question being put, That those words " Minister may specify " 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. Bowden reported from the Committee on Expiring Laws Continuance (No. 2) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to continue certain expiring laws, it is expedient to authorise 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 Road Traffic Act, 1934, and the Population (Statistics) Act, 1938, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty, and of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, and the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, being expenses which under any Act are to be defrayed out of such moneys.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Committee.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, to leave out ll. 6 to 9. (Mr. Eric Fletcher.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
[No. 179.]

Monday, 7th November, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Henderson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an International Agreement on North Atlantic Ocean Weather Stations (with Annex), signed at London on the 12th day of May 1949.

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 Teignmouth Urban District Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of the Forty-sixth Annual Report of Metropolitan Water Board, for the year ending the 31st day of March 1949.

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 1st November 1949, entitled the Kitchen Waste (Licensing of Private Collectors) (Extension No. 2) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women (Restraint upon Anticipation) Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, while willing to provide for an extension of the existing relief from restraint on anticipation in cases where such relief is justified, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill, which would retrospectively nullify in every case a provision deliberately made by a father to secure that his daughter, while married, should have an annual income of her own in all circumstances."—(Mr. Gage), 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. Snow, 180.
Mr. George Wallace,

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Gage,
Sir John Mellor,

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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pearson);

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Hannan):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at 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, till to-morrow.

[No. 180.]

Tuesday, 8th November, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.


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 31st day of May 1949, 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,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th November 1949, entitled the Fur Apparel (Amendment) Order, 1949.

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 November 1949, entitled the Carpets (Maximum Prices) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1949.

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 November 1949, entitled the Apparel and Services (Price Control) Order, 1949.

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 November 1949, entitled the Statutory Instruments. No. 274.

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message was brought from the Lords by Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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 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 Representation of the People Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Secretary Bevin, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hall, presented a Bill to provide for the collection and realisation of German enemy property and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

The War Damaged Sites Bill 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, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Bevan, by His Majesty's Command, War Damaged Sites [Money].

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable local authorities to take possession of or do work on certain war damaged land and to authorise the conversion of cost of works payments in certain cases, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948;

(b) any increase in the compensation payable by the Crown under any Act which is attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session regulating the compensation payable in respect of a compulsory acquisition of land, including any increase which is attributable as aforesaid in the sums payable into the Road Fund out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of expenses of the Minister of Transport;

and the charging on and issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums required for payments under the War Damage Act, 1943, attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session enabling the War Damage Commission to make such payments as are authorised by section thirteen of the said Act of 1943.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Draft House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Order, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 27th day of September last, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)
Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Fire Services) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Civil Defence. Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Public Protection) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Civil Defence. Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Fire Protection) (London) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Younger.)

Motor Spirit. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Regulations, dated 24th October 1949, entitled the Motor Spirit (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1949 (S.I., 1949, No. 1973), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 26th day of October last, be annulled.—(Sir John Mellor.)

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir John Mellor]:
Yea: Mr. Erroll: 48.
No: Mr. George Wallace: 190.

So it passed in the Negative.

Adjournment. 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. 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 at 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, till to-morrow.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Oxford, on the 27th day of June 1949, amending and extending to Airwomen the Regulations appended to His Majesty's Order, dated the 24th day of June 1948, which provided as to the sums to be paid by Airmen who are permitted to purchase their Discharge.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mathers reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had, in pursuance of the Instruction of the House of the 24th day of October last, extended the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords], the 24th day of May 1949, and the 15th day of June 1949, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, praying that the Regulations, Copy of the Treaty Series No. 65, 1949, the 23rd day of March 1949 (This Agreement was accepted by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the 27th day of June 1949).

Mr. Mathers reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords], Bill 201.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. 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 read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing

PRAYERS.

Supreme Court. Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court, in respect of the Funds of Suitors of the Court in the year ended the 28th day of February 1949; Statement of the Liability of the Consolidated Fund; and an Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series No. 65, 1949, the 23rd day of March 1949 (This Agreement was accepted by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the 27th day of June 1949).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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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 Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Hannan: 
Mr. Bowden: 

272.

Tellers for the
Mr. Studholme: 
Major Conant: 
Colonel Wheatley: 

115.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Profits Tax Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Rates of tax, etc.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out the word "twenty," and insert the word "twenty-two."—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

Question put, That the word "twenty" stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Joseph Henderson: 
Mr. Hannan: 

262.

Tellers for the
Mr. Studholme: 
Major Conant: 

125.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 48, at the end, to add the words—

"(6) This section shall not apply to such proportion of the taxable profits of a body corporate, unincorporated society or other body as bears the same relation to the total taxable profits of the said body as the value of its sales to hard currency areas bears to its total turnover.—(Mr. Peter Thorneycroft.)

Question put, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 48, at the end, to add the words—

"(6) This section shall not apply when the profits arising in any chargeable accounting period from a trade or business computed in accordance with subsection (2) of section thirty-three of the Finance Act, 1947, are less than twelve thousand pounds."—(Mr. Lloyd.)

Question put, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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.

Mr. Collindridge reported from the Committee on Local Government Boundary Commission (Dissolution) [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to dissolve the Local Government Boundary Commission and to make consequential provision as respects certain enactments of the Local Government Act, 1933, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Boundary Commission (Dissolution) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 17, at the end, to insert the words "and at the end of the said subsection (3) there shall be inserted the words—

'Provided that, where the Minister is satisfied after holding a local inquiry that it would be in the public interest, he may nevertheless make an order for giving effect to the proposals even though notice of objection has been received by him.'"—(Mr. Wigg.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

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The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Boundary Commission (Dissolution) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

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The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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(In the Committee.)

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:

—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Snow: 
Mr. George Wallace: 

236.

Tellers for the
Mr. Studholme: 
Major Conant: 

84.

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 an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the provisions of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).
Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now 

At ten of the clock.

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-four minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Key, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison and Mr. Barnes, presented a Bill to authorise certain improvements in and around Parliament Square and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Barnes, supported by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Mr. Bevan, Mr. Silkin, Mr. Key and Mr. Callaghan, presented a Bill to make, in connection with the Festival of Britain, 1951, provision for festival gardens in Battersea Park and further provision as respects river traffic and as respects buildings, structures, works and entertainments; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now 

Adjourment.

Mr. Gaitskell, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Reports of H.M. Inspectors of Mines for the South Western Division for 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 the Reports of H.M. Inspectors of Mines for the South Western Division for 1947.

Ordered, That the House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1949, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 27) Regulations, 1949.

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 Reports of H.M. Inspectors of Mines for the South Western Division for 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 Hacking to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee D appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates.—(Mr. Alexander Anderson.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Colonel Ropner reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the War Damage (Amendment) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now 

Adjourment.
price has not been made available to the public and to industry.”—(Mr. Raikes.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Major Conant, Yeas, 152.

Tellers for the [Mr. Snow, Noes, 270.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Coal Board for 1948.

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, and the Debate having continued for half an hour. Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Festival of Britain (Supplementary Provisions) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

The Order of the day being read, for the Profits Tax Bill.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

Ordered, That the Clerks 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 Certificate.

D. CLIFFTON BROWN, Speaker.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
12th November 1949:—

Copy of an Order, dated 10th November 1949, entitled the Control of Non-Ferrous Metals (No. 35) (Copper, Lead and Zinc) Order, 1949.

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 1949.

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 November 1949, entitled the Control of Timber (No. 52) Order, 1949.

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 Cardiff County Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 8th November 1949, entitled the Agricultural Marketing (Public Inquiry) Rules, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. George Strauss presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1949, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 75) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Account, pursuant to paragraph 27 of the Agricultural Lime Scheme, 1947, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Account of the Land Fertility (Research) Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, 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. Snow, Mr. Bowden: 246.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Major Conant: 109.

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 as put shall be decided without Amendment or Debate.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan, Mr. Richard Adams: 289.

Tellers for the [Major Conant, Brigadier Macksen: 116.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Parliament Bill itself into a Committee on the Parliament Bill.

(In the Committee.)

The Chairman, pursuant to the Order of Question put the House this day, put forthwith the Question, That the Chairman do report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan, Mr. Richard Adams: 286.

Tellers for the [Major Conant, Mr. Digby: 117.

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 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."—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

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. Whiteley, Mr. Robert Taylor: 340.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Drews: 187.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill, as compared with the Parliament Bill, 1948, contains only such alterations as are 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 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.

[No. 185.]

Tuesday, 15th November, 1949.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Fife County Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report of a Decision taken by the Secretary of State, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under sub-section (4) of Section 1 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, on Representations by the British Transport Commission.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Rules, dated 14th November 1949, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunals (England and Wales) (Amendment) Rules, 1949.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to justices of the peace (including stipendiary magistrates), justices' clerks and the administrative and financial arrangements for magistrates' courts, to provide for paying travelling and lodging allowances to members of probation committees and case committees and for enabling probation committees to hold land, to authorise the appointment of interim clerks of the peace in Scotland, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Hacking Estimates, to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee D appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates, if his Lordship think fit.

The Justices of the Peace Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Sir Basil Neven-Spence reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Nurses (Scotland) Bill [Lords], 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.

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 Distribution of German Enemy Property 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.

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 Distribution of German Enemy Property [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 collection and realisation of German enemy property and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the said Act, and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any fees recovered under the said Act, and of any sums paid by an administrator appointed under the said Act to any person acting on behalf of His Majesty's Government.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
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. Pearson.)

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 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 unpaid balances of principal due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of loans to Braintree Co-operative Homes, Ltd., Murcot Co-operative (Housing) Society, Ltd., and George Thomas Willows.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the fact that the Scottish Standing Committee by inadvertence had extended the Bill by means of a new Clause and a new Schedule to the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands as well as to England, for which extension they had no authority under the Instruction given them by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee in respect of Clause No. 62 and Schedule No. 9.—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Pearson);

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

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 at 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, till to-morrow.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Memorandum on the proposed Ways and Means Resolution relating to Armed Forces (Housing Loans).

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 Memorandum on the proposed Ways and Means Resolution relating to Armed Forces (Housing Loans).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant Army, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to the Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the direction of the London Traffic Committee, Bill;—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th November 1949, entitled the Agriculture (Maximum Area of Pasture) (Scotland) Order, 1949.

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 London County Council (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Secretary Ede, supported by Mr. Secretary Shinwell, Mr. Younger and Mr. Thomas Fraser, presented a Bill to abolish autumn registers of parliamentary and local government electors, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Hannan, Mr. Bowden]; [Mr. Studholme, Colonel Wheatley]; 303.

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Hannan, Mr. Bowden]; [Mr. Studholme, Colonel Wheatley]; 135.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Mr. Joseph Henderson);
And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Mr. Hannan):—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And the Question having been proposed at 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, till to-morrow.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

T HE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household Statutory Orders (Special reported to the House, That their Address of the 9th day of this instant November relating to Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Bill the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with.

I have received your Address praying that the provisions of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, be applied to Orders hereafter to be made under any of the enactments specified in the table appended to your Address.
I will comply with your request.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made upon the 11th day of this instant November, That in the case of the Festival of Britain (Supplementary Provisions) Bill the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made upon the 11th day of this instant November, That in the case of the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of October 1949, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.
Adjournment.

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th November 1949, entitled the Federated Superannuation System for Universities (Temporary Service) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

Pensions.

Copies of Rules, dated 16th November 1949, entitled—
(1) the Superannuation (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Rules, 1949, and
(2) the Superannuation (Civil Service and Isle of Man Service) Rules, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Treaty Series (No. 69, 1949).

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London, between the 30th day of June and the 30th day of September 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government, prolonging until the 31st day of October 1949 the Monetary Agreement of the 14th day of November 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of an Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the United States, United Kingdom and French Military Governors of Germany for the Regulation of Payments, signed at Frankfort, Main, on the 5th day of August 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Scottish Standing Committee. Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Mr. Mathers reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, that they had considered the Clause of and the Schedule to the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill [Lords], in respect of which the Bill was re-committed, and the Instruction of the House yesterday, and had directed him to report the Bill without further Amendment (the same having been previously extended to the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands).

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and not amended on re-committal, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee 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 Expiring Laws Continuance (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Expiring Laws Continuance (No. 2) Bill.

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.—(The Prime Minister.)

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Whiteley);

And it being Eleven of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 188.]

Friday, 18th November, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Bradford 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 Bradford (South Division), in the room of Meredith Farrar Titterington, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London and San Marino, on the 12th day of September 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of San Marino for the Mutual Abolition of Visas (with Annex).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London and San Marino, on the 12th day of September 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of San Marino for the Mutual Abolition of Visas (with Annex).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th November 1949, entitled the Gas (Conversion Date) (No. 8) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strauss presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th November 1949, entitled the Bacon (Rationing) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on War Damaged Sites [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable local authorities to take possession of or do work on certain war damaged land and to authorise the conversion of cost of works payments in certain cases, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948;

(b) any increase in the compensation payable by the Crown under any Act which is attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session regulating the compensation payable in respect of a compulsory acquisition of land, including any increase which is attributable as aforesaid in the sums payable into the Road Fund out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of expenses of the Minister of Transport;

and the charging on and issuing out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums required for payments under the War Damage Act, 1943, attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session enabling the War Damage Commission to make such payments as are authorised by section thirteen of the said Act of 1943.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the War Damaged Sites Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Power of local authorities to take possession temporarily of certain war damaged land).

Amendment proposed in p. 1, 1. 16, after the word "may," to insert the words "where they are unable to take such a lease by agreement."—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Colonel Wheatley: } 35.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Wilkins: ] 80.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Compulsory taking of possession).

Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 31, to leave out from the word "writing," to the end of l. 33, and insert the words "Before such authorisation is given the local authority shall make an application therefor to the Minister and the provisions of paragraph 3 (excepting the proviso to sub-paragraph (1) thereof and paragraphs (2) and (3) thereof) and paragraph 4 of the First Schedule to the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Act, 1946, shall apply to the publication of a notice of the submission of such application and to the making and hearing of objections to the giving of an authorisation as if the making of such application were the submission of a compulsory purchase order under that Act and the giving of an authorisation were the confirming of such an order and save as aforesaid the provisions of the Schedule to that Act shall have effect in relation to the giving of such an authorisation."—(Commander Galbraith.)

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. Bowden: } 102.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Noes, Brigadier Mackeson: ] 40.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 45, after the word "enable," to insert the words "the necessary licences to be obtained and."—(Mr. Hare.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Use and disposal of land by local authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 28, to leave out from the word "for" to the word "or" in l. 31, and insert the words "any temporary purpose which will be beneficial to the amenities of the neighbourhood."—(Mr. Hare.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Power of local authority to do work without taking possession).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 34, to leave out the words "twenty-four hours," and insert the words "seven days."—(Mr. Hare.)

Question put, That the words "twenty-four hours" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Mr. Wilkins: ] 128.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Noes, Colonel Wheatley: ] 47.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 42, at the end, to add the words—"(4) Where in the exercise of the powers conferred by this section any land is fenced by the local authority, half the cost of such fencing may be recovered by the local authority..."
from the owner of the land."—(Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Modification of Town and Country Planning Act, 1947).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 28, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) No development charge shall be payable under Part VII of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, in respect of the laying out of cultivation of gardens on any land subject to a lease or authorisation under this Act in accordance with any such permission to develop land as is referred to in subsection (1) of this section."—(Mr. Berry.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (War damage payments).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 5, to leave out from the word "that" to the end of l. and insert the words "it is not the intention of those owners to carry out such works."—(Colonel Dower.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Adams, Mr. George Wallace:} 109.
Tellers for the Nos, {Mr. Studholme, Colonel Wheatley:} 36.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 12 to 15 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 16 and 17 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Purposes for which money may be borrowed)—(Captain Field)—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.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Married Women (Restraint upon Anticipation) Bill [Lords];

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment. being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Bowden);

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 Adjournment. 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 next.


The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Amendments made by the Council Lords to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The following Paper, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 19th day of this instant November, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presen- tation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of an Order, dated 17th November 1949, entitled the Jute Yarn (Prices) (Amend- ment No. 2) Order, 1949.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursu- ant to the directions of an Act of Parliament (Scotland).—Copy of a Draft Order entitled the Calf Rearing Subsidy Scheme (Extension and Pay- ment) (Scotland) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant Agriculture, to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Report of the Agricultural Land Commiss- ion for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

MR. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Brasenose College, Oxford, on the 30th day of June 1949, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1949, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (London Airport) (No. 3) Order, 1949, with a 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.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, made by the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland on the 15th day of November 1949, entitled the Waste of Fuel (Revocation) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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 Receipts and Expenditure of the Ministry of Fuel and Power under the Petroleum (Production) Act, 1934, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of Christ Church, Rotherhithe; and Saint Crispin, Bermondsey, in the diocese of Southwark.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments have leave to make a Special Report.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Profits Tax Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the British North America Act, 1867, as respects the amendment of the Constitution of Canada, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The British North America (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and 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. Whiteley);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Homan, Yeas, {Mr. Wilkins: }225.
Tellers for the [Brigadier Mackeson, Noes, {Colonel Wheatley: }102.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electoral Registers Bill;

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 continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. McKie, Member for Galloway, and directed the honourable Member to resume his seat.

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. Whiteley.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Whiteley reported from the Committee on Public Works Loans [Remission of Debt], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session relating to local loans, it is expedient to authorise the remission of unpaid balances of principal due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of loans to Braintree Co-operative Homes, Ltd., Murcot Co-operative (Housing) Society, Ltd., and George Thomas Willows.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 101 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 8 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Marriage Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 80 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Armed Forces (Housing Loans).

Resolved, That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the Treasury, during the five years ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, to issue out of the Consolidated Fund sums not exceeding in the aggregate forty million pounds, to be applied as appropriations in aid of moneys provided by Parliament for those years for the provision of approved housing accommodation in Great Britain for married persons serving in, or employed in connection with, the armed forces of the Crown, being accommodation the cost of the
Provided that the amount so issued for any year to defray Navy, Army or Air Force expenditure in respect of the provision of approved housing accommodation in Great Britain for persons serving in, or employed in connection with, the Royal Navy or Royal Marines, the Army or the Air Force, as the case may be, shall not at any date exceed the aggregate of the amounts proposed to be so issued to defray that expenditure by the estimates upon which this House has, before that date, resolved to grant sums to His Majesty to defray that expenditure for that year;

(b) to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing sums (or any part of sums) to be issued as mentioned in the foregoing paragraph, or of providing for the replacement of all or any part of sums so issued, to raise money in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, and to provide that any securities created and issued accordingly shall be deemed for all purposes to have been created and issued under that Act;

c) to provide for the repayment to the Exchequer, out of moneys provided by Parliament for the defence services, of the sums issued as aforesaid, together with interest thereon;

d) to provide for the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer under the last foregoing paragraph and the application of sums so issued in redemption or repayment of debt, or, in so far as they represent interest, in payment of interest otherwise payable out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

For the purpose of this Resolution the expression "approved" means approved by Parliament for the defence services: the expression "the defence services" means the Navy, Army and Air services.—(Mr. Hall.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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.

Ordered, That Mr. Secretary Ede and Mr. Solicitor General be discharged from the Committee of Privileges, and that Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Herbert Morrison be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Richard Adams.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1949, authorising the landing of two Camels at Tilbury Docks from the s.s. "Clan McClean."

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 22nd November 1949, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 30) Regulations, 1949.

Copy of the Fortieth Annual Report, with Accounts, of the Port of London Authority, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

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 Licence, dated 22nd November 1949, entitled the Gas (Meter) (Amendment) Regulations, 1949.

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 21st November 1949, entitled—
(1) the Stopping up of Highways (Tanfield, Durham) (Revocation) Order, 1949, and
(2) the Stopping up of Highways (Poundon, Buckinghamshire) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Ralph Glyn reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made further Progress in the matters in 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 on the 22nd and the 29th days of June last and the 12th and the 19th days of July last; And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Ralph Glyn reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made further Progress in the matters in 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 up to the 12th day of July last, and Appendices: 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 E: Mr. Baldwin and Major Legge-Bourke; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Edward Smith.

Mr. Mathers further reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Twenty Members to Standing Committee E: (in respect of the censorship of Plays (Repeal) Bill): Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Berry, Mr. Bramall, Captain Bullock, Mr. Delargy, Mr. Secretary Ede, Mr. Foot, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Gage, Mr. Haile, Sir Alan Herbert, Mr. Levy, Mr. McAllister, Mr. O'Brien, Professor Savory, Mr. Henry Straus, Sir Wavell Wakefield, Mr. Frederick Willey and Mr. Younger.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Message from the Lords was read; and ordered to be printed. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to registered designs; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to excise duties on mechanically propelled vehicles, and to the licensing and registration of such vehicles, with such corrections and improvements as may be authorised under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to patents; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Registered Designs Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

The Vehicles (Excise) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

The Patents Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Bowden; 245. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Major Conant; 100.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Festival of Britain (Supplementary Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Six Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That any Petitions against the Bill deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the fifth day after this day do stand referred to the Committee, but if no such Petitions are deposited, the Order for the committal of the Bill to a Select Committee be...
Ordered, That Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, be heard against the Bill provided that their Petitions are prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of this House, and that Counsel be heard in favour of the Bill against such Petitions.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Key.)

Mr. Herbert Morrison, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Parliament Square (Supplementary 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 authorise certain improvements in and around Parliament Square, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses of the Minister of Works incurred for the purposes of any improvement scheme referred to in the said Act, and

(b) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys, being an increase attributable to any payment out of the Road Fund of grants in respect of the doing of any work authorised by that Act.—(Mr. Key.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Six Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That any Petitions against the Bill deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the fifth day after this day do stand referred to the Committee, but if no such Petitions are deposited, the Order for the committal of the Bill to a Select Committee be discharged and the Bill committed to a Committee of the whole House.
[No. 192.]

Thursday, 24th November, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the National Youth Employment Council and Advisory Committees for Scotland and Wales (Membership) Order, 1949.

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 and Statute Law Revision Bills (Joint Committee). Election Commissioners Bill [Lords]. Air Corporations Bill [Lords].

No. 284.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Challen, reporting from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation Bills and Statute Law Revision Bills, that they had agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Nurses Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Coast Protection Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Iron and Steel Bill, in lieu of the Amendments on which the Lords have insisted, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assent. General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:


And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment. That this House do now adjourn: The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Hall reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 22nd day of this instant November, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

 Armed Forces (Housing Loans). That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the Treasury, during the five years ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, to issue out of the Consolidated Fund sums not exceeding in the aggregate forty million pounds, to be applied as appropriations in aid of moneys provided by Parliament for those years for the provision of approved housing accommodation in Great Britain for married persons serving in, or employed in connection with, the armed forces of the Crown, being accommodation the cost of the provision of which would otherwise fall to be
Adjournment.

Armored Forces (Housing Loans),
Bill 208.

Mr. Alexander accordingly presented a Bill to provide money for the provision of housing accommodation in Great Britain for married persons serving in, or employed in connection with, the armed forces of the Crown, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Snow.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Distribution of German Enemy Property [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the collection and distribution of German enemy property and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Board of Trade under the said Act.

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any fees recovered under the said Act, and of any sums paid by an administrator appointed under the said Act to any person acting on behalf of His Majesty's Government.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Distribution of German Enemy Property Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Collection, realisation and distribution of German enemy property).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "property," to insert the words "except heirless and unclaimed property of victims of Nazi persecution."—(Mr. Janner.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) the publication and advertisement by the administrator of lists of German enemy property transferred or vested to or in him and the person or bodies of persons to whom such property belonged or on whose behalf it was held or managed."—(Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) the establishment of an independent tribunal to which appeals may be made in respect of any claim disallowed by the administrator or any objection to any claim admitted by the administrator or any objection to the inclusion of any property as German enemy property."—(Mr. Peake.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 35, to leave out from the word "of," to the end, and insert the words "sums payable by that person or body whether by way of debt or under a trust or otherwise."—(Mr. Assheton.)

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. 35, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that such Order in Council shall not debar persons from being considered as claimants under this Act for the balance of their claims which have not been satisfied under this subsection."—(Mr. Assheton.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words,—

"Provided that, without prejudice to the generality of this subsection, the Board of Trade shall so exercise its powers hereunder as to give full effect to Part III of the Rules of Accounting for German External Assets approved by the Assembly of the Inter-Ally Reparations Agency on the twenty-first day of November, nineteen hundred and forty-seven."—(Mr. Sydney Silverman.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Orders in Council and orders).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 4, to leave out subsection (2), and insert the words,—

"(2) No Order in Council shall be made under this Act unless, after copies of the draft thereof have been laid before Parliament, each House presents an Address to His Majesty praying that the Order be made."—(Mr. Assheton.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 6 and 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Interpretation).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 14, after the word "Germany," to insert the words "except, in cases where such body of persons is beneficially owned or controlled by British subjects or corporations, to the extent of such British beneficial ownership or control."—(Mr. Assheton.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 19, at the end, to insert the words,—

"The word 'German national' does not include any person who acquired German nationality by reason of the inclusion in the German State after the first day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, of any territory not comprised therein on that day."—(Mr. Bottomley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 2, at the end, to add the words "or who was deprived of liberty pursuant to any German law, decree, or regulation discriminating against any political or religious or racial group or other organisation who did not enjoy full rights of citizenship at any time between the first day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and the abrogation of such law, who has left Germany or intends to leave Germany within a reasonable time after the passing of this Act who did not act against the cause of the United Kingdom and her Allies during the war and does not include any person who at any time was
deprived of his German nationality pursuant to any such law decree or regulation."—(Mr. Sydney Silverman.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 9 to 12 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Charity of Walter Stanley in West Bromwich Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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. —(Mr. Joseph Henderson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 25th November 1949, entitled the Silk Duties (Drawback) Order, 1949. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, Return to an Address to His Majesty, dated the 25th day of this instant November, for a Return relating to Aliens (Naturalisation). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th November 1949, entitled the Diplomatic Privileges (Brussels Treaty Permanent Commission) Amendment No. 2 Order in Council, 1949.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 25th November 1949, entitled

(1) the Tanganyika (Legislative Council) Amendment Order in Council, 1939, and

(2) the Tanganyika Order in Council, 1949.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 25th November 1949, entitled—

(1) the Greenwich Hospital Pensions Order, 1949, and

(2) the Naval Knights of Windsor (Travers Pensions) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th November 1949, declaring that the Government of Israel has acceded to the Load Line Convention.

Tuesday, 29th November, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

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 26th day of this instant November, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copies of Orders, dated 25th November 1949, entitled—

(1) the Control of Flax (Various Orders) (Revocation) Order, 1949,

(2) the Ground Sulphur (Prices) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1949,

(3) the Control of Growing Trees and Home-Grown Round Timber in the Log (No. 4) Order, 1949,

(4) the Control of Timber (Home-Grown Timber Prices) (Revocation) Order, 1949,

(5) the Control of Timber (No. 53) Order, 1949, and

(6) the Mining Timber Prices (Revocation) Order, 1949.

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(1) the Greenwich Hospital Pensions Order, 1949, and

(2) the Naval Knights of Windsor (Travers Pensions) Order, 1949.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th November 1949, declaring that the Government of Israel has acceded to the Load Line Convention.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Eric Fletcher, Mr. Parliament Strauss be Members of the Select Committee on the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill.

(Mr. Snow.)

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 Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Popplewell):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at 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, till to-morrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Paper relating to Agriculture, which was presented on the 21st day of this instant November, be printed.

Mr. Hall presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on the Cost of Home Information Services.

Mr. Hall also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of the amount of Notes issued more than forty years and outstanding on the 26th day of October 1949, which have been written off from the total amount of Notes issued from the Issue Department of the Bank of England.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Second Report of the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors.

Mr. Secretary Ede also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th November 1949, entitled the Fire Services (Pensionable Employment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry appointed by the President of the Board of Trade upon the Distribution and Exhibition of Cinematograph Films.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st October 1949.

Mr. Bevan also 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) Accrington Town Council.
(2) Swindon Town Council.

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. Hannan:
Mr. Bowden:

Tellers for the Noes,
Major Conant:
Mr. Digby:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Festival of Britain (Supplementary Provisions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make, in connection with the Festival of Britain, 1951, provision for festival gardens in Battersea Park and further provision as respects river traffic works and entertainments, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred under the said Act by any Minister of the Crown and any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under section eight of the Public Works (Festival of Britain) Act, 1949;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of the receipts of any such Minister in respect of interest on, and the repayment of, loans made under the said Act;

(c) the release by any such Minister of the whole or any part of claims in respect of such loans.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Festival of Britain (Supplementary Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 11 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Bill Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Bill.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the Electoral Registers Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Provision for electors coming of full age after the qualifying date)—(Mr. Bing)—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 No. 1 agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 disagreed to.
A Schedule (Enactments repealed)—(Mr. Younger)—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 now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Married Women (Restraint upon Anticipation) Bill [Lords].

Clause No. 1 (Abolition of restraint upon anticipation, and consequential amendments and repeals).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yea,

Mr. Snow, Mr. George Wallace;

223.

Tellers for the

Noes,

Air Commodore Harvey, Sir John Mellor.

20.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

A Clause (Power to apply to the court for relief in special cases)—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yea,

Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Gage;

16.

Tellers for the

Noes,

Mr. Popplewell, Mr. George Wallace;

170.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

 Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Nurses (Scotland) 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Gas. put, That the Draft Gas (Staff Compensation) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 27th day of October last, be approved.—(Mr. Robens);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Snow, (Yeas, 195.)
Mr. George Wallace;
Tellers for the
Mr. Studholme,
Mr. Digby;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Draft Gas (Staff Compensation) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 27th day of October last, be approved.

Mr. Paling reported from the Committee on Parliament Square (Improvements) [Money], a copy of which was laid before this House on the 27th day of October last, be approved.

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise certain improvements in and around Parliament Square, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses of the Minister of Works incurred for the purposes of any improvement scheme referred to in the said Act, and

(b) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys, being an increase attributable to any payment out of the Road Fund of grants in respect of the doing of any work authorised by that Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Bowden);

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. Pearson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on the Proceedings of the Second Session of the Committee of Ministers and of the Second Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of Europe, held at Paris from the 3rd to the 5th day of November and from the 7th to the 9th day of November 1949 respectively.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Civil Judicial Statistics for Scotland for the years 1939 to 1948.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Schemes made by the Local Government authorities and approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland under the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Act, 1937:—

(1) Arbroath Town Council. (2) Clackmannan County Council.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 1st December 1949, entitled the Calf Rearing Subsidy (Scotland) Scheme, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th November 1949, approving an Admiralty Memorial for sanction to the Payment of Extra Pay and Language Pay to certain Officers and Ratings of the Royal Navy and Officers and Other Ranks of the Royal Marines.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wilson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations entitled the Sale of Food (Weights and Measures: Variation of First Schedule) Regulations, 1949.

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 30th November 1949, entitled the County Court Fees Order, 1949.

Mr. Burden reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Censorship of Plays (Repeal) Bill, and made an Amendment 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. 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 Coal Industry (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Telegraph Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Five County Council Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the National Health Service (Amendment) 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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to election commissioners; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the constitution and functions of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, the British European Airways Corporation and the British South American Airways Corporation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Election Commissioners Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Air Corporations Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of the First Annual Report, Statement of Accounts and Statistics of the British Transport Commission for 1948—(Mr. Barnes);—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "but regrets the loss, sustained in 1948, the further marked deterioration disclosed in 1949, the mounting costs and the increased fares and rates so detrimental to the public."—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—

The House divided. The Yeas; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes: [Mr. Drew, Commander Agnew: 149.]

Tellers for the Noes: [Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Robert Taylor: 303.]

So it passed in the Negative.
And the Main Question being put:


Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Mr. Popplewell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 199.]

Monday, 5th December, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on the 31st day of October 1949, on Stock issued by the Gas Council under the Gas Act, 1948.

Statement of Guarantee given by the Gas, Treasury, on the 22nd day of November 1949, on loans proposed to be raised by the Gas Council.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 2nd December 1949, entitled the Planning Payments (War Damage) Scheme, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Gas be printed.

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Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report by the Governor-General on the Administration, Finances and Conditions of the Sudan in 1947. 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 30th November 1949, entitled—

(1) the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the Fire Services (Discipline) (Scotland) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Rules, dated 1st December 1949, entitled the Superannuation (Local Government and Public Boards) (Scotland) Interchange Rules, 1949. 

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 Report of the Cotton Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949.

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 5th December 1949, entitled the Control of Engagement (Amendment) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Silklin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd December 1949, entitled the Planning Payments (War Damage) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill have leave to report the Minutes of the Speeches delivered by Counsel before them.

Mr. Eric Fletcher reported from the Select Committee on the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill, That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Speeches delivered by Counsel before them.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, tomorrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The, India (Consequential Provision) 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, tomorrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker, by His Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to India (Consequential Provision) [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.)

Ordered, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision as to the operation of the law in relation to India, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund or of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in sums payable thereout which is attributable to any Order in Council under the said Act for modifying the law to which the said Act extends.—(Mr. Secretary Noel-Baker.)

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 Bill be received to-morrow.

The Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence (the Bill Mr. Speaker’s having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

D. Clifton Brown, Speaker.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of July last, on
Adoption of Children Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Adoption of Children Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 21, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 30, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 31, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendments disagreed to, in p. 2, l. 21, by leaving out subsection (2), and inserting the words—

"(2) The consent of any person to the making of an adoption order in pursuance of an application may be given (either unconditionally or subject to conditions with respect to the religious persuasion in which the infant is to be brought up) without knowing the identity of the applicant for the order; and where consent so given by any person is subsequently withdrawn on the ground only that he does not know the identity of the applicant, his consent shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to be unreasonable withheld.

(3) Where any person whose consent to the making of an adoption order is required by this section does not attend in the proceedings for the purpose of giving it, a document signing his consent to the making of such an order shall, if the person in whose favour the order is to be made is named or otherwise described in the document, be admissible as evidence of that consent, whether the document is executed before or after the commencement of the proceedings; and where any such document is attested by a justice of the peace (or, if executed outside the United Kingdom, by a person of any such class as may be prescribed by rules made under the principal Act), the document shall be admissible as aforesaid without further proof of the signature of the person by whom it is executed;

Provided that a document signifying the consent of the mother of an infant shall not be admissible as aforesaid unless—

(a) the infant is at least six weeks old on the date of the execution of the document; and

(b) the document is attested on that date by a justice of the peace or, as the case may be, by a person of a class prescribed as aforesaid.

(4) While an application for an adoption order in respect of an infant is pending in any court, any parent or guardian of the infant who has signified his consent to the making of an adoption order in pursuance of the application shall not be entitled, except with the leave of the court, to remove the infant from the care and possession of the applicant; and in considering whether to grant or refuse such leave the court shall have regard to the welfare of the infant.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (3) of this section a document purporting to be attested as mentioned in that subsection shall be deemed to be so attested, and to be executed and attested on the date and at the place specified therein, unless the contrary is proved—" (Mr. Nield)—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 said proposed Amendment, in l. 20, by inserting, after the word " described," the words "without disclosing his identity."—(Mr. Hastings.)

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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 57, by adding at the end thereof, the words—

"(6) Where an initial consent is revoked the natural mother shall compensate the intended adopters for any reasonable expenditure that they shall have incurred on behalf of the child. In case of disagreement the sum entailed shall be decided by the courts, having regard to the means of the natural mother."—(Mr. Parker.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added to the said 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.

Another Amendment was made to the Bill in lieu of the Lords Amendments disagreed to, in p. 9, l. 19, by leaving out from the word " infant " to the end of l. 22, and inserting the words—

"In subsection (2), after the word ' person,' where that word first occurs, there shall be inserted the words ' other than the consent of an infant '; and in subsection (3), for the words ' admissible as evidence,' there shall be substituted the words ' sufficient evidence,' and for
the words 'admissible as aforesaid,' the words 'sufficient evidence as aforesaid' "—(Mr. Nicholls)—instead thereof.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 9, l. 22, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 9, l. 22, at end insert "and in subsection (4) for any reference to rules there shall be substituted a reference to an Act of Sederunt, and any reference to a justice of the peace shall include a reference to the sheriff," the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, in l. 1, by leaving out the words "and in subsection (4)"—(Mr. Manningham-Buller)—and, so amended, 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 certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships, but hath disagreed to certain other of the said Amendments, but proposes Amendments in lieu thereof; to which Amendments 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 Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendment, in the Title, l. 1, the first Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Title, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in l. 1, by leaving out the word "divorce," to the word "wards," in l. 2, and inserting the words "and other matrimonial proceedings, the admissibility of evidence as to access, the charge and payment of percentage under the Lunacy Act, 1890, and to"—(Mr. Manningham-Buller)—instead thereof.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, l. 28, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 2, l. 28, at end, insert new Clause A (Legitimacy of children of voidable marriages), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, in l. 2, by leaving out the word "voidable."—(Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton.)

And the Question being put, That the word "voidable" stand part of the Lords Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 3, l. 25, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 3, l. 25, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 26, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(3) Section four of the Adoption of Children Act, 1949, shall cease to have effect."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)
[No. 200.]

Tuesday, 6th December, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the 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.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing all the Sums which have been received into the Treasury Chest and which have been paid out of the same during the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, and the Liabilities and Assets on that day, 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 Bevin, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe, signed at Paris on the 2nd day of September 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Reports as to the Statistics and State of the Finances of the Universities of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and St. Andrews for the year ended the 31st day of July 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Herbert Morrison presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Central Office of Information for the year 1948-49.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th October 1949, entitled the Northumberland and Tyneside River Board Area Order, 1949, with Certificates by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and 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.

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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 Stopping up of Highways (London Airport) (No. 3) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of the Reorganisation Areas Measure, 1944 (Amendment) Measure, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of St. Paul, Battersea, and St. Peter, Battersea, in the diocese of Southwark.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Accounting Officer of the Vote for the Supreme Court on behalf of the Admiralty Division in Prize for the period from the 3rd day of September 1939, to the 31st day of March 1949, with a copy of a Letter from the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

—(Mr. Hall.)

Mr. Robert Taylor reported from the Committee on Justices of the Peace [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session (hereinafter called "the Justices Act") to amend the law relating to justices of the peace (including stipendiary magistrates), justices' clerks and the administrative and financial arrangements for magistrates' courts, to provide for paying travelling and lodging allowances to members of probation committees and case committees and for enabling probation committees to hold land, to authorise the appointment of interim clerks of the peace in Scotland and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the making of payments as follows:

To be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.
1. Any expenses of the Lord Chancellor or the Secretary of State under the Justices Act.
2. Any increase resulting from the provisions of the Justices Act in the sums which under
Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under section seventy-seven of the Criminal Justice Act, 1948, fall to be paid out of moneys so provided.

To be paid out of the Consolidated Fund.
1. Any increase resulting from the provisions of the Justices Act in any superannuation allowance payable under the Police Magistrates (Superannuation) Acts, 1915 and 1929.
2. Any contributions towards the pension under the Justices Act of a stipendiary magistrate which are payable in respect of service as a metropolitan police magistrate.

To be paid into the Exchequer.
1. All sums paid to the Secretary of State by virtue of any provision of the Justices Act relating to the application of fines imposed by courts of summary jurisdiction and of other moneys which are applicable in the same way or are received by justices' clerks.
2. Any contributions payable under the Justices Act by local authorities towards the pension of a metropolitan police magistrate.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Justices of the Peace Bill [Lords].

Clause No. 1 (Residence qualification of Justices).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, at the end, to insert the words "or carries on business or is gainfully employed in that area." (Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Supplemental List).
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 4, to leave out from the beginning, to the word "who," in l. 7.—(General Sir George Jeffreys.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 8, at the end, to add the words—
"(11) Rules for the purpose of this section shall be made by the Lord Chancellor by Statutory Instrument, which shall be subject to annulment by resolution of either House of Parliament."—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.
Clauses No. 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Restriction on right to practise as solicitor).
Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 23, after the word "partner," to insert the words "or employee."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Travelling and lodging allowances).
Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 44, at the end, to insert the words—
"(2) Subject to the provisions of this section a justice of the peace shall be entitled to receive payments by way of compensation for loss of earnings suffered by him by reason of absenting himself from his employment or occupation for the purpose of performing his duties as a justice, at a rate not exceeding one pound per day or more than two pounds in any one week."—(Mr. Parker.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Yees, 
Mr. Royle: 

Noes, 
Mr. Bowden: 

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words "which shall be subject to annulment by resolution of either House of Parliament."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Area of commission).
Amendment proposed, in p. 7, to leave out l. 31.—(Mr. Haire.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

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, 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 a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at 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, till to-morrow.
Catering Wages.

[No. 201.]

Wednesday, 7th December, 1949.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Isaacs presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Sixth Annual Report of the Catering Wages Commission, for 1948-49.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report of the Catering Wages Commission, for 1948-49.

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: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliamentary Square (Improvements) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without further Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the India (Consequential Provision) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Justices of the Peace Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 10 (Area of commission).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 31, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that two or more boroughs in the same county, each of which had at the aforesaid date a population of fifty thousand or over may join together in one group for the purposes of being included in a single commission of the peace."—(Mr. Marlowe.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 40, to leave out the word "seventy-five," and insert the word "fifty."—(Mr. Marlowe.)

Question, That the word "seventy-five" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 42, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a borough in which, in the opinion of the Lord Chancellor, it is desirable for geographical or historical reasons or to secure the better administration of justice that a separate commission of the peace or a Court of Quarter Sessions should be retained."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 11 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 12 agreed to.
Clause No. 13 (Size and chairmanship or bench).
Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 39, to leave out from the word "sitting" to the second word "as" in l. 40.—(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. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Establishment of magistrates' courts committees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 32, to leave out the word "seventy-five," and insert the word "fifty."—(Mr. Marlowe.)

Question proposed, That the word "seventy-five" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause Nos. 17 and 18 agreed to.

Clause No. 19 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Qualification of justices' clerk).

Amendment proposed, in p. 18, l. 19, to leave out paragraph (b), and insert the words—"(b) if he has served for not less than ten years as assistant to any such clerk and in the opinion of the magistrates' courts committee and of the Secretary of State there are special circumstances making the appointment a proper one."—(Mr. Corlett.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 21 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 22 agreed to.

Clause No. 23 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 24 agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Duties of county and borough councils).

Amendment proposed, in p. 23, l. 24, to leave out the words "separate commission of the peace," and insert the words "magistrates' courts committee."—(Mr. Marlowe.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 26 agreed to.

Clause No. 27 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 28 agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Appointments outside London).

Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words "and of any boroughs or urban districts comprised in a district referred to in paragraph (d) of this subsection."—(Mr. Collins.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 30 agreed to.

Clause No. 31 (Appointments under previous Acts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 31, l. 16, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 32 agreed to.

Clause No. 33 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 34 to 42 agreed to.

Clause No. 43 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 44 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 45 and 46 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Appointment of advisory committees)—(General Sir George Jeffreys)—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 (Chairman of county and district council not to be justice of the peace ex-officio)—(Mr. Royle)—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 (Saving for the county of Middlesex)—(Mr. Pargiter)—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 No. 1 agreed to.

Schedule No. 2.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 50, l. 36, to leave out paragraph 16.—(Lord Willoughby de Eresby.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 agreed to.

Schedule No. 4.

Amendment proposed, in p. 53, l. 13, after the word "county," to insert the words "and the deputy chairman."—(Mr. Marlowe.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 54, l. 22, to leave out from the word "over" to the end of l. 23, and insert the words "unless the Secretary of State orders to the contrary in which event he shall, if required, state his reasons to the council of the non-county borough concerned."—(Mr. Marlowe.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 55, l. 12, after the word "a," to insert the words "justices' clerk to act as."—(Mr. Marlowe.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

Schedule No. 5 amended, and agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 6 and 7 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy 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 220.

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. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then five minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 202.]

Thursday, 8th December, 1949.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M R. Hall presented, Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of this instant December, for a Return relating to Supreme Court (Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1939-49).

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Ede presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the approximate Number of Parliamentary Electors on the 1949 Register in each Constituency in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at the Hague, on the 7th day of July 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Royal Netherlands Government regarding Settlement for United Kingdom Purchases from the Netherlands under long-term Contracts.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the approximate Number of Parliamentary Electors on the 1949 Register in each Constituency in Scotland.

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 24th November 1949, entitled the Wath-upon-Dearne (Conservation of Water) Order, 1949, 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 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 8th December 1949, entitled the Administration Order (Amendment) Rules, 1949.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Boundary Commission (Dissolution) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the War Damaged Sites Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Electoral Registers Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the War Damaged Local Government Economic and Financial Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the War Damaged Sites Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electoral Registers Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Auxiliary and Reserve Forces Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the War Damaged Local Government Economic and Financial Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in view of the treatment of the Report made by the independent tribunal appointed to investigate the accident at Prestwick Airport on the 20th day of October 1948, this House considers that provision should be made for a Report on the facts and causes of such accidents to be made by a statutory Court, whose conclusions should be accepted as final save so far as provision is made for appeal or re-hearing, in order that confidence here and abroad in the conclusions arrived at after hearing evidence may be more firmly established—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Colonel Whealey: 111. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Collindridge: 246. So it passed in the Negative.
Agriculture.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House accepts the recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report of the Select Committee on Estimates, expresses its concern at the large losses shown to have been incurred by some County Agricultural Executive Committees on their trading services, and regrets the delay in taking steps to reorganise the Ministry of Agriculture and the County Agricultural Executive Committees so as to promote efficiency and to achieve economy in both public expenditure and man-power.—(Sir Thomas Dugdale):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Resolved, That the Draft Calf Rearing Scheme (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) (Extension and Payment) Order, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 21st day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Williams)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Richard Adams)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[No. 203.]

Friday, 9th December, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Tomlinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th December 1949, entitled—

(1) the School Premises Amending Regulations, 1949, and
(2) the Milk and Meals (Amending) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Strachey presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to Food Consumption Levels in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Strachey also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th December 1949, entitled the Ware Potatoes (Restrictions on Sales) (Revocation) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the first Amendment in p. 15, 1. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 15, 1. 15, at end insert Clause A (Additional functions of Medical Practices Committee), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The second Lords Amendment in p. 15, 1. 15, after the Amendment last inserted, insert Clause B (Recovery of charges in respect of pharmaceutical services), the next Amendment, being read a second time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Bevan):

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. George Wallace) 138,
Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Piratin, Mr. Soley) 9.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative, the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry privileges.

The third Lords Amendment in p. 15, 1. 15, after the Amendment last inserted, insert Clause C (Recovery of charges from persons resident outside Great Britain), the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry 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 Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 10, 1. 44, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 10, 1. 44, at end insert—

"Provided that a local planning authority shall not under this section provide accommodation, meals or refreshments except in so far as it appears to them that the facilities therefor are inadequate or unsatisfactory, either generally or as respects any description of accommodation, meals or refreshments, as the case may be," 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. 11, 1. 21, at end insert—

"Provided that a local planning authority shall not under this section provide facilities of any description except in cases where it appears to them that the facilities of that description are inadequate or unsatisfactory," 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. 12, 1. 5, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 15, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(d) the expression 'owner' includes any person empowered under this subsection to enter into agreements relating to land."

—(Mr. Secretary Woodburn.)

The Lords Amendment in p. 16, l. 8, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 17, l. 2, leave out "from" to "to," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 34, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 34, l. 21, at end insert—

"(4) References in this section to the dedication of a footpath or bridleway shall be construed as including references to the widening or extension of a footpath or bridleway," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 36, l. 5, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 36, l. 20, leave out from "that" to "it" in l. 22 and insert "the securing the efficient use of the land or of other land held thereon or providing a shorter or more commodious path," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the first Amendment in p. 42, l. 42, being read a second time, were agreed to.

"(5)" the word "or (5) : "(Mr. Silkin.)

The Lords Amendment in p. 42, l. 42, after "enclosure" insert "or," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 45, l. 40, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 45, l. 40, after "of," insert "such," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 48, l. 16, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 48, l. 16, at end insert—

"Provided that an authority shall not under this section provide accommodation, meals or refreshments except in so far as it appears to them that the facilities therefor are inadequate or unsatisfactory, either generally or as respects any description of accommodation, meals or refreshments, as the case may be," 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. 14, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 50, l. 14, leave out from "works" to "the" in l. 15, and insert—

"(5) If, on a representation duly made under the last foregoing subsection, the highway authority refuse to grant an authorisation thereunder, or grant such an authorisation subject to conditions, the person who made the representation may appeal to the Minister against the refusal or against the imposition of the conditions, as the case may be; and if the Minister, after giving to the appellant and to the highway authority an opportunity of being heard by a person appointed by him for the purpose and considering the report of that person, determines to allow the appeal, he shall—

(a) if the appeal was against a refusal, authorise the erection of the stiles, gates or other works in question, subject to such conditions as he may impose for maintenance and for enabling the right of way to be exercised without undue inconvenience to the public;

(b) if the appeal was against the imposition of conditions, direct that the authorisation granted by the highway authority shall, as may be specified in the direction, have effect either unconditionally or subject to such modified conditions as may be so specified.

(6) Where in the case of a public path an authorisation is granted by the highway authority under subsection (4) of this section or by the Minister under the last foregoing subsection, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 50, l. 32, by inserting after "(4)," the word "or (5): ""(Mr. Silkin.)

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the first Amendment in p. 67, l. 20, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 67, l. 20, at end insert—

"(a) reproductions of the map on an appropriate scale,

(b) notices specifying any restrictions on access to the land or any part thereof, whether the restrictions have effect by virtue of any of the provisions of this Part of this Act or otherwise."
Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 67, l. 20, insert Clause A (Provisions as to woodlands), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 69, l. 28, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 69, l. 28, at end insert " and the said methods shall include the preparation and publication of a code of conduct for the guidance of persons visiting the countryside," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 69, l. 29, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 69, l. 44, leave out from " thereto " to the end of l. 46, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 75, l. 2, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 75, l. 2, after " beauty " insert " or a road forming part of a long-distance route, " the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 78, l. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 78, l. 15, leave out " under " and insert " for the purposes of, " the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 78, l. 15, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 78, l. 15, leave out from " thereto " to the end of l. 46, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 78, l. 43, the next Amendment, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 80, l. 7, at end insert " (d) Section eighty-eight only with the consent of the appropriate authority; 

(6) if any land affected by arrangements under subsection (3) of that section or an agreement under subsection (6) thereof becomes Crown land, the arrangements or agreement shall cease to apply to the land unless the appropriate authority consent to the continued application thereto of the arrangements or agreement," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object Special Entry, of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 81, l. 1, leave out from " Where " to " that " in l. 3 and insert " it is represented to a local planning authority by any other local authority", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 81, l. 8, leave out " council " and insert " other local authority", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object Special Entry, of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 81, l. 10, leave out " council " and insert " other local authority", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object Special Entry, of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

" Provided that before agreeing as aforesaid to the exercise by the said other local authority of any of the said powers in relation to a National Park, or to land in a National Park, the local planning authority shall consult with the Commission", the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 81, l. 1, leave out from " thereto " to the end of l. 46, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 81, l. 13, leave out " council " and insert " other local authority", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object Special Entry, of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 81, l. 17, leave out " council " and insert " other local authority", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object Special Entry, of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 81, l. 21, leave out " council " and insert " other local authority", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object Special Entry, of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

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The Lords Amendment in p. 81, l. 10, leave out " council " and insert " other local authority", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object Special Entry, of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

" Provided that before agreeing as aforesaid to the exercise by the said other local authority of any of the said powers in relation to a National Park, or to land in a National Park, the local planning authority shall consult with the Commission", the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 81, l. 1, leave out from " thereto " to the end of l. 46, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 81, l. 24, leave out "council" and insert "local authority", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 81, l. 28, leave out "council" and insert "local authority", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 81, l. 36, at end insert—

"Provided that this subsection shall not authorise a local planning authority to delegate any of their functions under this Act, being functions relating to a National Park or to land in a National Park, except after consultation with the Commission."

(6) In this section the expression "local authority" means a local planning authority, the council of a county or county borough, not being a local planning authority, or the council of a county district "; the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 82, l. 27, at end insert—

"(6) In this section, and in any enactment in this Act which confers a power to acquire land compulsorily, the expression 'land' includes any interest in land; and the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts incorporated with this Act by virtue of paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule to the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Act, 1946 as applied by subsections (2) and (4) of this section shall apply with the necessary modifications in relation to the compulsory acquisition of any interest in land, being an interest not falling within the definition of 'land' contained in the Lands Clauses Act", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 85, l. 31, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 85, l. 31, leave out Clause 105, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 92, l. 27, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 92, l. 27, after "be" insert "if the objection is made by a local authority cause a local inquiry to be held and in any other case", 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 Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships; and hath made several consequential Amendments to the Bill, to which Amendments this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Patents Bill [Lords] was, according to Patents Bill 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 Registered Designs Bill [Lords] 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.

The Vehicles (Excise) Bill [Lords] 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.

The Election Commissioners Bill [Lords] 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.

The Air Corporations Bill [Lords] 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being 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.—(Mr. Snow.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until two minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Mr. Secretary Shinwell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1936.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undermentioned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Health under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937:

(1) Malling and Hollingbourne Superannuation Joint Committee, and
(2) West Hartlepool Town Council.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th December 1949, entitled the National Coal Board (Overseas Activities) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Patents Bill [Lords].

Clauses Nos. 1 to 107 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to 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 Registered Designs Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)
Clauses Nos. 1 to 49 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House views with deep concern the losses caused to creditors, co-partners and other holders of gas securities by the issue of British Gas Stock at a valuation that bears no relation to its true value at the date of issue, and urges on the Minister the necessity either to ensure the issue of a shorter-dated stock in satisfaction of compensation and making such stock convertible at par with Gas Stock already issued, or by some method to rectify the present injustice—(Colonel Clarke);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Digby;
Mr. Richard Adams:
87.
234.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That, in view of the many cases of cruelty to and neglect of children who were not included in the terms of reference of the Curtis Committee, this House calls upon the Government to appoint an official committee to inquire into the extent of the evil and make recommendations for effective prevention and remedial treatment.—(Mrs. Ayrton Gould.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Standing Order 129, 1. 13, at end, insert "provided that any such petition may be printed, lithographed, typewritten, or written by hand."

L. 14, after "Provided," insert "also."

L. 44, leave out from "than," to end of Order, and insert "the tenth day after that on which the Bill was read the first time."

Standing Order 132, 1. 6, leave out "from time to time."

Standing Order 141, 1. 7, leave out from "Committee," to end of Order.

Standing Order 144, 1. 3, leave out "either."

L. 4, leave out from "House," to "shall," in l. 5.

Standing Order 163, 1. 5, leave out "presented by being."

L. 8, leave out "one clear," and insert "the second."

L. 10, leave out "determination," and insert "Report."

L. 24, leave out "presented by being."

L. 27, leave out "one clear," and insert "the second."

L. 30, leave out "whichever is the later," and insert- "Provided that if such leave be given before the first day in February upon which the House sits, the Bill shall be laid on the Table of the House on that day or within the two days following."

L. 30, after "and," insert "that."

Standing Order 166, 1. 4, leave out from "laid," to "and," in l. 5.

L. 5, leave out "Votes," and insert "Journal of the House."

L. 6, leave out "and ordered."

Standing Order 170, 1. 9, leave out from "than," to end of Order, and insert "the seventh day after the date of the Examiner's Report, or, if the Examiner has reported that the Standing Orders have not been complied with or has made a Special Report under Standing Order 79, after the day on which the House gives leave to the parties to proceed with the Bill or agrees to a Resolution reported from the Standing Orders Committee that the Standing Orders have been complied with."

Standing Order 190, 1. 7, leave out from "to" to end of l. 9, and insert "that Bill the Bill shall be set down in the Private Business List for the next day on which the House shall sit."

Standing Order 204, 1. 6, after "Bill," insert "not less than one clear day's."

L. 7, leave out from "Office," to end of Order.

Standing Order 217, 1. 15, leave out "seven clear days after," and insert "the seventh day after that on which."

L. 16, leave out "has been," and insert "is."

L. 20, leave out from "than," to end of l. 22, and insert "the tenth day after that on which the Bill was read the first time."

Standing Order 220, 1. 35, leave out "presented," and insert "laid on the Table of the House."

L. 36, leave out "after the First Reading."

Table of Fees, p. 253, 1. 4, leave out from first "Committee," to "shall," in l. 5, and insert "on an opposed Bill."

L. 6, leave out from "which," to "shall," in l. 7, and insert "a Committee on an Unopposed Bill."—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)
Mr. Assheton reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, 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.

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 D on the 1st day of November 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 E on the 30th 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords to the Distribution of German Enemy Property Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Distribution of German Enemy Property Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Festival of Britain (Supplementary Provisions) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister)

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

 Tellers for the [Mr. Hannan, Mr. Bowden: ]—245.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Justices of the Peace Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 16, p. 13, l. 32, and Schedule No. 4, p. 56, l. 22, 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.

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 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 (Justices' clerks examination boards)—(Mr. Marlowe); 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. 15, l. 6, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(c) shall be subject to annulment by resolution of either House of Parliament."—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 14, by leaving out Clause No. 31.—(Mr. Manningham-Buller.)

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.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electoral Registers Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 39, at end insert Clause A (Voting rights of certain persons coming of age during currency of register), the first Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 2, l. 46, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 7, leave out from "any" to second "to" in l. 8 and insert "other Act (whether public general or local and whether passed before, or at the same time as, the passing of this Act)"; the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 4, l. 1, at end insert Schedule A (Amendments of the Representation of the People Act, 1949, consequential on Section (Voting Rights of Certain Persons coming of Age during currency of Register) of this Act), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 5, l. 19, the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement for the Establishment of the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council, signed at Baguio on the 26th day of February 1948.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 13th December 1949, entitled the Grass and Forage Crop Cooperative Drying (Financial Assistance) (Scotland) (No. 2) Scheme, 1949.

Mr. Dagdaile presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th December 1949, entitled the Use of Land (Little Woonden Moss) No. 2 Revocation Order, 1949.

Mr. Bevan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th December 1949, entitled—

(1) the Rating and Valuation (Dissolved Authorities) Regulations, 1949;
(2) the Rating and Valuation (Forms of Proposal and Claim) Regulations, 1949, and
(3) the Rating and Valuation (Transitional) Regulations, 1949.


Copy of an Order, dated 23rd November 1949, entitled the East Flintshire and East Denbighshire (Conservation of Water) Order, 1949, with a Certificate by the Minister of Vol. 204

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London, between the 11th and 18th days of November 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Danish, Icelandic, Italian, Luxembourg, Norwegian, Swedish and Swiss Governments adding Kenya to the List of Territories covered by the Visa Abolition Agreements.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 13th December 1949, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Development) (Scotland) Amendment No. 2 Order, 1949.

Mr. Silkin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London, between the 11th and 18th days of November 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Danish, Icelandic, Italian, Luxembourg, Norwegian, Swedish and Swiss Governments adding Kenya to the List of Territories covered by the Visa Abolition Agreements.

Mr. Barnes presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London, between the 11th and 18th days of November 1949, between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Danish, Icelandic, Italian, Luxembourg, Norwegian, Swedish and Swiss Governments adding Kenya to the List of Territories covered by the Visa Abolition Agreements.

Mr. James Griffiths presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th December 1949, entitled—

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(2) the National Insurance (General Benefit) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1949.

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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 (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1949, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act.

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) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1949, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of National Insurance in accordance with that Act.

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of Advances under the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Act, 1947, and of the Disposal of those Sums respectively, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the National Debt Commissioners in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund and of Payments under the War Damage Act, 1943, by the Board of Trade in respect of War Damage to Goods, or in respect of Interest on such Payments, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund and of Payments under the War Damage Act, 1943, by the War Damage Commission in respect of War Damage or in respect of Interest on Value Payments or on Payments under Section 18 of that Act, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Adjournment Motions under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Motions for Adjournment under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance), showing the date of such Motion, the name of the Member proposing the definite matter of urgent public importance and the result of any Division taken thereon, during Sessions 1948 and 1948-49.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting application of the Consolidated Fund and of Payments under the War Damage Act, 1943, by the War Damage Commission in respect of War Damage or in respect of Interest on Value Payments or on Payments under Section 18 of that Act, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Closure of Debate.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting application of the Consolidated Fund and of Payments under the War Damage Act, 1943, by the Board of Trade in respect of War Damage to Goods, or in respect of Interest on such Payments, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Private Bills and Private Business.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into the House of Commons and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in Sessions 1948 and 1948-49.

Of all the Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Sessions 1948 and 1948-49 have been reported on by Committees on Opposed Private Bills or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, other with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last day of the sitting of each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each Member has served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills the Pre-ambles of which were reported to have been proved; the Bills the Pre-ambles of which were reported to have been not proved; and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed.

Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in Sessions 1948 and 1948-49, have been referred by the Committee of Selection to Committees on Unopposed Bills, together with the names of the Members who served on each Committee; and the number of days on which each Committee sat; and the number of days on which each Member attended.

And, of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the parties, those Bills being specified which have been referred to Committees and dropped during the sittings of the Committee.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Public Bills, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during Sessions 1948 and 1948-49 showing:

(1) the number which received the Royal Assent;
(2) the number which did not receive the Royal Assent, indicating those which were introduced but not passed by this House, those passed by this House but not by the House of Lords, those passed by the House of Lords but not by this House, those passed by both Houses but Amendments not agreed to; and distinguishing the stages at which such Bills were dropped, postponed or rejected in either House of Parliament.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Public Petitions presented and printed in Sessions 1948 and 1948-49, with the total number of signatures in those Sessions.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Select Committees appointed in Sessions 1948 and 1948-49, 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 of Ways and Means.)
Ordered. That there be laid before this House, a Return of (1) the days on which the House sat in Sessions 1948 and 1948-49 stating for each day the date of the month and day of the week, the hour of meeting, and the hour of the adjournment; and the total number of hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after the time appointed for the interruption of Business; and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings; and (2) the days on which Business of Supply was considered.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered. That there be laid before this House, a Return for Sessions 1948 and 1948-49 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 Scottish Standing Committee, the number of days on which each Committee sat and the titles of all Bills and Estimates considered by a Standing Committee, distinguishing where a Bill was a Government Bill or was brought from the House of Lords, and showing, in the case of each Bill, the particular Standing Committee by whom it was considered, the number of days on which it was considered by the Committee, 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 of Ways and Means.)

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 on the 2nd and 16th days of March last, the 4th, 11th and 25th days of May last, and the 7th day of this instant December, 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 20th day of October 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 F No. 316.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates, and not hitherto reported, be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Select Committee on Estimates be printed.

George Craddock, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Bradford (South Division), was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill and to the Festival of Britain (Supplementary Provisions) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) — (The Prime Minister);

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 on the 2nd and 16th days of March last, the 4th, 11th and 25th days of May last, and the 7th day of this instant December, 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 B.

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Weights and Measures.

Resolved, That the Draft Sale of Food (Weights and Measures: Variation of First Schedule) Regulations, 1949, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. John Edwards.)

Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in p. 4, l. 25, at end insert Clause A (Restriction on use of Canning enclosure), the first Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Key);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, 206 ];

[Mr. George Wallace: 77 ];

Tellers for the [Major Conant, 182 ];

[Mr. Wilkins: 75 ];

[Colonel Wheatley: 75 ];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 4, l. 30, after "him" insert "and the memorial fountain if removed," the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 4, l. 31, at end insert "Provided that, if another site for the memorial fountain is agreed on by resolution of each House of Parliament, the memorial fountain shall be re-erected on such site," the remaining 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. Key);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, 206 ];

[Mr. George Wallace: 77 ];

Tellers for the [Major Conant, 182 ];

[Mr. Wilkins: 75 ];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 4, l. 30, at end insert Clause A (Restriction on use of Canning enclosure), the first Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Key);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, 206 ];

[Mr. George Wallace: 77 ];

Tellers for the [Major Conant, 182 ];

[Mr. Wilkins: 75 ];

[Colonel Wheatley: 75 ];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill in lieu of the Lords Amendments in p. 4, l. 30 and 31, disagreed to; in p. 4, l. 29, by leaving out from the word "re-erect" to the word "either," in l. 30, and inserting the words "the said fountain, if removed by him, and such of the said statues as are so removed," instead thereof; and in p. 4, l. 31, at the end, by inserting the words—

"Provided that, if the Minister by order appoints a different site for the said fountain, not being a site within either of the said gardens, the Minister may re-erect the said fountain on that different site instead of in one of the said gardens.

(2) Any power to make an order conferred on the Minister by this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument and a draft of any statutory instrument to be made in the exercise of that power shall be laid before Parliament."—(Mr. Key.)

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Bill.

And a Committee was nominated of Mr. Gibson, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Key, Mr. Peake and Mr. Kenneth Robinson.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Key)—And they are to withdraw immediately.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Festival of Britain (Supplementary Provisions) Bill; and the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 41, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 41, after "make" insert "and a metropolitan borough council may make," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privy leges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 42, leave out "or a metropolitan borough council," 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. 6, l. 43, after "constructing" insert "(including, in the case of grants by a metropolitan borough council, expenses so incurred in maintaining and operating)," 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. 6, l. 45, at end insert"; and a metropolitan borough council may borrow for the purposes of this section," 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.

The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 15th December, 1949.

A Motion was made, and the Question Supplies and being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Order, dated 5th December, 1949, entitled the Control of Engagement (Amendment) Order, 1949 (S.I. 1949, No. 2251), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of this instant December, be annulled—(Sir David Maxwell Fyfe):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Whiteley rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
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Thursday, 15th December, 1949.

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 13th day of this instant December relating to Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) had been presented to His Majesty; and that His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answers:—

I have received your Address praying that section eight of the Emergency Laws (Transitional Provisions) Act, 1946, which was continued in force until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, by the Emergency Laws (Continuance) Order, 1948, be further continued in force until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty.

I will give directions accordingly.

I have received your Address praying that Regulation seventy-six of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, which was continued in force until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, by the Emergency Laws (Continuance) Order, 1948, be further continued in force until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty.

I will give directions accordingly.

I have received your Address praying that the National Youth Employment Council and Advisory Committees for Scotland and Wales (Membership) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the Draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Civil Services, Classes I-IX, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.


The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household Employment and Training, reported to the House, That their Address of the 13th day of this instant December relating to Employment and Training 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 National Youth Employment Council and Advisory Committees for Scotland and Wales (Membership) Order, 1949, be made in the form of the Draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Civil Services, Classes I-IX, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.


The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Civil Services, Classes I-IX, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.


Appropriation Account of the Sum granted by Parliament for the Ministry of Defence for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Revenue Departments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and certain Store Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin, presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on the Three Power Meeting in Paris on the 9th and 10th days of November 1949, and Subsequent Events (with Annex).

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 15th December 1949, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Air Ministry) (Revocations) Order, 1949.

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 14th December 1949, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 32) Regulations, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Isaacs presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Review of the British Dock Strikes in 1949.

Copy of a Report by the Delegates of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the Thirty-second Session of the International Labour Conference, held at Geneva from the 8th day of June to the 2nd day of July 1949.

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 12th December 1949, entitled the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 76) Order, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Return to an Order yesterday for a Return relating to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order yesterday for a Return relating to Select Committees.

Return to an Order yesterday for a Return relating to Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.

Return to an Order yesterday for a Return relating to Standing Committees.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Account of the Sums issued out of and received from the National Coal Board in respect of Interest and Repayment of Advances, and Recoupment of Gross Expenses and Liabilities under the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, and of the Disposal of those Sums respectively, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Transactions of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court under the County Court Funds Rules for 1948, 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.

Accounts of the Czecho-Slovak Financial Claims Fund and Czecho-Slovak Refugee Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Receipts and Payments of the Anglo-Spanish and Anglo-Italian Clearing Offices for the year ended the 31st day of March 1949, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of Supply relating to Public Petitions.

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The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of a Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of Christ Church, New Radford, and All Souls, Radford, in the diocese of Southwell.

Ordered, That the Returns relating to Public Bills and Standing Committees, and the said Accounts be printed.

Ordered, That the First, Second, Third and Fourth Reports and the Special Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments be reprinted.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be reprinted.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Peace Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Married Women (Maintenance) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, in lieu of one of their Amendments to which this House hath disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Justices of the Peace Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill be reprinted.

Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Ordered, That any further Proceedings on the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Distribution of German Enemy Property Bill; and the same was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Taylor);

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, political parties, and all other organisations having political action as one of their aims, should publish annually full and adequate statements of their accounts—(Mr. Bing);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "but only if the submission of such accounts can be regulated by legislation designed to secure the fullness and accuracy of such accounts, their submission by all such organisations, and the inclusion therein of entries in respect of services rendered to each organisation concerned by other organisations or individuals or the servants of such organisations or individuals."—(Mr. Hogg).

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Studholme, 

(Major Conant: 110.)

Mr. Binns, 

Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton: 214.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Binns, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, 

(Majors Conant: 104.)

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, political parties, and all other organisations having political action as one of their aims, should publish annually full and adequate statements of their accounts.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill be reprinted.

The Noes to the Left.

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Mr. Binns, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, 

(Majors Conant: 104.)

Resolved, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Parliament Square (Improvements) Bill be reprinted.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 

Mr. Binns, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, 

(Majors Conant: 104.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Snow).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Friday, 16th December, 1949.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Hall presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 12th December 1949, relative to the fiduciary Note Issue.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th December 1949, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1949.

Copy of a Scheme, entitled the Planning Payments (War Damage) (Scotland) Scheme, 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Treasury Minute be printed.

Mr. Secretary Bevin presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report and Recommendations of the Inter-Governmental Group on the Safeguarding of Foreign Interests in Germany, with related correspondence, signed at Paris between the 25th day of October and the 10th day of November 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Woodburn presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final 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. Gaitskell presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th December 1949, entitled the Coal Mines (Horses) General Regulations, 1949.

Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Electricity (Commissioners and Others) (Compensation) Regulations, 1950.

Copy of the First Report and Statement of Accounts of the British Electricity Authority for the period from the 13th day of August 1947 to the 31st day of March 1949.

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Copy of an Order, dated 15th December 1949, entitled the Gas (Conversion Date) (No. 10 Order, 1949).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Reports be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of the Fourth Report of the Tithe Redemption Commission.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table:—


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of His Majesty's Commissions, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, to several Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, and to an Act passed under the provisions of the Parliament Act, 1911, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts and Measures therein mentioned agreed upon by both Houses; and the Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measures, as follow:


Benefices (Suspension of Presentation) Measure, 1946 (Amendment) Measure, 1949.
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After which a Commission under the Great Seal was read giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the Act therein mentioned, passed under the provisions of the Parliament Act, 1911:

(The said Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate:—
I certify, in reference to the within Bill, Mr. Speaker's that the provisions of section two of the Certificate, Parliament Act, 1911, have been duly complied with.

D. CLIFTON BROWN, Speaker.)

And afterwards, His Majesty's most gracious King's Speech. 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:

The long Session which is now ending has been marked by a continuance of the economic difficulties with which we have been confronted since the end of the war. Fortunately there is work for all, and through the sustained efforts of My People a notable increase in production has been achieved. I pray that, under the guidance of Almighty God, we shall overcome the difficulties that still beset us and reach the goal of a stable and prosperous economy.

During last winter our overseas account as a whole was brought into balance. Trade with North America still presented special problems, but the size of the gap between receipts and payments in respect of that area was being progressively reduced as the drive to increase direct and indirect dollar earnings gathered momentum. Thanks to generous assistance from the Governments and Peoples of the United States and Canada, together with the continued efforts of My People, there was every reason to believe that the gap would be closed.

In the early part of 1949 a fall in demand for goods from the United Kingdom, and from the other countries linked with sterling, seriously affected our earnings of dollars and the resultant difficulties were much intensified by a widespread belief that there would be an alteration in the value of the pound sterling in terms of the United States dollar. My Ministers took prompt action to reduce imports and to initiate discussions on some of the wider aspects of the problem. In July, a meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers was held in London to exchange views on the urgent economic problems confronting us. In September, My Ministers in the United Kingdom and Canada met representatives of the United States Government in Washington, and discussed with them the trade and financial relations between the sterling and dollar areas. Complete understanding was achieved in these
talks. There was recognition that the freer development of world trade required the sustained effort, not only of these three countries, but of all other countries which desired to promote a free exchange of goods throughout the world.

Before the Washington discussions began My Ministers had reached the conclusion that a radical adjustment would be necessary in the rate of exchange between sterling and the dollar, and an alteration in the rate was announced on 18th September. In order to make the devaluation of sterling an effective aid in foreign trade, My Ministers decided upon substantial reductions in Government expenditure and capital investment, thus maintaining their policy of disinflation as well as encouraging an increase in exports, especially to the dollar and other hard-currency areas.

An outstanding event during the Session was the conclusion of the North Atlantic Treaty, a defensive alliance of twelve Powers, each of whom has agreed, in harmony with the Charter of the United Nations, to give mutual assistance in case of armed attack. I am convinced that this Treaty will be a powerful aid to the preservation of peace and the defence of freedom.

My Government, in association with the other Governments signatory to the Brussels Treaty, have strengthened and developed the various organisations set up under that Treaty and My Navy and Air Force have taken part in joint Western Union exercises.

Persuaded of the need for closer unity between European Nations, My Government also decided to join with other European Powers in the establishment of a Council of Europe. Members of both Houses of Parliament attended the first meeting of the Consultative Assembly at Strasbourg in August as representatives from the United Kingdom. I shall watch with close interest the progress of this venture in international co-operation.

My Government have continued to play their full part in the work of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and have taken the lead, both in proposals and in action, to free a substantial part of international trade from import controls.

My Government will continue to give whole-hearted support to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

In Germany considerable progress has been achieved by My Government in close collaboration with the Governments of the United States and France. The German Federal Government established after free elections and a wide measure of responsibility has now been transferred to the German authorities. I welcome particularly the Petersberg Agreement recently concluded between the Allied High Commission and the Federal Chancellor. After Berlin had been sustained for eleven months by the Allied air-lift, adequate transport services were restored and the city has established closer relations with the Federal Republic. My Government, together with the United States and French Governments, have continued, unhappily without success so far, their efforts to reach an agreement with the Soviet Union on fundamental problems affecting Germany.

My Forces continue to bear throughout the world heavy responsibilities in maintaining order and preserving the peace. In Hong Kong, Malaya and elsewhere they are discharging their duties with their accustomed efficiency and devotion.

The Queen and I greatly regret that it was not possible for us to visit Australia and New Zealand this year, as we had hoped; and I look forward to the time when I shall have an opportunity of meeting again My Peoples in those parts of the Commonwealth.

A special conference of the Prime Ministers and other Ministers of the self-governing members of the British Commonwealth was held in London in April and I am happy to record the historic agreement then reached whereby India, whilst assuming the status of a sovereign independent Republic, will continue in full membership of the Commonwealth, with the good will of all its members. In consequence I have assented to an Act which will preserve to India and her citizens the privileges of Commonwealth status under the laws of the United Kingdom and Colonies.

On 31st March, Newfoundland became a province of Canada. My good wishes attend this union of the two countries which I pray may bring them lasting prosperity and well-being.

I have learned with pleasure of the further generous gift which My Government in the United Kingdom have received from My Government in Australia.

The steady progress of My Colonial Peoples towards self-government within the Commonwealth has recently been demonstrated by the important proposals for constitutional advance in the Gold Coast. I warmly welcomed the success of the Colonial Month and Exhibition which I inaugurated in London last June.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

I thank you for the provision which you have made for the public services.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

I have given My Assent to a measure to amend the Parliament Act, 1911, which reduces the period during which the House of Lords may delay legislative proposals in cases of disagreement between the two Chambers. I regret that it was not possible to secure agreement between both Houses on the provisions of this measure.

Legislation has been enacted extending the housing functions of local authorities; providing financial assistance towards the improvement of housing accommodation by local authorities and by private persons; and providing for the control of rents of houses and flats let for the first time since the war and for the abolition of premiums.

I have given My Assent to a Bill to establish in due course an Iron and Steel Corporation to which will subsequently be transferred the securities of certain companies extensively engaged in the steel industry.

There has been a further notable advance in the output of British agriculture, to which all those engaged in the industry have contributed. In this and other ways redoubled
efforts are being made to lessen our dependence on food from areas to which we export less than we import.

The general economic situation has required continued adherence to the policy of restraint in regard to personal incomes and limitation of dividends. The co-operation of employers and workers in giving effect to this policy deserves high praise.

An Act has been passed to give My Government the necessary powers to implement the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea.

Important changes have been made in the laws relating to patents for inventions and to registered industrial designs.

Legislation has been passed for the better protection of the coast against erosion.

I have given My Assent to an Act enabling National Parks to be established in England and Wales and nature reserves to be provided in Great Britain for the better protection of wild life.

Preparations for the Festival of Britain, 1951, are now taking shape with the cordial support of local authorities and voluntary organisations in all parts of the United Kingdom.

I have given My Assent to legislation to improve water supplies in Scotland; to protect the tenants of shops; and to amend the criminal law in Scotland and the law relating to education in that country.

A measure has been passed to make further provision for the organisation of civil defence.

The arrangements for dealing with Welsh affairs have been strengthened by the establishment of the Council for Wales and Monmouthshire.

An Act has been passed to improve the administrative and financial arrangements for magistrates' courts in England and Wales and to amend the law relating to justices of the peace. Provision has also been made for the payment of jurors and for the virtual abolition of special juries.

I have assented to measures for schemes of legal aid and advice in England and Wales and in Scotland.

Steady progress is being made in the consolidation of statute law. The law relating to agricultural holdings and agricultural wages in Scotland, civil aviation, elections, marriage, patents, registered designs and taxation of vehicles has been consolidated in this Session.

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-fourth day of January one thousand nine hundred and fifty; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the twenty-fourth day of January one thousand nine hundred and fifty.
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