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BY virtue of Her Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Tuesday the Third day of November next, to be then here holden.
A Message from Her Majesty, 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 Queen commands this Honourable House to attend Her Majesty immediately, in the House of Peers.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Holborn and St. Pancras, South, in the room of Doctor Santo Wayburn Jeger, deceased. (Mr. Whiteley.)

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

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except such Peers of Ireland as shall for the time being be actually elected, and shall not have declined to serve, for any county, city, or borough of Great Britain, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.
4 3rd November 1953

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

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

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Frederic William Metchfe, K.C.B., the Clerk of this House.

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

Parliamentary Papers (Recess). The following Papers, required by several Acts 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:

29th October 1953:

- Copy of an Order, dated 28th October 1953, entitled the White Fish Authority (Registration of Retail Merchants and Fish Friers) Regulations Confirmatory Order, 1953.

30th October 1953:

- Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1953, entitled the Mechanical Lighters Regulations, 1953.

31st October 1953:

- Copy of a Direction, dated 30th October 1953, entitled the Coal Distribution (Restriction) (Amendment) Direction, 1953.

- Copies of Orders, dated 30th October 1953, entitled—
  1. the Food (Conditions of Sale) (Revocation) Order, 1953, and
  2. the Waste of Food (Revocation) Order, 1953.

- Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1953, entitled the Control of Stone, Slag and Lime (Revocation) Order, 1953.

- Copy of an Order, dated 2nd November 1953, entitled the Iron and Steel Prices (No. 6) Supplies and Services (Raw Materials) Order, 1953.

- Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

- Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum entitled Housing Policy (Scotland).

- Mr. Walter Monckton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the National Service Act, 1948 (Duration) Order, 1953.

- Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Forty-fourth Annual Report, with Accounts, of the Port of London Authority for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

- Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Registered Designs (Extension of Period of Emergency) Order, 1953.

- Copy of an Order, dated 2nd November 1953, entitled the Iron and Steel Prices (No. 6) Supplies and Services (Raw Materials) Order, 1953.

- Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum entitled Houses, the Next Step.

- Mr. Harold Macmillan also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Great Ouse River Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

- 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—
  1. the Marriages Validity (Mount Olivet Chapel, Stalybridge) Order, 1953,
  2. the Westerleigh Compulsory Purchase Order, 1952, and
  3. the Brixworth Compulsory Purchase Order, 1953.

- Account of the Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under subsection (1) of Section 11 of the Development of Inventions Act, 1948, and of the sums...
Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had, this day, attended Her Majesty in the House of Peers, when Her Majesty was pleased to make a most Gracious Speech from the Throne to both Houses of Parliament; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy; which he read to the House, as followeth:

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:
I look forward eagerly to the visits which I am about to pay with My dear Husband to My peoples in overseas countries of the Commonwealth and Empire.

My Government will continue to regard the relaxation of international tension and the preservation of peace as prime objects of their policy. To this end they are persisting in their efforts to bring about an early meeting between the Soviet Union and the three Western Powers.

My Government will continue to take their full part in all efforts by the United Nations to promote international co-operation. The North Atlantic Alliance is fundamental to My Government's policy and they will do their utmost to keep it vital and strong.

My Government are resolved to work constantly in harmony with the Government of the United States of America. They will also continue to cooperate with their partners in Western Europe to promote European unity and economic well-being. They hope to see the early establishment of the European Defence Community and will afford it all possible support.

My Government will continue to work for a settlement of the problem of German unity, in conjunction with the Governments of France and the United States and in consultation with the German Federal Government. They will also maintain their efforts for the conclusion of an Austrian State Treaty.

Though the fighting has ceased in Korea My Forces have still a part to play there under the United Nations Command. My Government are co-operating in efforts to bring about a political conference on Korea.

My Government hope for a renewal of those friendly relations which have been traditional between this country and Persia and for an early resumption of normal diplomatic relations between the two countries.

My Government attach the utmost importance to continued consultation with their partners in the Commonwealth and will take part in the Conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers which will be held in Australia in January.

My Ministers will continue to work for the progress and well-being of the peoples of My Colonial territories and protectorates. They will seek to ensure that measures of social and political advancement and of economic development are promoted in the interests of all races.

My Government will ensure that My Forces continue to make their full contribution to world peace and stability.

A measure will be introduced to strengthen and improve the effectiveness of My Reserve Forces and a proposal to continue the present National Service Scheme for a further period will also be presented to you.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:
The Estimates for public services will be laid before you in due course.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:
It will be the constant aim of My Ministers to strengthen the national economy and thereby to safeguard the high standards of the social services and the stability of employment. To this end they will strive for a further improvement in the balance of overseas payments by encouraging the expansion of exports and of services earning income from abroad.

My Ministers will continue to encourage the building of houses and schools. They will also stimulate a vigorous resumption of slum clearance. Legislation will be introduced to facilitate the repair and improvement of existing houses both by local authorities and private owners.

Bills will be laid before you to amend the financial provisions of the Town and Country Planning Acts and the existing arrangements for payment of equalisation grant to local authorities in Scotland.

Legislation will be introduced to effect household reform in England and Wales and in Scotland.

My Ministers will continue to encourage the agricultural industry to increase food production and improve the quality and efficiency of home output. My Ministers are consulting farmers and the trades concerned about new methods of providing price guarantees and of marketing which will be required as rationing and allocation cease to be necessary.

My Government will also continue to pay close attention to the welfare of the fishing industry.

Proposals will be laid before you for the transfer of responsibility for atomic energy from the Ministry of Supply to a statutory corporation.

A measure will be introduced to bring the salaries of the judges of My Superior Courts of Law in the United Kingdom more into keeping with the dignity and responsibilities of their office.

Legislation will be proposed to revise, consolidate and extend the law on the safety, health and welfare of miners and quarrymen, to provide benefit for certain further cases of disablement from industrial diseases, to amend and consolidate the law relating to food and drugs and to restrict night working in the baking industry.

received under Section 8 of that Act, from the National Research Development Corporation in respect of Interest and Repayment of Advances and of the Disposal of those Sums respectively, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Royal Air Force Prize Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Speaker reported Her Majesty's Speech.

Royal Air Force Prize Fund.
No. 2.
My Ministers are attentively examining the Road Traffic Acts with a view to introducing further legislation to improve road safety and promote the orderly use of the roads. Bills will be introduced to amend the constitution of the National Gallery and the Tate Gallery, to provide for a new governing body for the National Museum of Antiquities in Scotland and to prolong the powers of the National Film Finance Corporation.

Among other measures which you will be invited to pass will be Bills to remove the restrictions at present imposed upon private persons wishing to trade in raw cotton and wind up the Raw Cotton Commission and to reconspire electricity supply in Scotland.

My Ministers will lay before you their proposals for carrying out their policy for television development.

My Ministers will give further consideration to the question of reform of the House of Lords.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God will rest upon your counsels.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Kaberry.)

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume I, Part 12, County of Caithness.

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. Université 297 (No. 1 of the University Council of the Universities of Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh) (Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)).

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd November 1953, entitled the Nickel Prohibited Uses (Board of Trade) (Revocation) Order, 1953.

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

Miss Horsbrugh presented, pursuant to the direction's an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th June 1953, entitled the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council (Land in Corporation Road, Redcar) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1953, 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.

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 Cinematograph Films received from the Consolidated Fund under subsection (1) of Section 7 of the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Act, 1949, and of the Sums received under subsection (2) of Section 4 of that Act, from the National Film Finance Corporation in respect of Interest and Repayment of Advances and of the Disposal of those sums respectively, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Schedules containing Lists and Particulars Public Records of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the undermentioned offices which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office:—

(1) Forestry Commission, and
(2) Military Prisons, Detention Barracks and Corrective Establishments.

Ordered, That the Paper relating to Cinematograph Films be printed.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as Standing Orders amended, 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 communicate that they have come to a Resolution, viz. :—That it is desirable that in the present Session all Consolidation Bills, Statute Law Revision Bills and
The Prime Minister, supported by Captain Crookshank, Mr. James Thomas, Mr. Secretary Head, Mr. Birch and Mr. Ward, presented a Bill to make further provision for the liability to be recalled to service of certain persons who have served in the armed forces of the Crown and for purposes connected with the matter aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd, supported by Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter and Mr. Profumo, presented a Bill to increase the borrowing powers of the British Overseas Airways Corporation and the British European Airways Corporation; to make provision for the payment of pension benefits in respect of the service of members of those corporations; and to amend the law with respect to the limitation of actions and other proceedings against those corporations or their servants or agents: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Gammans, supported by Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, presented a Bill to provide for raising further money for the development of the postal, telegraphic and telephonic systems and of any other business of the Post Office; and for purposes connected with that matter: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, supported by Mr. Coton, Mr. Amory and Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, presented a Bill to modify the functions of the Raw Cotton Commission, to repeal the monopoly provisions of the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Act, 1947, and to make consequential provisions; and respects members, officers, servants and agents of the Commission; to make provision for enabling the Commission to be wound up and dissolved; 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. Boyd-Carpenter 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.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented a Bill to grant money for the purpose of certain local loans out of the Local Loans Fund: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Secretary Stuart, Mr. Attorney General and the Lord Advocate, presented a Bill to increase the salaries attached to certain high judicial offices and to regulate the payments to be made to Judges of the High Court in England in respect of their expenses when acting under commissions of assize and other commissions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

The uncertainity of human life leads me to put you in mind of the possibility that a child of Myself and My dear Husband may accede to the Throne whilst under the age of eighteen years and I would recommend to your consideration whether it be not expedient to provide that, in that event and also in the event of a Regency becoming necessary during My lifetime while there is no child or grandchild of Ours who can be the Regent, My Husband should be the Regent and be charged with the guardianship of the person of the Sovereign. I would also recommend that you should take into consideration the expediency of amending the law so that the heir apparent or heir presumptive to the Throne should be capable of being Regent if he or she has attained the age of eighteen years.

Further it is My desire to put you in mind that it will not under existing law be competent, on occasion arising hereafter for a delegation of royal functions to Counsellors of State, for My Mother to be of the Counsellors. Consideration of the affection and confidence which you and all my people have evinced for and in Her leads me to recommend that you should take into consideration also the expediency of securing to Her the opportunity of rendering as a Counsellor of State further service to you and to the Crown.

I shall be prepared to concur with you in any provision for amendment of the Regency Acts, 1937 and 1943, or other measures which may appear to you necessary or expedient for securing the purposes to which I have alluded.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty to return to Her Majesty the thanks of this House for Her Majesty's Most Gracious Message recommending this House to consider certain matters involving amendment of the Regency Acts, 1937 and 1943, and to assure Her Majesty that this House will, with the least possible delay, proceed to the discussion of the important questions which Her Majesty has been pleased to recommend to its consideration, and will proceed to provide such measures as may appear necessary or expedient for securing the purposes to which Her Majesty has alluded.—(Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

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

(1) save as provided in paragraphs (2) and (5) 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 the following Fridays, namely, the 4th day of December next, the 29th day of January next, the 12th and 26th days of February next, the 12th and 26th days of March next, the 9th day of April next, the 7th and 21st days of May next and the 25th day of June next;

(3) on and after Friday, the 9th day of April next, Public Bills other than Government Bills shall be arranged on the Order Paper in the following order:—Consideration of Lords Amendments, Third Readings, Considerations of Report not already entered upon, adjourned Proceedings on Consideration, Bills in progress in Committee, Bills appointed for Committee and Second Readings;

(4) the ballot for unofficial Members' Bills shall be held on Thursday the 12th day of this instant November under arrangements to be made by Mr. Speaker, and the Bills shall be presented at the commencement of Public Business on Wednesday, the 18th day of this instant November;

(5) unofficial Members' Notices of Motions and unofficial Members' Bills shall have precedence in that order over Government Business on the following Fridays, namely, the 27th day of this instant November, the 11th day of December next, the 5th and 19th days of February next, the 5th and 19th days of March next, the 2nd and 30th days of April next and the 14th and 28th days of May next; and no Notices of Motions shall be handed in for these Fridays in anticipation of the ballots under paragraph (6) of this Order;

(6) ballots for precedence of unofficial Members' Notices of Motions shall be held after Questions on the following Wednesdays, namely, the 11th and 25th days of this instant November, the 27th day of January next, the 3rd and 17th days of February next, the 3rd and 17th days of March next, the 14th and 28th days of April next and the 12th day of May next; and

(7) until after Wednesday the 18th day of this instant November no unofficial Member shall give notice of Motion for leave to bring in a Bill under the Standing Order (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business) or for presenting a Bill under the Standing Order (Presentation and first reading).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That an humble Address be presented to Her 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.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges consist of Ten Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Asheton, Mr. Attlee, Mr. Attorney General, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Ede, Mr. Elliot, Sir Hartley Shawcross, Mr. Viant and Captain Waterhouse.

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

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Cedric Drew.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider every Statutory Instruments Act, 1946, where

(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 if they so determine, to report to that effect:—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Blyton, Mr. Harold Davies, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hector Hughes, Dr. King, Mr. Powell, Mr. Renton, Sir Harold Roper and Mr. Spence.
Ordered, That the Committee have the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House, 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 to submit a memorandum explaining 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 Her Majesty's Stationery Office, relating to the printing and publication of any Instrument.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—

(a) the arrangements made in regard to the allocation of accommodation in this House, the authorities by whom that accommodation is allocated, and the use at present made thereof;

(b) the amenities necessary to enable Members to carry out efficiently the services required of them;

(c) the desirability of appointing a Sessional Committee to review and report from time to time on the findings and recommendations which may be made by the Select Committee; and

(d) the methods of appointment of the staff at all levels in the employment of this House.—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Bing, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Daines, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Grimond, Sir Edward Keeling, Miss Lee, Mr. McCorquodale, Mr. McLeavy, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Pannell, Mr. Henry Price, Mr. Stokes and Sir Herbert Williams.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on House of Commons Accommodation, &c., in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Committee.

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

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the extent to which the Members' Fund fulfils, under present conditions, the purposes for which it was set up, and upon the nature and extent of the expenditure incurred by Members of this House in the performance of their duties and also upon the practice of Commonwealth and Foreign Parliaments for meeting comparable expenditure incurred by their Members in this field:—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Brooke, Sir Herbert Butcher, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Glennis Hall, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Orbach, Mr. Robson-Brown, Mr. George Strauss, Mr. Viant and Mr. Geoffrey Wilson.

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

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Army Act and the Air Force Act, and to make recommendations for the Amendment thereof and to consider and report on the advisability of enacting the said Acts or parts thereof permanently:—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Bing, Mr. Bowen, Wing Commander Bullus, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Hylton-Foster, Mr. Nield, Mr. Paget, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Sir Patrick Spens, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Wigg and Mr. Wyatt.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to communicate from time to time with the Departmental Drafting Committee to be appointed to assist them by the Secretary of State for War and the Secretary of State for Air.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committees on the Army Act and the Air Force Act in the last two Sessions of Parliament be referred to the Committee.

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

Resolved, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
MR. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on 24th June 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government concerning arrangements for the establishment of Revolving Loan Funds in the Uganda Protectorate and Tanganyika (with counterpart funds derived from States of America Economic Aid under subsection (e) of Section 9 of the Mutual Security Act of 1952).

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Rome on the 19th day of September 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Italian Government further amending the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 21st day of December 1950.

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

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the British Guiana (Constitution) (Temporary Provisions) Order in Council, 1953.

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

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Decontrol of Food and Marketing of Agricultural Produce.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 3rd November 1953, entitled—

(1) the Public Health (Condensed Milk) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953, and

(2) the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953.

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

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th November 1953, entitled the Nickel Prohibited Uses (Minister of Supply) (Revocation) Order, 1953.

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

The Prime Minister, supported by Secretary Regency Bill.

Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, presented a Bill to provide that, in the event of a Regency becoming necessary under the Regency Act, 1937, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh shall in certain circumstances be the Regent, to provide that the heir apparent or heir presumptive to the Throne shall be deemed for the purposes of that Act to be of full age if he or she has attained the age of eighteen years, to add Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to the persons to whom royal functions may be delegated as Counsellors of State, 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. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to the issue and recall of bank notes by the Bank of England: 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 Queen's Speech resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. 

(Mr. Stddholme.)

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 (House of Commons).
Ordered, That Four be the Quorum of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint Sub-Committees and to delegate to such Sub-Committees any of the powers upon them conferred for controlling the arrangements for the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms in the department of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House.

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

Ordered, That every such Sub-Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the 4th Consolidation, day of this instant November communicating &c., Bills. the Resolution, That it is desirable that in the present Session all Consolidation Bills, Statute Law Revision Bills and Bills presented under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949, together with the Memoranda laid and any representations made with respect thereto under the Act, be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration—(Mr. Studholme)—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. Studholme.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith ; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

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Ordered, That the Lords Message of the 4th Consolidation, day of this instant November communicating &c., Bills. the Resolution, That it is desirable that in the present Session all Consolidation Bills, Statute Law Revision Bills and Bills presented under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949, together with the Memoranda laid and any representations made with respect thereto under the Act, be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration—(Mr. Studholme)—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

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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.

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the 4th Consolidation, day of this instant November communicating &c., Bills. the Resolution, That it is desirable that in the present Session all Consolidation Bills, Statute Law Revision Bills and Bills presented under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949, together with the Memoranda laid and any representations made with respect thereto under the Act, be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration—(Mr. Studholme)—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. Studholme.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith ; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the 4th Consolidation, day of this instant November communicating &c., Bills. the Resolution, That it is desirable that in the present Session all Consolidation Bills, Statute Law Revision Bills and Bills presented under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949, together with the Memoranda laid and any representations made with respect thereto under the Act, be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration—(Mr. Studholme)—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

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

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Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(Mr. Studholme.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith ; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment. being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Studholme)—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.
Copy of the Annual Report of the Wear and Tees River Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

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:


The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant November, That an humble Address be presented to Her 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, having regard to the confusion and uncertainty which exist in the agricultural industry due to the Government's vacillation, humbly regret that the Gracious Speech and Command Paper No. 8989, since issued, contain no proposals adequate to restore confidence to farmers and farm-workers and so to insure the continued expansion of agricultural production."—(Mr. Thomas Williams.)

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. Bowden;
Mr. Pearson: 275.

Tellers for the Noes,
Sir Cedric Drewe: 311.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Kaberry):—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 a quarter of an hour before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report of the West Sussex River Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

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 Keighley ( Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1953.

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

Mr. Eric Fletcher reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, supported by Mr. Henry Strauss and Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented a Bill to extend the period during which loans and advances may be made under the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Acts, 1949 and 1950; to authorise the National Film Finance Corporation to enter into special arrangements with respect to certain loans; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Peake, supported by Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, Mr. Iain Macleod, Mr. Turton and Brigadier Smyth, presented a Bill to amend the Pneumoconiosis and Byssinosis Benefit Act, 1951, by applying it to diseases in respect of which compensation was payable under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, and by making provision for the payment of benefit for partial disablement and for purposes incidental thereto: 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 no Notices of Motions on going into Committee of Supply on the Navy, Army, or Civil Estimates be given in anticipation of the ballot to be held on the first Thursday in February.——(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:——

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:——

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

“But humbly regret that the Gracious Speech contains no reference to, or provision for dealing with, the high cost of food, which is bearing so heavily on households with small incomes, and particularly on the old-age pensioners.”——(Dr. Summerskill.)

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. Bowden, Mr. Pearson;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Sir Cedric Drew.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her 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 Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, Supply.——(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, Ways and Means.——(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

The Committee of Public Accounts was Publicly nominated of Mr. Benson, Mr. Blinkinson, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Godber, Mr. Hoy, Mr. David Jones, Sir Edward Keeling, Sir John Mellor, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Powell, Mr. Steele, Captain Waterhouse and Mr. West.——(Mr. Kaberry.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[No. 7.]

Wednesday, 11th November, 1953.

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

PRAYERS.

Maj. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report on the Result of an Investigation under Section 30 of the Local Government Act, 1948, on the Equalisation Grant in Scotland.

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

Mr. Molson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Petition and Draft Charter relating to the incorporation of University College, Hull.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Return to an Order yesterday, for a Return relating to Estimates.

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

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Six Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as a Joint Committee to consider all Consolidation Bills, Statute Law Revision Bills and Bills presented under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949, together with the Memoranda laid and any Representations made with respect thereto under the Act in the present Session; and they request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Mr. Harold Macmillan, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Captain Crookshank and Mr. Marples, presented a Bill to make further provision for the clearance and redevelopment of areas of unfit housing accommodation, and for securing or promoting the reconditioning and maintenance of houses; and otherwise to amend the enactments relating to housing and rent control: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter and Commandr Galbraith, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the payment of Exchequer Grants to local authorities in Scotland in lieu of the grants payable to such authorities under Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948; with respect to the apportionment of the expenditure of county councils among burghs and landward areas, of the expenses of joint committees and other bodies among their constituent authorities, and of the payments made under Part V of the said Act of 1948, for the benefit of local authorities in Scotland by the British Transport Commission, the British Electricity Authority and the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board among those local authorities; 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 Regency Bill was, according to Order, Regency Bill, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Lieut.-Commandr Thompson.)

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

The Air Corporations Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Lennox-Boyd, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Air 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 increase the borrowing powers of the British Overseas Airways Corporation and the British European Airways Corporation, it is expedient to authorise such increases—

(a) in the sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under section ten of the Air Corporations Act, 1949, being sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling guarantees given under that section;

(b) in the sums paid into the Exchequer under that section, being sums received by way of repayment of any sums so issued,

as may be attributable to the provisions of the said Act raising the limit on money borrowed by the British Overseas Airways Corporation from sixty million pounds to eighty million pounds, and the limit on money borrowed by the British European Airways Corporation from twenty million pounds to thirty-five million pounds.—(Mr. Lennox-Boyd.)

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 Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Wills.)

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

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

(In the Committee.)

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

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, the Road Traffic Act, 1934, and the Population (Statistics) Act, 1938, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, and the Licensing Act, 1953, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, being expenses, which under any Act are to be defrayed out of such moneys; and

(b) such issues out of the Consolidated Fund, the raising of such moneys under the National Loans Act, 1939, and such payments into the Exchequer, as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Civil Contingencies Fund Act, 1952, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

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 put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Transport Licence, 1953, dated 20th July 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 21st day of July 1953, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled—(Mr. Ernest Davies);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the 

Mr. Popplewell,  
Mr. Arthur Allen:  

Yees,  
152.

Tellers for the 

Major Conant,  
Mr. Vosper:  

Noes,  
194.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Miscellaneous Controls (Revocation) Order, 1953, dated 10th July 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 11th day of July 1953, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled—(Sir Hugh Linstead);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the 

Mr. Wigg,  
Mr. Simmons:  

Yees,  
145.

Tellers for the 

Sir Cedric Drewe,  
Major Conant:  

Noes,  
141.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 12th November, 1953:

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.
MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 11th November, 1953.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairman) Mr. Speaker this day nominated Major Anstruther-Gray, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Colegate, Mr. Erroll, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Hubbard, Sir Austin Hudson, Wing Commander Hubert, Mr. Henry Hynd, Mr. Malcolm MacPherson, Mr. Rogers, Sir Leonard Ropner, Mr. George Thomson and Sir Gordon Touche to be the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

[No. 8.]

Thursday, 12th November, 1953.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order made upon the 22nd day of July 1953, in the last Session of Parliament, that the Paper relating to Acquisition of Land do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Third Report of the Scottish Local Government Law Consolidation Committee.

Copy of a Draft of a Police (Scotland) Bill prepared by the Scottish Local Government Law Consolidation Committee.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th November 1953, entitled the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1953.

Copy of Local Financial Returns for Scotland for the year 1948-49.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th November 1953, entitled the Timber (Control) (Revocation) Order, 1953.

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 Receipts and Expenditure under Section 5 of the Petroleum (Production) Act, 1934, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Sugar Industry (Research Sugar, and Education) Fund, showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Account relating to Sugar be printed.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

A Clause (Construction of Counsellors of State)—(Mr. Gordon Walker)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

The Post Office and Telegraph [Money] Bill Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for raising further money for the development of the postal, telegraphic and telephonic systems and of any other business of the Post Office, it is expedient—

(i) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums, not exceeding
in the whole one hundred and twenty-five million pounds, as may be required for the purposes of such development as aforesaid;

(ii) to authorise the Treasury to borrow by means of terminable annuities, or in any other manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing money for sums so authorised to be issued, or for repaying to the Consolidated Fund all or any part of the sums so issued, and to authorise payment into the Exchequer of any sums so borrowed;

(iii) to provide for the payment of such terminable annuities out of moneys provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, or, if those moneys are insufficient out of the Consolidated Fund;

(iv) to authorise the repayment into the Exchequer of such sums as are equal to the excess of—

(a) the sums authorised to be issued under paragraph (i) of this Resolution;

(b) the sums borrowed by means of such annuities as are payable under the said Act of the present Session out of moneys provided by Parliament and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of interest on the sums so authorised to be repaid;

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

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.

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. Deedes, Mr. Driberg, Mr. Holman, Lieutenant-Colonel Hyde, Sir Edward Keeling, Mr. Langford-Holt, Mr. Nally, Dr. Stross, Mr. Storey, Mrs. White and Mr. Gerald Williams.

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

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

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

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

Adjournment.

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

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. Kaberry.)

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Memorandum on Television Policy.

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

Mr. Gammans presented, by Her Majesty’s Broadcasting Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on Television Policy.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Captain Crookshank, the Lord Advocate and Commander Galbraith, presented a Bill to make further provision as respects Scotland for the clearance and redevelopment of areas of unfit housing accommodation, and for securing or promoting the reconditioning and maintenance of houses, and otherwise to amend the enactments relating to housing and rent control; to provide for disregarding for the purposes of valuation and rating increases in the rent of certain houses in respect of expenditure incurred in reconditioning and maintaining those houses; to limit the rates payable by owners of rent-controlled houses; 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 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. Legh.)

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

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the Consolidation, 11th day of this instant November relating to the appointment of a Committee on Consolidation Bills, Statute Law Revision Bills and Bills presented under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Legh.)

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Six Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider all Consolidation Bills, Statute Law Revision Bills and Bills presented under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949, together with the Memoranda laid and any Representations made with respect thereto under the Act, in the present Session.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Forman, Sir Geoffrey Hutchinson, Mr. Janner, Sir Hugh Linwood, Mr. Niall Macpherson and Mr. Oliver.

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

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations dated 12th November 1953, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations, 1953.

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

Mr. Sir Geoffrey Hutchinson, Mr. Janner, Sir Hugh Linwood, Mr. Niall Macpherson and Mr. Oliver.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records; and to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House.

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House hath appointed a Committee of Six Members, of whom Three shall be a Quorum, with power to send for persons, papers and records and to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House, to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider the Bills aforesaid: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

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

[No. 10.]

Monday, 16th November, 1953.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That Her Majesty, having been attended with their Address of the 10th day of this instant November, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

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

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 11th day of this instant November relating to Supplies and Services had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the Miscellaneous Controls (Revocation) Order, 1953, be annulled.

I will give directions accordingly.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 11th day of this instant November relating to Double Taxation Relief had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that, on the ratification by the Greek Government of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Draft of an Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Greece) Order, 1953, a copy of which was presented on 20th October in the last Session of Parliament, an Order may be made in the form of that Draft.

I will comply with your request.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to Army Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Home Guard, 1952.

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

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report for the Importation of Spirits, 1952, 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. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the Census, 1951, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of London.

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


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

Rodney Graham Page, Esquire, Member for New Members sworn.

Douglas Glover, Esquire, Member for Ormskirk, was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question National Service. being put, That this House, whilst accepting the necessity for national service in present circumstances, nevertheless considers that the time has now arrived when the period of service should be determined by Parliament on Affirmative Resolution, not less frequently than once a year.—(Mr. Attlee); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yes, (Mr. Pearson: } 261. Tellers for the Noes, (Sir Cedric Drewe: } 304. So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

Monday, 16th November, 1953.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker this day certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill and the Housing (Repairs and Rent) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

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 Mr. Longden to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Baker White, resigned.

[No. 11]

Tuesday, 17th November, 1953.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Glasgow Corporation (Water &c.): And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1953; entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 4) Order, 1953.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Convention between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on Social Security (with Protocol) signed at London on the 13th day of October 1953 (The Convention and Protocol have not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government).

Copy of a Convention for the Establishment of a European Organisation for Nuclear Research (including a Financial Protocol) signed at Paris on the 1st day of July 1953 (The Convention and Protocol have not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of Further Correspondence exchanged International Situation November 1953, between Her Majesty's Gov- ernment in the United Kingdom and the Soviet Government regarding the International Situation.

Copy of a Protocol modifying the Inter- national Convention of the 22nd day of February 1949 for the Permanent Control of Outbreak Areas of the Red Locust, signed at London on the 29th day of October 1953.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th November 1953, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations, 1953.

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

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme entitled the Coastal Flood- ing (Acreage Payments) Scheme (No. 2) 1953.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Annual Reports for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953—

(1) of the South West Wales River Board, and

(2) of the Welland River Board.

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 North Riding of Yorkshire County Council (Land in Corporation Road, Redcar) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1953.

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 the Public Records, of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in Her Majesty's Stationery Office which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Chairman's Panel, several Resolu- tions; which were read, as follows:

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.

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

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills do meet in Committee Room C on Thursday next, at Eleven of the clock.

The House proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Business of the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the National Service 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, (Sir Cedric Drewe, Major Conant: 288, Mr. Usborne, Mr. McGovern: 38,
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Ways and Means.

(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 to authorise any increase in the sums which, under the Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Act, 1949,—

(a) may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund to be applied as appropriations in aid of moneys provided by Parliament for the provision of housing accommodation for persons serving in, or employed in connection with, the armed forces of the Crown,

(b) may be raised by the Treasury in manner authorised under the National Loans Act, 1939,

(c) are to be repaid into the Exchequer out of moneys provided by Parliament for the defence services, and

(d) are to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund and applied in redemption or repayment of debt or payment of interest, being an increase attributable to amending the said Act of 1949 by extending the period during which sums may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund to be applied as appropriations in aid as aforesaid until the end of the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty, and by increasing the aggregate amount of the sums which may be so issued to seventy-five million pounds.-(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

To report Resolution, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

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 Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, 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. Kaberry);

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. Kaberry.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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[No. 12.]

Wednesday, 18th November, 1953.

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

PRAYERS.

THE House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Corporation (Water &c.) Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th November 1953, entitled the Increase of Pensions (Extension) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 17th November 1953, entitled—

(1) the Dried Fruits (Revocation) Order, 1953, and
(2) the Fish (Returnable Containers) (Revocation) Order, 1953.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee, that, in pursuance of subsection (3) of Section 1 of the Parliament Act, 1911, they had appointed from the Chairmen's Panel Mr. Bowles and Sir Gordon Touche to be the two Members whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had appointed the following Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B as the Committee on Opposed Bills:

Mr. Erroll, Mr. Finch, Mr. Garner-Evans, Mr. Hayman, Major Hicks-Beach, Mr. Holt, Mr. Janner, Sir Hugh Lin stead, Mr. Logan, Mr. Longden, Mr. Marlowe, Mr. Mott-Radclyffe, Mr. William Reid, Mr. Goronwy Roberts, Mr. Willey and Mr. Ronald Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had appointed the following Eight Members to serve on the Standing Orders Committee under the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Appointment of Standing Orders Committee):

Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Leslie Lever, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Mott, Sir Leonard Hopner, Mr. Steele, Sir Gordon Touche and Mr. Charles Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that, in pursuance of the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), they had selected the following Twenty-two Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936: Mr. Alexander Anderson, Mr. Clunie, Commander Donaldson, Captain Duncan, Mr. Forman, Mr. Grimond, Lord John Hope, Lieutenant-Commander Hutchison, Sir Guy Lloyd, Major McCullum, Mr. Mackie, Mrs. Main, Mr. Manuel, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pryde, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Spence, Mr. Steele, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Thomson, Lady Tweedsmuir and Colonel Thornton-Kemsley.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had nominated the following Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee A: Mr. Adams, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Braine, Wing Commander Bullus, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Drayson, Mr. Eanburgh, Mr. Gower, Mr. Grey, Mr. John Hall, Mr. Harden, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hirst, Mr. Moseby, Mr. Page, Mr. Parker, Mr. Swingler, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gerald Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves Bill): Major Beamish, Mr. Birch, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. William Griffiths, Mr. Grimond, Mr. John Thomas Hall, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Hutchison, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, Mr. Neave, Commander Noble, Mr. Paget, Mr. Peart, Mr. Peyton, Captain Pilkington, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Mr. Redmayne, Captain Ryder, Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Sirachey, Mr. Ward, Mr. Wigg and Mr. Wyatt.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had nominated the following Twenty-two Members to serve on Standing Committee B: Mr. Baker, Mr. Bence, Mr. Bierden, Brigadier Clarke, Mr. Darling, Mrs. Ford, Mr. Garner-Evans, Mr. Glanville, Mr. Glover, Mr. Gough, Mr. Walter Hudson, Mr. Irving, Mr. Jeger, Viscount Lambton, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Leslie Thomas, Mr. Percy Wells, Mr. Wheelton and Mr. Llewellyn Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had designated Standing Committee B as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, after a Bill has been under consideration in a Standing Committee, no application for changes in the composition of that Committee in respect of that Bill will be entertained by this Committee, except in the case where a Member is incapacitated from attendance by illness.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Moore, supported by Sir Robert Cary, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Maclay, Mr. John Mackintosh, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Frederick Jones, Mr. Ross, Miss Burton, Miss Herison and Colonel Clarke, presented a Bill to implement certain recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into the Slaughter of Horses, and otherwise to amend the enactments relating to the slaughter of animals:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of January next, and to be printed.

Viscountess Davidson, supported by Miss Bacon, Mr. Finlay, Colonel Gomme-Dupuy, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Sir Arnold Gridley, Mr. Mulley, Mr. Paton, Miss Pitt, Miss Ward, Mr. Willey and Sir Herbert Williams, presented a Bill to repeal the Animals (Anaesthetics) Act, 1919, and to extend the provisions of the Protection of Animals Acts in relation to the performance of operations on animals: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of February next, and to be printed.

Mr. William Paling, supported by Mr. Finch, Mr. Frederick Jones, Dr. Broughton, Dr. Stross, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Monslow, Miss Herison, Mr. Ellis Smith, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. Sylvester and Mr. David Griffiths; presented a Bill to ensure the representation of employees in the establishment and maintenance of standards and conditions of safety and health in employment; and for the national co-ordination and co-operation of interested parties in matters of occupational safety and health: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of March next, and to be printed.

Lady Tweedsmuir, supported by Mr. Alexander Anderson, Major Beamish, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Grimood, Mr. Gwennell Hall, Air Commodore Harvey, Lord John Hope, Mr. Noel-Baker, Mr. Ormsby-Gore and Mr. Thomas Williams, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the protection of birds: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of December next, and to be printed.

Mr. Watkins, supported by Mr. Llywelyn Williams, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Percy Morris, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. West, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Frederick Jones, Mr. Goronwy Roberts, Mr. Wade and Mr. Black, presented a Bill to amend the requirements of the Marriage Act, 1949, relating to marriages in registration districts in which neither party to the marriage resides: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of March next, and to be printed.

Sir Wavell Wakefield, supported by Mr. Arbuthnot, Mr. Bottomley, Mr. Burden, Miss Burton, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Grimond, Brigadier Medlicott, Mr. Rhodes, Vol. 209

Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Spence and Miss Ward, presented a Bill to extend the application of the Hire-Purchase Act, 1938, and the Hire Purchase and Small Debt (Scotland) Act, 1932; and to make further provision as to postponed orders for specific delivery of goods under the said Act of 1938: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Alport, supported by Mr. Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Turner and Mr. Longden, presented a Bill to amend section five of the National Insurance Act, 1946, so as to permit the crediting of contributions for all purposes to an insured person exempted from liability to pay contributions on the ground of small income: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Peyton, supported by Mr. Hylton-Foster, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Paget, Sir Edward Boyle, Mr. Holland-Martin, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Turner-Samuels and Mr. Ronald Bell, presented a Bill to assimilate, in certain respects and subject to certain exceptions and special provisions, the law applicable to proceedings against public authorities (including the Crown) and persons acting in pursuance or execution or intended execution of enactments that are applicable in other cases; to amend the law as to the time limited for bringing legal proceedings and as to the survival of causes of action against the estates of deceased persons; 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 4th day of December next, and to be printed.

Mr. William Williams, supported by Mr. Harold Wilson, Mr. Robens, Mr. Marquand, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Darling, Mrs. Slater and Mr. Forman, presented a Bill to amend the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1952: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Spearman, supported by Mr. Astor, Mr. Hylton-Foster, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. Maude, Lady Tweedsmuir, Mr. Usborne, Mr. Ion Winterbottom and Mr. Wood, presented a Bill to prohibit the killing of animals by strychnine or other cruel poisons; to amend the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Remnant, supported by Mr. Braine, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Mr. Burden, Major Beamish, Mr. Russell, Mr. Hastings, Viscountess Davidson and Mr.Reader Harris, presented a Bill to extend the powers of the courts to disqualify for having custody of animals persons convicted of cruelty to them and to increase the maximum fine for offences of cruelty to animals; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the
first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of February next, and to be printed.


Mr. Marshall, supported by Mr. Cooper-Key, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Greville Howard, Mr. Leather, Mr. Nabarbo, Captain Orr, Sir Harold Roper, Lady Tweedsmuir, Mr. Gerald Williams and Mr. Geoffrey Wilson, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries with special responsibility for fishery; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of March next, and to be printed.

Pool Betting Bill. Bill 29.

Mr. Mulley, supported by Mr. Blyton, Mr. Burden, Mr. Higgs, Mr. John Mallalieu, Brigadier Medlicott, Mr. Mikardo, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Nally, Mr. Padley, Mr. Pear and Mr. Tomney, presented a Bill to regulate the disposal of moneys and to provide for the publication of certain accounts and information in connection with pool betting; to permit ready money bets in certain circumstances by way of pool betting conducted by post; and in that connection to repeal the Ready Money Football Betting Act, 1920, and to restrict the application of the Betting Act, 1853; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of January next, and to be printed.


Mr. Frederic Harris, supported by Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Willey, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Thompson, Mr. McAdden, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Duthie, Sir Herbert Williams, Sir Herbert Butcher, Sir Robert Cary and Mr. Peart, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Juries Act, 1949, as to payments in respect of jury service: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of December next, and to be printed.


Mr. Harvey, supported by Mr. Kerr, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Russell, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Crossland, Mr. Maude, Mr. Follick, Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Fienburgh, presented a Bill to exempt international airports from the restrictions on the times at which intoxicating liquor may be sold or supplied: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of March next, and to be printed.

Coroners Bill. Bill 32.

Mr. Nabarbo, supported by Mr. Mitchell, Mr. William Bennett, Mr. Willey, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Hylton-Foster, Viscount Lambton, Mr. Follick, Mr. William Wells and Sir Herbert Williams, presented a Bill to amend the law as to the fees and allowances payable by coroners to witnesses, to persons summoned to attend as witnesses and to medical practitioners making post mortem examinations by the coroner's direction or at the coroner's request: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of February next, and to be printed.

Representation of the People (St. Albans) Bill. Bill 33.

Mr. Grimston, supported by Mr. Hollis, Mr. Edward Mallalieu, Mr. Rrenton and Mr. Wade, presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to the conduct of parliamentary elections in the St. Albans Division of Hertfordshire: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of March next, and to be printed.

Colonel Stoddart-Scott, supported by Sir William Darling, Dr. Stross, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mrs. Ford, Miss Pitt, Mr. Vaughan-Morgan, Mr. Llywelyn Williams and Sir Douglas Savory, presented a Bill to make it compulsory for the exchange of certificates of medical examination between persons before marriage: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Scott, supported by Mr. John Morrison, Colonel Clarke, Mr. Beresford Craddock, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Sir Fergus Graham, Mr. Hurd and Viscount Lambton, presented a Bill to amend the law in regard to the protection of salmon and freshwater fish in England and Wales; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of March next, and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cotton Bill: Second Reading of the Cotton Bill.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

 Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Sir Cedric Driew; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Pearson;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, by Her Majesty's Cotton [Money]. Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Cotton [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 modify the functions of the Raw Cotton Commission, and to enable the said Commission to be wound up and dissolved, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums authorised to be so issued under section twenty-one of the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Act, 1947;

(b) to authorise the raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the
National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing, or of replacing in the Consolidated Fund, any increase in those sums which is so attributable;

(c) in the event of the winding up of the said Commission, to authorise
- the cancellation of all or any of the liabilities of the Commission in respect of initial and periodical advances under the said Act of 1947;
- the making good, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any deficiency of assets resulting from the winding up of the Commission, or, as the case may be, the payment into the Exchequer of any surplus moneys resulting therefrom.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

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.

Mr. Studholme reported from the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Armed Forces Housing Loans.

That it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums which, under the Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Act, 1949:

(a) may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund to be applied as appropriations in aid of moneys provided by Parliament for the provision of housing accommodation for persons serving in, or employed in connection with, the armed forces of the Crown,

(b) may be raised by the Treasury in manner authorised under the National Loans Act, 1939,

(c) are to be repaid into the Exchequer out of moneys provided by Parliament for the defence services, and

(d) are to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund and applied in redemption or repayment of debt or payment of interest, being an increase attributable to amending the said Act of 1949 by extending the period during which sums may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund to be applied as appropriations in aid as aforesaid until the end of the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty, and by increasing the aggregate amount of the sums which may be so issued to seventy-five million pounds.

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

Resolved, That a Bill to extend the Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Act, 1949: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

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

MEMORANDA.

Wednesday, 18th November, 1953.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves Bill to Standing Committee A.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Colegate Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves Bill.

[No. 13.]

Thursday, 19th November, 1953.

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

PRAYERS.

The Glasgow Corporation (Water &c.) Glasgow Corporation (Water, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Communication, dated 19th November 1953, declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had been brought into operation on the 19th day of November 1953, and explaining why copies thereof had not been laid before Parliament before that date pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments):—

Order, dated 19th November 1953, entitled the Miscellaneous Controls (Revocation) (No. 2) Order, 1953.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Savings Banks, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1953, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Rate of Interest) Order, 1953.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a General Agreement, signed at Brussels on the 12th day of November 1952, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the
The Lords have agreed to the Regency Bill, the Lords have agreed to the Regency Bill, which was read, as followeth:

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th November 1953, entitled the Aliens Order, 1953.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th November 1953, entitled the Miscellaneous Controls (Revocation) (No. 2) Order, 1953.

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

Mr. Sands presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visits made and Patients seen and the Number of Miles Travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics during the six months ending 30th September 1953.

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

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

Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visits made and Patients seen and the Number of Miles Travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics during the six months ending 30th September 1953.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes, 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 Regency Bill, without any Amendment.
(iv) to authorise the repayment into the Exchequer of such sums as are equal to the excess of—
(a) the sums authorised to be issued under paragraph (i) of this Resolution over
(b) the sums borrowed by means of such annuities as are payable under the said Act of the present Session out of moneys provided by Parliament and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of interest on the sums so authorised to be repaid;
(v) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph and the application of sums so issued in redemption or repayment of debt, or, in so far as they represent interest, in payment of interest otherwise payable out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON, Speaker).

Mr. Wills reported from the Committee on Air Corporations (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the borrowing powers of the British Overseas Airways Corporation and the British European Airways Corporation, it is expedient to authorise such increases—
(a) in the sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under section ten of the Air Corporations Act, 1949, being sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling guarantees given under that section;
(b) in the sums paid into the Exchequer under that section, being sums received by way of repayment of any sums so issued,
as may be attributable to the provisions of the said Act raising the limit on money borrowed by the British Overseas Airways Corporation from sixty million pounds to eighty million pounds, and the limit on money borrowed by the British European Airways Corporation from twenty million pounds to thirty-five million pounds.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Limitation of actions, etc.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, to leave out from the word "effect" to the end of l. 18, and insert the words "as therein provided, and in the case of either of the air corporations where damage is suffered by any person as the result of a tort any tortfeasor liable in respect of that damage may recover contributions from either air corporation (as the case may be) who is, or would if sued have been, liable in respect of the same damage within the period provided by section two of the said Act of 1939."—(Mr. Turner-Samuels.)

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 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to modify the functions of the Raw Cotton Commission, and to enable the said Commission to be wound up and dissolved, it is expedient—
(a) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums authorised to be so issued under section twenty-one of the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Act, 1947;
(b) to authorise the raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing, or of replacing in the Consolidated Fund, any increase in those sums which is so attributable;

c) in the event of the winding up of the said Commission, to authorise—

(i) the cancellation of all or any of the liabilities of the Commission in respect of initial and periodical advances under the said Act of 1947;

(ii) the making good, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any deficiency of assets resulting from the winding up of the Commission, or, as the case may be, the payment into the Exchequer of any surplus moneys resulting therefrom.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Adjournment.

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

Royal Assent.

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 Her Majesty's Commission for declaring Her Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

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

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

Regency Act, 1953.

Adjournment.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Secretary Stuart, supported by Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Sir Thomas Dugdale, the Lord Advocate, Commander Galbraith, Mr. Snadden and Mr. Nugent, presented a Bill to amend section ten of the Hill Farming Act, 1946, and to provide for the registration of conditions applied to cottages under that section: 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 Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Heath 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 Yea to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Stadholme, 18.
Mr. Vesper: ] 91.
Tellers for the [Mr. Harold Davies, 8.
Noes, 8.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the affirmative, because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by the Standing Order (Majority for Closure).

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the Debate.

And it being after Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Attian):—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-two minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

I have received your Address praying that the National Service Act, 1948 (Duration) Order, 1953, a Draft of which was laid before your House on 3rd November, be made.

I will comply with your request.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 19th day of this instant November relating to Her Majesty's Departure on Her Commonwealth Tour had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I thank you for your Address on the occasion of My departure for My Commonwealth Tour.

My Husband and I look forward to our journey with all the greater pleasure in the knowledge that the prayers and good wishes of My People in this country and the loyal affection of your House go with us.

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 November, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of an Order, dated 19th November 1953, entitled the Mines and Quarries (Canteens) (Revocation) Order, 1953.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further Sum required to be voted for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for the Ministry of Food.

Ordered. That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th November 1953, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 12) Order, 1953.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th November 1953, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 5) Order, 1953.

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

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Copy of Rules for the management of Women's Royal Air Force Central Unit Detention Rooms made on the 17th day of November 1953, by the Secretary of State for Air under Section 132 of the Air Force Act.

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And it being after Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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

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Copy of Rules for the management of Women's Royal Air Force Central Unit Detention Rooms made on the 17th day of November 1953, by the Secretary of State for Air under Section 132 of the Air Force Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Studholme reported from the Committee on Cotton [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to modify the functions of the Raw Cotton Commission, and to enable the said Commission to be wound up and dissolved, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums authorised to be so issued under section twenty-one of the Cotton (Centralised Buying) Act, 1947;

(b) to authorise the raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing, or of replacing in the Consolidated Fund, any increase in those sums which is so attributable;

(c) in the event of the winding up of the said Commission, to authorise—

(i) the cancellation of all or any of the liabilities of the Commission in respect of initial and periodical advances under the said Act of 1947;

(ii) the making good, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any deficiency of assets resulting from the winding up of the Commission, or, as the case may be, the payment into the Exchequer of any surplus moneys resulting therefrom.

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

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

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

[No. 161]

Tuesday, 24th November, 1953.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of October 1953, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General showing the Revenue Departments Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Revenue Departments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.
Auditor General thereon, and upon Revenue and certain Store Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Revenue Departments Appropriation Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Geneva on the 20th day of May 1952, for the termination of the Brussels Agreements of the 29th day of November 1906 and the 20th day of August 1929 for the Unification of Pharmacopeial Formulas for Potent Drugs (The Protocol has not yet been approved and accepted by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

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

Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 20th day of August 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Sweden terminating, as from the 20th day of February 1954, the Agreement, Protocol and Notes exchanged of the 15th day of May 1933 and supplementary Notes exchanged of the 27th day of May and the 15th day of June 1935 relating to Trade and Commerce.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on the 23rd day of June 1953, amending the Statutes of the University.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd November 1953, entitled the Exports (Relaxation of Price Control) Order, 1953.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1952, entitled the Cwmbran New Town Compulsory Purchase Order No. 9 (the Garw), 1952, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copies of Orders, dated 10th November 1953, entitled—

(1) the Ecclesiastical Officers Remuneration Order, No. 1, 1953, and

(2) the Ecclesiastical Officers Remuneration Order, No. 2, 1953.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Eric Fletcher 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. Colegate reported from Standing Committee A. That they had gone through the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, supported by the Prime Minister, Captain Crookshank, Sir Walter Monckton, Major Lloyd George, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Joynson-Hicks, presented a Bill to make fresh provision with respect to the management and control of mines and quarries and for securing the safety, health and welfare of persons employed thereat; to regulate the employment thereat of women and young persons; to require the fencing of abandoned and disused mines and of quarries; 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.

Mr. Skeffington, supported by Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Hylton-Foster, Mr. Janner, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Peyton, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Walker-Smith, presented a Bill to amend section four of the Statute of Frauds, 1677; to repeal section four of the Sale of Goods Act, 1893; to provide that persons charged otherwise than by summons with a criminal offence shall be given a written statement of the charge; and to amend the Legitimacy Act, 1926: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of February next, and to be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty under section eight of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, praying that the said Act, which would otherwise expire on the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, be continued in force for a further period of one year until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.—(Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty under section seven of the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947, praying that the Defence Regulations specified in the Schedule hereto, which would otherwise expire on the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, be continued in force for a further period of one year until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

**SCHEDULE.**

The following Regulations of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, namely,—

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Regulation fifty-two (Use of land for purposes of Her Majesty's forces);

Regulations eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four and eighty-five (False documents and false statements, obstruction, restrictions on disclosing information and entry upon, and inspection of, land);

Regulations ninety-one to ninety-three, ninety-seven to one hundred and two, and one hundred and five (General, administrative, legal and supplementary provisions).

Parts I, II, III and IX and Schedules I and II of the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) Regulations, 1939.

Parts I and II and Schedule I of the Defence (Agriculture and Fisheries) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1940.

Regulations one and six of the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939.

Regulation one and paragraphs (4) to (10) of Regulation five of the Defence (Burial, Inquests and Registration of Deaths) Regulations, 1942.

Regulations one and two and paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of Regulation three of the Defence (Patents, Trade Marks, etc.) Regulations, 1941.

The whole of the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943.—(Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words " Regulation fifty-two (Use of land for purposes of Her Majesty's forces) "—(Mr. Willey.)

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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words " Regulation one and paragraphs (4) to (10) of Regulation five of the Defence (Burial, Inquests and Registration of Deaths) Regulations, 1942 ".—(Mr. Hale.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty under section seven of the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947, praying that the Defence Regulations specified in the Schedule hereto, which would otherwise expire on the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, be continued in force for a further period of one year until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

Resolutions.

The following Resolutions were proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty under section seven of the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947, praying that the enactments specified in the Schedule hereto, which would otherwise expire on the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, be continued in force for a further period of one year until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.
Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty’s Household.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty under sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 4 of the First Schedule to the Registered Designs Act, 1949, praying that the Registered Designs (Extension of Period of Emergency) Order, 1953, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 3rd day of this instant November.—(Mr. Low.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty under Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty’s Household.

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

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. Kaberry.)

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

MEMORANDA.

Tuesday, 24th November, 1953.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Cotton Bill and the Industrial Diseases (Benefit) Bill to Standing Committee A.

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

[No. 17.]

Wednesday, 25th November, 1953.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd November 1953, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 5) Order, 1953.

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

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of May, of grants to local authorities in Scotland amounting in the aggregate to a sum equal to eleven-eightieths of the total amount certified by the Minister of Housing and Local Government to have been paid in respect of the twelve months ending on the thirty-first day of March falling within the year in question to local authorities in England and Wales by way of Exchequer Equalisation Grants under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948.—(Mr. Secretary Stuart.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant November, That the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her 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.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the period during which loans and advances may be made under the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Acts, 1949 to 1952, to authorise the National Film Finance Corporation to enter into special arrangements with respect to certain loans, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session extending the said period from five years to eight years in the sums which under or by virtue of the said Act of 1949 are to be or may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, raised by borrowing, remitted or paid into the Exchequer;

(b) the remission in whole or in part, where any such arrangements have been entered into with respect to a loan, of payments...
by the said Corporation to the Board of Trade, being payments of amounts in or towards repayment of any advance made by the Board under section four of the said Act of 1949 and used for the purpose of that loan or payments of interest on any sums for the time being outstanding in respect of any such advance.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

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.

Mr. Legh reported from the Committee on Industrial Diseases (Benefit) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Pneumoconiosis and Byssinosis Benefit Act, 1951, by applying it to diseases in respect of which compensation was payable under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, and by making provision for the payment of benefit for partial disablement, and for purposes incidental thereto, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the expenses of the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance or any other Government department which are so payable under section sixty of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, as applied by virtue of subsection (1) of section four of the said Act of 1951.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Adams, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fienburgh, Mr. Grey, Mr. Harden, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moody, Mr. Page, Mr. Parker, Mr. Swinler and Mr. Wallwood; and had appointed in substitution Colonel Banks, Mr. Boardman, Mrs. Bradnock, Mrs. Castle, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Nabarro, Captain Orr, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Shackleton and Mr. William Richard Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Proctor; and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Jeger.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Eleven Members to the Scottish Standing Committee (in respect of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill): Mr. Baird, Sir David Campbell, Mr. George Craddock, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Sir George Harvie-Watt, Mr. Kerr, Sir Peter Macdonald, Mr. McKay, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Phelim O'Neill and Mr. Orr-Ewing.

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

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. Kaberry):—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.

Wednesday, 25th November, 1953.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Malcolm MacPherson Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 18.]

Thursday, 26th November, 1953.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant Duchy of Lancaster, to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended the 29th day of September 1953; and a separate Account of the Capital of the said Duchy to the same date.
THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

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

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies—
(1) of Jesus College, Cambridge, on the 22nd day of June 1953, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) of All Souls College, Oxford, on the 14th day of July 1953, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

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


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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

Major Conant reported from the Committee on Expiring Laws Continuance [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

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

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of 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-four, and of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, and the Licensing Act, 1953, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, being expenses which under any Act are to be defrayed out of such moneys; and

(b) such issues out of the Consolidated Fund, the raising of such moneys under the National Loans Act, 1939, and such payments into the Exchequer, as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Civil Contingencies Fund Act, 1952, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

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. 7 and 8.—(Mr. Paget.)

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, to leave out ll. 20 to 35.—(Mr. Willey.)

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, to leave out ll. 57 to 59.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

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.

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 Expiring Laws Continuance Bill into a Committee on the Armed Forces (Housing Loans) 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 read the third time to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Draft Police Pensions Police Regulations, 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 4th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Draft Police Pensions Police (Scotland) Regulations, 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 10th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)
Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Grant) Regulations, 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 10th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Grant) (Scotland) Regulations, 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 10th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)

Resolved, That the Draft Coastal Flooding (Emergency Acreage Payments) Scheme (No. 2), 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 17th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

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

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

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Taking arrears of road maintenance, to complete partially constructed major road projects and to improve inadequate bridges on important routes, and to prepare a comprehensive major road plan to be commenced as soon as possible thereafter having regard to the development plans now completed by local planning authorities.—(Mr. Pargiter.)

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

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. Galbraith.)

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

Jewellery and Silverware.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of the Accounts of the Jewellery and Silverware Council for the period ended the 28th day of February 1953.

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:

Public Records.

Schedules containing Lists and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the undermentioned offices which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office:

(1) Central Land Board in England and Wales, and
(2) War Damage Commission.

Roads.

Resolved, That this House, recognising that the long overdue modernisation of our roads system, which now carries over 70 per cent. of all inland goods transport, is essential to ensure maximum industrial and agricultural productivity; that the annual proceeds of taxation of road transport now exceed by over 10 times the present total annual expenditure of the Government on such roads; and that the economic loss alone from road accidents is now estimated at £150,000,000 per annum, is of the opinion that Her Majesty's Government should give consideration to the need to make available adequate grants to local authorities for the purpose of rapidly over-taking arrears of road maintenance, to complete partially constructed major road projects and to improve inadequate bridges on important routes, and to prepare a comprehensive major road plan to be commenced as soon as possible thereafter having regard to the development plans now completed by local planning authorities.—(Mr. Pargiter.)

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

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. Galbraith.)

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

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment).

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 28th day of this instant November pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of an Order, dated 27th November 1953, entitled the Meat (Rationing) (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1953.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a copy of the Sixteenth 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 and second quarters of 1953.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of an Order, dated 27th November 1953, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 3) Order, 1953.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a copy of a Memorandum containing proposals for Increased Duties on certain Fresh and Preserved Fruit and Vegetables.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a copy of an Order, dated 27th November 1953, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 3) Order, 1953.

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 1953.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Cotton Bill): Sir Harold Sutcliffe; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Wellwood.

Mr. Fletcher 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: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

No. 7 (iii).

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

No. 7 (iv).

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Fletcher reported from the said Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix; And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Sir Cedric Drewre.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
Copy of the Annual Report of the Lancashire River Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to National Parks be printed.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st December 1953, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1953.

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 Receipts and Payments by the Postmaster General under subsection (4) of Section I of the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Act, 1952, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Captain Orr; and had appointed in substitution Sir David Campbell.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Sir David Campbell, for the Lords desiring the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the sale of intoxicating liquor in seamen's canteens, and to revoke Regulation 60AA of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for further promoting the Revision of the Statute Law by repealing enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary and by correcting certain errors in the First Schedule to the Statute Law Revision Act, 1950, and for facilitating the publication of revised editions of the Statutes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Licensing (Seamen's Canteens) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

The Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill be now read a second time; and the Question being again proposed:—

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Pearson]

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr. Whiteley)

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Bowden, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Studholme]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

Resolved, That the Draft Iron and Steel (Compensation to Officers and Servants) (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the payment of Exchequer Grants to local authorities in Scotland in lieu of the grants payable to such authorities for the purposes of Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, and, among other things, for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, in respect of the year beginning with the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and of any subsequent year beginning with the sixteenth day of May, of grants to local authorities in Scotland amounting in the aggregate to a sum equal to one-eighthieths of the total amount certified by the Minister of Housing and Local Government to have been paid in respect of the twelve months ending on the thirty-first day of March falling within the year in question to local authorities in England and Wales by way of Exchequer Equalisation Grants under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, proposed. That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Galbraith):—And a Debate arising thereupon;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

**Wednesday, 2nd December, 1953:**

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 four minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

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**[No. 22.]**

**Wednesday, 2nd December, 1953.**

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 24th day of November last relative to Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) and Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) had been presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret; and that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

We Counsellors of State, to whom have been delegated certain Royal Functions as specified in Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm dated November the 20th, 1953, have received your Addresses to Her Majesty praying that the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, and the various Defence Regulations and enactments which you specify be continued in force respectively for a further period of one year until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

We will give directions accordingly.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 24th day of November last relative to Patents and Designs as specified in Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm dated November the 20th, 1953, have received your Addresses to Her Majesty praying that the Patents (Extension of Period of Emergency) Order, 1953, be made in the form of the respective Drafts laid before Parliament.

On Her Majesty's behalf we will comply with your request.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Income and Expenditure Account of British Lace Furnishings (Overseas) Limited for the year ended the 30th day of June 1953. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to London Traffic, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 30th November 1953, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 30) Regulations, 1953, and
(2) the London Traffic (Grand Union Canal Bridge, Slough) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, by Her Air Pollution Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Interim Report of the Committee on Air Pollution. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Waterhouse 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: 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 Evidence Estimates, taken before Sub-Committee C of the Select Committee on Estimates in the last Session of Parliament on the 23rd day of March 1953, and subsequent days and Appendices thereto, be printed.

Captain Waterhouse reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Select Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Colonel Banks; and had appointed in Committee A, substitution Sir John Barlow.
Standing Committee C.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the following Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee C: Mr. Channon, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cole, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Albert Evans, Mr. Glover, Mr. Higginbottom, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Horabin, Mr. Eric Johnson, Mr. Robert Jenkins, Mr. Lewis, Mr. MacColl, Mr. Morley, Mr. Page, Miss Pitt, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mrs. Slater and Mr. Sparks.

Standing Committee C.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill): Mr. Bevan, Mr. Blenkinsop, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Bullard, Mr. Dalton, Mr. de Freitas, Mr. Gibson, Colonel Harrison, Mr. Hay, Sir Geoffrey Hutchinson, Mr. Janner, Mr. Kaberry, Mr. Key, Mr. Lindgren, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. Margles, Brigadier Medlicott, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Paget, Mr. Powell, Sir Harold Roper, Mr. Wade, Mr. West, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Geoffrey Wilson.

Adjournment (Exile of the Kabaka of Buganda).

Mr. Brockway, Member for Eton and Slough, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the decision of Her Majesty's Government to depose the Kabaka of Buganda and to require him to leave its territory; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over, under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance), until Seven of the clock this evening.

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).—(Captain Crookshank.)

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the exercise of statutory rights of entry by or on behalf of Gas Boards and Electricity Boards, and for purposes connected with the matter aforesaid: And that Miss Ward, Sir Fergus Graham, Viscount Lambton, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Speir and Mr. Paul Williams do prepare and bring it in.

Miss Ward accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the exercise of statutory rights of entry by or on behalf of Gas Boards and Electricity Boards, and for purposes connected with the matter aforesaid: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next, and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1953-54.

Class VIII.

Vote 9. Ministry of Food.

£126,843,450 (Supplementary) for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food; the cost of trading services, including certain subsidies; a grant in aid; and sundry other services, including certain expenses in connection with civil defence.

To report Resolution, and ask leave to sit again.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, the sum of £126,843,450 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

To report Resolution, and ask leave to sit again.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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 Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

(Mr. Brockway);

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. Kaberry.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 2nd December, 1953.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill to Standing Committee C.
Mr. Proudfoot attended the High Court on the 2nd December 1953, High Holborn, dated 2nd December 1953. It reads as follows:

Fink, Proudfoot and Waters, Solicitors, of Southampton House, High Holborn, dated 2nd December 1953.

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I wish to tender my apologies to you and to the House for having permitted the Rt. Hon. Harold Wilson to be served with a Subpoena to attend the High Court on the 30th November 1953.

I would like you to know that unfortunately advice which my firm had received had been mis-read and so this unfortunate error occurred. Please believe it was not intended to violate the privileges of the House of Commons or of any Member of the House.

I have to-day written to the Rt. Hon. Harold Wilson in terms similar to this letter.

I beg you and the House to accept my sincere apologies.

Yours faithfully,

Romy Fink.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter 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 1953, including Accounts of the Postal, Telegraph and Telephone Services and subsidiary Trading Accounts relating to Broadcast Receiving Licences Management, International Telegraph Services and International Telephone Services, 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 Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 30th November 1953, entitled—

(1) the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953, and

(2) the Road Vehicles (Transport Levies) Regulations, 1953.

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 follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans Bill, without any Amendment.

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

The Currency and Bank Notes Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

The Electoral Registers Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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 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.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON, Speaker.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves 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.

Mr. Redmayne reported from the Committee on Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the period during which loans and advances may be made under the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Acts, 1949 to 1952, to authorise the National Film Finance Corporation to enter
into special arrangements with respect to certain loans, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session extending the said period from five years to eight years in the sums which under or by virtue of the said Act of 1949 are to be or may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, raised by borrowing, remitted or paid into the Exchequer;

(b) the remission in whole or in part, where any such arrangements have been entered into with respect to a loan, of payments by the said Corporation to the Board of Trade, being payments of amounts in or towards repayment of any advance made by the Board under section four of the said Act of 1949 and used for the purposes of that loan or payments of interest on any sums for the time being outstanding in respect of any such advance.

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.

Clause No. 1 (Extension of period for making loans).

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee, that a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter accordingly presented a Consolidated Fund Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food; the cost of trading services, including certain subsidies; a grant in aid; and sundry other services, including certain expenses in connection with civil defence.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
been written off from the total amount of Notes issued from the Issue Department of the Bank of England.

Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments in the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Government Departments (Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets) be printed.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended the 50th day of June 1953.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended the 50th day of June 1953.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 3rd December 1953, entitled—

(1) the Food (Licensing of Wholesalers) (Revocation) Order, 1953, and
(2) the Bacon (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1953.

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

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

Accounts of the Special Account, and of the American Aid (Agreed Schemes) Deposit Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Industrial Diseases (Benefit) Bill): Mr. Horobin; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jennings.

The Protection of Birds Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Law Reform (Limitation of Actions, &c.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson):—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. 25.]

Monday, 7th December, 1953.

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

PRAYERS.

The following Papers, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House, were ordered to lie upon the Table:

(1) the Defence Regulations (No. 15) Order, 1953, and
(2) the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1953.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1953, entitled—

(1) the Defence Regulations (No. 15) Order, 1953, and
(2) the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1953.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1953, entitled—

(1) the Food (Licensing of Wholesalers) (Revocation) Order, 1953, and
(2) the Bacon (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1953.

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

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, Coroners, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th December 1953, entitled the County of Berks (Coroners' Districts) Order, 1953.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes (No. 83, 1953), exchanged at Tripoli on the 19th day of October 1953, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United Kingdom of Libya concerning the Libyan Public Development and Stabilisation Agency.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1953, entitled the National Health Service (Scotland) Amendment Order, 1953.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th December 1953, entitled the Stopping Up of Highways (Staveley, Derbyshire) (Revocation) Order, 1953.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1953, entitled the Iron and Steel Prices (No. 7) (Revocation) Order, 1953.

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

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1953, entitled the Condensed Milk Order, 1953.

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

Benjamin Theaker Parkin, Esquire, Member for Paddington, North, was sworn.

The Consolidated Fund Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

The Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Resolved, That the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 5) Order, 1953, dated 20th November 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 23rd day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Amory.)

Resolved, That the Draft Lace Furnishings Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 23rd day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Resolved, That the Draft Lace Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 23rd day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Draft British Guiana (Constitution) (Temporary Provisions) Order in Council, 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of November last, be annulled.—(Mr. Ede):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Draft British Guiana (Constitution) (Temporary Provisions) Order in Council, 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of November last, be annulled;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Bowden:}

Tellers for the Noes, {Sir Cedric Drewe:}

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Heath.)

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

MEMORANDA.

Monday, 7th December, 1953.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Protection of Birds Bill, the Law Reform (Limitation of Actions, &c.) Bill and the Juries Bill to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (i) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Wing Commander Hilbert Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Protection of Birds Bill.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Draft British Guiana (Constitution) (Temporary Provisions) Order in Council, 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of November last, be annulled:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Bowden:}

Tellers for the Noes, {Sir Cedric Drewe:}

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Heath.)

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

[No. 26.]

Tuesday, 8th December, 1953.

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

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Inverness Harbour; And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of the Third Interim Report by the Government Actuary under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1952.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Inverness Harbour; And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe 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,—
(1) to the Urban District of Bude-Stratton,
(2) to the Urban District of Cromer, and
(3) to the Urban District of Darton.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Reports of the Nature Conservancy,—
(1) for the period ended the 30th day of September 1952, and
(2) for the year ended the 30th day of September 1953.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the First Report of the Road Haulage Disposal Board, for the six months ended the 28th day of November 1953.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from the Scottish Standing Committee (added in respect of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill): Sir David Campbell; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant Colonel Lockwood.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Colonel Lockwood.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow Corporation (Water &c.) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Electoral Registers Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Captain Crookshank.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Second Memorandum of the Council for Wales and Monmouthshire (Command Paper No. 8844) and of the policy of Her Majesty's Government in regard to rural Wales as set out in Command Paper No. 9014—(Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "regrets that the statement of policy of Her Majesty's Government in regard to rural Wales, as set out in Command Paper No. 9014, whilst rejecting the proposals of the Council for Wales and Monmouthshire does not put forward an alternative plan for immediate implementation that will prove adequate to the urgent need of rehabilitating the Welsh rural counties and diversifying their economy"—(Mr. Watkins), 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 [Sir Cedric Drove, Yeas, Mr. Vosper:
Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Arthur Allen: ]
240. 222.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Statute Law Revision Statute Law Revision Bill (Lords), now standing committed to a Standing Committee, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Studholme.)

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Supplies and Services of Building Operations

London Traffic.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copies of Regulations, dated 7th December 1953, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 31) Regulations, 1953, and
(2) the City of London Traffic (Old Broad Street) (Restriction of Waiting) Regulations, 1953.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of an Order, dated 7th December 1953, entitled the Control of Building Operations (No. 19) Order, 1953.

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 a Petition has been presented against the Cwmbran New Town Compulsory Purchase Order No. 9 (The Garw), 1952, by the Rural District Council of Pontypool and that they have taken it into consideration and have certificated it as proper to be received as a Petition of General Objection.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of Reports of the Aycliffe, Basildon, Bracknell, Corby, Crawley, Cwmbran, Harlow, Hendy, Hemstead, Peterlee, Stevenage, Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Development Corporations for the period ended the 31st day of March 1953.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported, from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Burden; and had appointed in substitution Sir Jocelyn Lucas.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Protection of Birds Bill): Mr. Alexander Anderson, Major Beaminsh, Mr. Frederic Bennett, Colonel Clarke, Mr. Peter Freeman, Mr. Gooch, Sir Fergus Graham, Mr. Grimond, Air Commodore Harvey, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Hurewitz, Lord John Hope, Mr. Kenyon, Dr. King, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Edward Mallalieu, Mr. Manuel, Lieutenant-Commander Maydon, Mr. John Morrison, Mr. Moyle, Mr. Philips Price, Mr. Richards, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Storey and Lady Tweedsmuir.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of Bank Notes, No. 29, 1953.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd December 1953, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

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

Mr. Macleod presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Ministry of Health for 1952, Part II, being the Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer on the State of the Public Health.

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

Miss Horsbrugh presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th December 1953, entitled the Handicapped Pupils (Certificate) Regulations, 1953.

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

Mr. Alexander Anderson, Major Bennet, Colonel Clarke, Mr. Peter Freeman, Mr. Gooch, Sir Fergus Graham, Mr. Grimond, Air Commodore Harvey, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Hurewitz, Lord John Hope, Mr. Kenyon, Dr. King, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Edward Mallalieu, Mr. Manuel, Lieutenant-Commander Maydon, Mr. John Morrison, Mr. Moyle, Mr. Philips Price, Mr. Richards, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Storey and Lady Tweedsmuir.

Order of the Day.

Mr. Storey and Lady Tweedsmuir.

Sir Thomas Dugdale, supported by Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Secretary Stuart and Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, presented a Bill to continue the power to make grants or contributions in respect of field drainage, liming and other matters; to amend Part IV of the Agriculture Act, 1947, with respect to the holdings to be treated as smallholdings, and to the contributions to losses of smallholdings authorities; to alter the manner of appointing nominated members of Agricultural Land Tribunals, and enable those Tribunals to award costs and to refer questions of law to the High Court; to make further provision with respect to research and education in sugar beet growing, to the collection of waste for use as animal feeding stuffs, to preventing the spread of pests and diseases by imported bees and to the application of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, to air transport; to amend the Seeds Act, 1920, with respect to the consequences of contraventions of that Act and to the effect of particulars given thereunder; to amend the law as to

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Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).
agricultural wages of holiday workers in Scotland; and to extend the Corn Returns Act, 1882, to Scotland: 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 Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for one hour after Ten of the clock. —(Captain Crookshank.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "That " to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, whilst recognising the need to maintain and preserve our national stock of habitable houses and to employ our building resources to the best effect, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which proposes an increase of forty per cent. in rents to private landlords; contains no adequate provision to protect tenants from further exploitation; relieves certain owners of liability for increases in rates and transfers their liability to all other ratepayers, including tenants of local authority houses and owner-occupiers; and will result in perpetuating the slums in Scotland by providing for the retention in use of houses which local authority medical officers have condemned as being unfit for human habitation"—(Mr. Woodburn),—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 divided.
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—
Sir Cedric Dacre, Mr. Galbraith:
Tellers for the Noes—
Mr. Pearson, Mr. John Taylor:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Resolved, That the Contract, dated 27th November 1953, between Her Majesty's Postmaster General, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation, and the Eastern Telephone and Telegraph Company, for the provision, construction and maintenance of a transatlantic submarine telephone cable system, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Gamman.)

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

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

Thursday, 10th December, 1953:
And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[No. 28.]

Thursday, 10th December, 1953.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Division 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.:

Birmingham Corporation.
Brighton Corporation.
Caernarvon Corporation.
Coventry Corporation.
Derbyshire County Council.
Dover Harbour Consolidation.
Falmouth Docks.
London County Council (General Powers).
Manchester Corporation.
Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.
Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation.
Northern Assurance.
Orpington Urban District Council.
Stroudwater Navigation.
Swinton and Worsley Burial Board.
Tees Conservancy.
Tees Conservancy (Deposit of Dredged Material).
Tyne Improvement.
Warehousemen Clerks and Drapers' Schools.

The Inverness 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.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Numbers of Registered Disabled Persons in Government Employment in Great Britain on the 1st day of October 1953, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

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 Air Corporations Bill, without any Amendment.

Complaint being made by Mr. Lewis, Member for West Ham, North, of certain passages in the Daily Worker Newspaper yesterday, which he read to the House, as follow:

M.P.'s Vote Money into their Own Pockets; by Patrick Goldring.

When they vote for the Bill to raise your rent, Tory M.P.'s are voting money into their own pockets.

All of them are doing this in the general sense that raising rents, by increasing landlords' and property companies' profit, benefits the whole class that Tory M.P.'s represent in Parliament.

But in addition to this, many Tory M.P.'s will get a direct, personal cash advantage if they succeed in making their rent Bill law.

At least 20 Tory M.P.'s are or have been directors of property or estate companies which may be expected to increase their already handsome profits if the Bill goes through.

At least seven others are directors of investment or insurance companies which have substantial assets invested in house property.

If rents go up their holdings will be worth more. A copy of the said Newspaper was delivered in.

Ordered, That the Matter of the Complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Lewis.)

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, supported by Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Solicitor General, presented a Bill to provide security of tenure for occupying tenants under certain leases of residential property at low rents and for occupying sub-tenants of tenants under such leases; to enable tenants occupying property for business, professional or certain other purposes to obtain new tenancies in certain cases; to amend and extend the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1927, the Leashold Property (Repairs) Act, 1938 and section eighty-four of the Law of Property Act, 1925; to confer jurisdiction on the County Court in certain disputes between landlords and tenants; to make provision for the termination of tenancies of derelict land; 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Statute Law Revision Bill [Lords].

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Cinematograph Film Production (Special 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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquit them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquit them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties (No. 3) Order, 1953, dated 27th November 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 30th day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Thorneycroft.)

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties (No. 4) Order, 1951, dated 4th December 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 7th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Thorneycroft.)

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 Budestratton, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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 Cromer, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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 Darton, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Transfer of Functions (Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances) Order, 1953, dated 19th November 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 20th day of November last, be annulled—(Mr. George Strauss);

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

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. Bowden, Mr. Kenneth Robinson } 122.
Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Studholme, Mr. Wills: } 158.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

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

[No. 29.]
Friday, 11th December, 1953.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1953, entitled the Eggs (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1953.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1953, entitled the Local Government (Allowances to Members) (Prescribed Bodies) Regulations, 1953.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 10th December 1953, entitled—

(1) the Control of Pyrites (Revocation) Order, 1953, and
(2) the Controls of Sulphuric Acid and of Sulphur (Revocations) Order, 1953.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is of the opinion that the circumstances, terms and conditions of sale of the securities of the denationalised steel concerns will impose a heavy burden on the steel industry, on the workers, and on consumers of steel—(Mr. John Hynd):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. John Hynd 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 passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House is of the opinion that the circumstances, terms and conditions of sale of the denationalised steel concerns will impose a very heavy burden on the steel industry, on the workers, and on consumers of steel:—The House resumed the Debate.

And it being after Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Rights of Entry (Gas and Electricity Boards) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 29th day of January next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Asheton be discharged Privileges, from the Committee of Privileges; and that Mr. McCorquodale be added to the Committee.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

[No. 30.]
Monday, 14th December, 1953.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The following Papers, required by several Parliamentary Acts 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:

11th December 1953:—

12th December 1953:—

12th December 1953:—
Copies of Regulations, dated 10th December Food and Drugs. 1953, entitled—

(1) the Public Health (Preservatives etc. in Food) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1953, and
(2) the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953.
Mr. Secretary Head presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—List of Exceptions to the Army Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay and Allowances.

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


Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Overseas Food Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

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

Small Landholders (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report as to the Proceedings of the Scottish Land Court for 1952.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 11th December 1953, entitled the Act of Sederunt 'Sheriff Court Witnesses' Fees' 1953.

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

Statistical Abstract.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statistical Abstract for the British Commonwealth and Sterling Area for the years 1949 to 1952.

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

Sir Walter Monckton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Delegates of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the Thirty-sixth Session of the International Labour Conference held at Geneva from the 4th to the 25th days of June 1953.

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

Emergency Laws (Food Standards).

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th December 1953, entitled the Food Standards (Soft Drinks) Order, 1953.

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

Supplies and Services (Food). Order; 1953.

Copy of an Order, dated 11th December 1953, entitled the Soft Drinks (Revocation) Order, 1953.

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

River Boards.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Annual Reports for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953—

(1) of the Isle of Wight River Board, and

(2) of the Somerset River Board.

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

Privileges.

No. 31.

Captain Crookshank reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the Matter of the Complaint made upon the 10th day of this instant December by Mr. Lewis, Member for West Ham, North, of the publication of certain passages in the Daily Worker newspaper of Wednesday, the 9th day of this instant December, 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.

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 Electoral Registers Bill, without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the general policy of Her Majesty's Government on Television Development (Command Paper No. 9005)—(Mr. Gammans);

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 "whilst recognising the desirability of an alternative television programme, regards the general policy of Her Majesty's Government on commercial television, set out in Command Paper No. 9005, as being contrary to the public interest"—(Mr. Herbert Morrison), 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. Kaberry)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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. Kaberry).

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

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement on the withdrawal of recognition from Kabaka Muteesa II of Buganda.

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

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement on Economic Development in South and South-East Asia.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 8th December 1953, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Rules, entitled the Prison (Scotland) Rules, 1954.

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

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Instrument, dated 14th December 1953, entitled the Nurses (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1954.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Fletcher reported from the said Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read:

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

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

Mr. Malcolm MacPherson reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, Bill 49, that they had gone through the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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

Mr. 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 Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the establishment of a Board to manage the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland and to amend the provisions of the National Galleries of Scotland Act, 1906, relating to the constitution of the Board constituted thereunder; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland Bill [Lords] 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, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund 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 (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.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON,
Speaker.

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 this House approves the general policy of Her Majesty's Government on Television Development (Command Paper No. 9005);—

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word " House " to the end of the Question, and add the words " whilst recognising the desirability of an alternative television programme, regards the general policy of Her Majesty's Government on commercial television, set out in Command Paper No. 9005, as being contrary to the public interest,"—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 it being Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
Adoption.

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

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

[No. 32.]

Wednesday, 16th December, 1953.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a List of Members of Public Boards of a commercial character on the 1st day of November 1953, with Salaries and Allowances, with a List of those holding more than one Appointment.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes I-VIII, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume 1, Part 14, County of Dumfries.

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

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Ministry of Transport on Account of Seamen's Savings Banks during the year ended the 20th day of November 1952, and of the Interest thereon.

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

Mr. Harrod Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1953, entitled the Leyton (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1953, with a Certificate by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th December 1953, entitled the Family Allowances (Australia Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations, 1953.

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

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

Supplementary Scheme for the Demolition of the Church of Saint Andrew, Canterbury, and the Sale of the Site and Materials.

Colonel Lancaster reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, that they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 17th day of November last, and the 8th, 10th and 15th days of this instant December, and had 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 Inverness Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Sir Walter Monckton, supported by Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Secretary Stuart and Mr. Watkinson, presented a Bill to restrict night work in the baking industry, 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. Kaberry: 281.

Mr. Pearson: 242.

Mr. Kenneth Robinson: 301.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House expresses its grave disquiet at the handling by Her Majesty's Government of affairs in Africa—(Mr. James Griffiths): The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Bowden: 273.

Mr. Pearson: 301.

Mr. Conant: 301.

So it passed in the Negative.

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 upon the 14th day of this instant December, That this House approves the general policy of Her Majesty's Government on Television Development (Command Paper No. 9005):
Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and add the words "whilst recognising the desirability of an alternative television programme, regards the general policy of Her Majesty's Government on commercial television, set out in Command Paper No. 9005, as being contrary to the public interest."—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.

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

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

The House divided.

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

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put; Resolved, That this House approves the general policy of Her Majesty's Government on Television Development (Command Paper No. 9005).

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Redmayne):—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 five minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 33.]

Thursday, 17th December, 1953.

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. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the Duties of the Customs of the Isle of Man, and Accounts of the Accumulated Fund, and of Passenger Tax and Harbour Dues, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on the 17th day of October 1953, to co-ordinate and rationalise European Inland Transport of international importance (The Protocol has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume 1, Part 15, County of Dunbarton.

Copy of Regulations, dated 16th December Food and Drugs, 1953, entitled the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1953.


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

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 16th December 1953, entitled—

1. the Eggs (Minimum Prices for 1954-55 and 1955-56) Order, 1953,
2. the Fat Cattle and Fat Sheep (Minimum Prices for 1954-55 and 1955-56) Order, 1953,
3. the Fat Pigs (Minimum Prices for 1954-55 and 1955-56) Order, 1953,
4. the Milk (Minimum Prices for 1954-55 and 1955-56) Order, 1953,
5. the Wool (Guaranteed Average Price) Order, 1953, and

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th December 1953, entitled the Oils and Fats (No. 2) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1953.

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

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

1. Account of the Hospital Endowments Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

2. Accounts of the House of Commons Members' Fund for the year ended the 30th day of September 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

3. Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Irish Land Purchase Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

4. Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Overseas Resources Development Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

5. Account of the Royal Naval Prize Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

6. The following Account, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account of the payments by the Central Land Board under Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, and Section 56 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947, and of the sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under Sections 67 and 64 of those Acts respectively in connection with such payments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, 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 Consolidated Fund Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Secretary Stuart, supported by the Lord Advocate and Commander Galbraith, presented a Bill to enable lessees and sub-lessees occupying residential property in Scotland under certain long leases to obtain a feu right on certain conditions; to extend and amend the Registration of Leases (Scotland) Act, 1857; 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.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 19th day of January next.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

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. Kaberry):—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.

MEMORANDA.

Thursday, 17th December, 1953.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker this day certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland Bill (Lords) relate exclusively to Scotland.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Gordon Touche Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill.

FRIDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1953.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bill from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills, the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

Bedfordshire County Council (Superannuation).
Birkenhead Corporation.
Birmingham Corporation.
Brighton Corporation.
British Transport Commission.
Caernarvon Corporation.
City of London (Various Powers).
Coventry Corporation.
Crewe Corporation.
Derbyshire County Council.

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Dover Harbour Consolidation.
Falmouth Docks.
Ilford Corporation.
Institution of Mechanical Engineers.
London County Council (General Powers).
Luton Corporation.
Manchester Corporation.
Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.
Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation.
Northern Assurance.
Orpington Urban District Council.
Rhodesian Selection Trust Limited and Associated Companies.
Salford Corporation.
Stroudwater Navigation.
Swinton and Worsley Burial Board.
Tees Conservancy.
Tees Conservancy (Deposit of Dredged Material).
Towcester Rural District Council (Abthorpe Rating).
Tyne Improvement.
Walsall Corporation.
Wankie Colliery.
Warehousemen Clerks and Drapers' Schools.
Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock.
Wesleyan and General Assurance Society.
Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th December 1953, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 15th day of December 1953, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Electricity Authority.

Appropriation Account of the sum granted by Parliament for the Ministry of Defence for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Receipts into and Payments out of the Road Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Fiscal Commissioner on the financial effects of the proposed new constitutional arrangements in Nigeria.

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Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, on the 19th day of October 1953, amending the Statutes of the College.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to Agriculture, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th December 1953, entitled the Agricultural Statistics (England and Wales) Amendment Regulations, 1953.

Miss Horsbrugh presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 17th December 1953, entitled the Superannuation (Teaching and Fire Service) Amending Rules, 1953.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to Supplies and services regulations, dated 17th December 1953, with the Report of

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Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Orders, dated 16th December 1953, entitled the Magnesium Distribution (Revocation) Order, 1953.

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

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

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 Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her 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 Her 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. Inverness Harbour Order Confirmation Act, 1953.

Adjournment.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:

Adjournment.

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. Studholme.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 19th day of January next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[No. 35.]

Tuesday, 19th January, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had issued, during the Adjournment, a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Ilford, North, in the room of Sir Geoffrey Clegg Hutchinson, M.C., T.D., Q.C., who, since his election for the said constituency, hath accepted the Office of Chairman of the National Assistance Board.

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

Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust.
Kent Water.

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

The following Papers, presented by Her 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:

Iron and Steel.
COPY OF A MINUTE, DATED 6TH JANUARY 1954, CONCERNING A PROPOSAL BY THE IRON AND STEEL HOLDING AND REALISATION AGENCY TO SELL ITS HOLDING OF SECURITIES IN THE LANCASHIRE STEEL CORPORATION LIMITED.

Austria (No. 1, 1954).


Diplomas (Miscellaneous, No. 2, 1954).

COPY OF A EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON THE EQUIVALENCE OF DIPLOMAS LEADING TO ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITIES, SIGNED AT PARIS ON THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1953 (THE CONVENTION HAS NOT YET BEEN RATIFIED BY HER MAJESTY’S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM).


COPY OF A MEMORANDUM ON THE HOUSING (REPAIRS AND RENTS) (SCOTLAND) BILL MONEY RESOLUTION.

COPY OF REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE UNDER THE MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1926—

1. RESPECTING THE MERCHANDISE MARKS (IMPORTED GOODS) NO. 10 ORDER (PROVISIONAL EXEMPTION) DIRECTION 1953, ON WOVEN PIECE GOODS WHOLLY OR MAINLY OF COTTON, BEING SUCH GOODS IN THE LOOM STATE, AND (2) RESPECTING WOODEN DOWELS AND DOWELLING.

COPY OF A REPORT ON THE CAUSES OF, AND CIRCUMSTANCES ATTENDING, THE EXPLOSION WHICH OCCURRED AT BEDWAS COLLIERY, MONMOUTHSHIRE, ON THE 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1952.

COPY OF A HOUSING SUMMARY, DATED 30TH NOVEMBER 1953.

COPY OF A MEMORANDUM ON THE HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS BILL FINANCIAL RESOLUTION.

THE FOLLOWING PAPERS, REQUIRED BY SEVERAL PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS (AJOURNMENT),—

THE ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES ACT, 1953, ENTITLED—

(1) THE MOTOR VEHICLES (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1953, AND
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th December 1953, entitled the Regulation of Traffic on Highways (Revocation) Order, 1953.

Supplies and Services (Road Traffic).

Copy of Regulations, dated 17th December 1953, entitled the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Regulations, 1953.

Food and Drugs.

21st December 1953:—

Copies of Orders, dated 18th December 1953, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 14) Order, 1953, and
(2) the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 15) Order, 1953.

Import Duties (Drawback).

Copy of Regulations, dated 18th December 1953, entitled the Local Government (Allowances to Members) (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1953.

Local Government (Scotland).

23rd December 1953:—

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1953, entitled the Vestry of St. Giles Without Cripplegate (Resumption of Elections) Order, 1953.

Chartered and Other Bodies (Resumption of Elections).

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1953, entitled the Diplomatic Immunities (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland) Order, 1953.

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1953, entitled the Foreign Compensation (Czechoslovakia) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1953.

Foreign Compensation.

Copy of Orders in Council, dated 22nd December 1953, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping (Foreign Deserters) (Morocco and Fez) (Revocation) Order, 1953,
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Foreign Deserters) (Republic of France) (Revocation) Order, 1953, and
(3) the Mersey Channel (Collision Rules) Order, 1953.

Merchant Shipping.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1953, entitled the Northern Rhodesia (Legislative Council) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1953.

Northern Rhodesia.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1953, entitled the Pacific (Amendment) Order in Council, 1953.

Pacific Provinces and Territories.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1953, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 16) Order, 1953.

Supplies and Services.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1953, entitled the Uganda (Amendment) Order in Council, 1953.

Uganda Protectorate.

Copy of Regulations, dated 21st December 1953, entitled—
(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 33) Regulations, 1953, and
(2) the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (Dartford) Regulations, 1953.

London Traffic.


Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1953, entitled the Labelling of Food (Amendment) Order, 1953.

Copy of Orders, dated 22nd December Supplies and Services (Food), 1953, entitled—
(1) the Cheese (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1953, and
(2) the Ships' Stores Order, 1953.

Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd December Coal Industry, 1953, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Payment of Costs) Regulations, 1953.

24th December 1953:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd December 1953, entitled the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust Regulations, 1953.

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd December Supplies and Services (Food), 1953, entitled the Imported Canned Fruit (Amendment) Order, 1953.

29th December 1953:—

Copy of Rules, dated 23rd December 1953, London City, entitled the Mayor's and City of London Court Funds Rules, 1953.

1st January 1954:—


4th January 1954:—

Copy of Orders, dated 1st January 1954, Purchase Tax, entitled—
(1) the Purchase Tax (No. 1) Order, 1954,
(2) the Purchase Tax (No. 2) Order, 1954, and
(3) the Purchase Tax (No. 3) Order, 1954.

5th January 1954:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 4th January 1954, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

8th January 1954:—


9th January 1954:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 6th January London Traffic, 1954, entitled—
(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 1) Regulations, 1954, and

13th January 1954:—

15th January 1954:—

Copy of an Order, dated 15th January 1954, entitled the White Fish Authority (Returnable Containers) Regulations Confirmatory Order, 1954.

Highways.

Copy of an Order, dated 14th January 1954, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Atherstone, Warwickshire) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Greek Loan of 1832.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Account of Moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and 6 & 7 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan which was guaranteed by this Country under the authority of the said Acts, and of the Amount repaid by the Greek Government on account of the same, up to the 31st day of December 1953.

Appropriations in Aid.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 19th January 1954, directing the Application of certain Receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation.

Bank Notes.

Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated 4th and 12th January 1954, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

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

Public Records.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the One hundred and fourteenth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

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

Treasury Series (No. 5, 1954).

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 23rd day of December 1953, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Japan further extending until the 31st day of January 1954 the Sterling Payments Agreement and Notes exchanged of the 31st day of August 1951.

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

Army (Territorial Army).

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

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

Education (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventy-eighth Annual Report by the Accountant to the Scottish Education Department, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1950.

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

Supplies and Services (Raw Materials).

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1954, entitled the Iron and Steel Scrap (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954.

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

Unions of Scotland.

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 298 (University of Edinburgh No. 101) (Regulations for Degrees in Music and Alteration of Constitution of Faculty of Music).

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1953, approving an Admiralty Memorial praying sanction to the grant of unpaid leave to naval ratings and Royal Marine other ranks to attend to urgent domestic affairs.

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


Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Merchandise Marks (Imported Goods) No. 10 Order, 1934, Amendment No. 2 Order, 1954.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft also presented, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument,—Copy of an Account of the Sums recovered under Article 9 of the Clothing Industry Development Council (Dissolution) Order, 1952, and of their disposal for the period ended the 31st day of March 1953.

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

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the National Health Service and the provisions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th January 1954, entitled the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations, 1954.


Copies of the Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales—

(1) for 1949, Supplement on General Morbidity, Cancer and Mental Health, and
(2) for 1952, Tables, Part I, Medical.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1954, entitled the Coal and Steel Scrap (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Reports of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines for 1952—

(1) for the North Eastern Division,
(2) for the Scottish Division, and
(3) for the South Western Division.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Trent River Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

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

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the National Insurance (Married Women) Amendment Regulations, 1954.


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

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were 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 Summary Jurisdiction and Procedure (Scotland).

Ordered, That the Paper relating to Summary Jurisdiction and Procedure (Scotland) be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill):—Mr. Mott-Radclyffe.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money] and on the Licensing (Seamen's Canteens) Bill [Lords] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Sir Thomas Dugdale, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her 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.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, it is expedient to authorise any such payments out of moneys provided by Parliament as are mentioned in the table set out below, and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by or on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in consequence of any such amendments as are referred to in item 3 of that table.

The table above referred to

1. The sums needed as the result of making permanent the power to make grants under section fifteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, as amended, in respect of field drainage and other matters.

2. The sums needed as the result of extending to the end of July nineteen hundred and fifty-nine the power to make contributions under section one of the Agriculture Act, 1937, as amended, towards the cost of liming agricultural land, and of enabling that power to be further extended by order for five-year periods.

3. The sums needed as the result of any amendment extending (by reference to the limit of rental value) the meaning of “smallholding” in Part IV of the Agriculture Act, 1947, or as the result of any amendment altering, in relation to a smallholdings authority's interest or sinking fund charges, the method of calculating the maximum contribution under section fifty-eight of that Act towards any loss incurred by the authority.

4. The expenses incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State in administering any provision for preventing the spread of pests or diseases by bees imported into Great Britain.

5. The expenses incurred by the Secretary of State as the result of extending the Corn Returns Act, 1882, to Scotland, with the substitution of references to the Secretary of State for references to the Board of Trade and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

6. The increase in grants under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, attributable to any provision for the collection and processing by local authorities of kitchen and other waste for use as animal feeding stuffs.

7. The increase in grants under Parts I and II of the Local Government Act, 1948, attributable to any provision adapting the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, to air transport.—(Sir Thomas Dugdale.)

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 Licensing (Seamen's Canteens) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. McCorquodale be discharged from the Committee of Privileges; and that Mr. Assheton be added to the Committee.

(Sir Cedric Drew.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Sir Cedric Drew.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 19th January, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker this day certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 36.]

Wednesday, 20th January, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Harwich Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Harwich in the room of Sir Joseph Stanley Holmes, called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Ninety-sixth Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th January 1954, entitled the Fats and Cheese (Rationing) (Amendment) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Lake Success on the 4th day of May 1949, amending the International Agreement for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic of the 18th day of May 1904 and the International Convention for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic of the 4th day of May 1910.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume 1, Part 16, County of East Lothian.

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

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to Animals. the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th January 1954, made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries authorising the landing at Glasgow of a Heifer from Canada.

Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of his proceedings under Part III of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to Supplies and the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1954, entitled the Food (Licensing of Establishments) (Amendment) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fiftieth Annual Report of the Metropolitan Water Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

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 Leyton (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1953.

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

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 all Applications made by the First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament, from the 6th day of January 1953 to the 5th day of January 1954, and the Answers of the said Court thereto.
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 Saint George, Battersea, and Saint Andrew, Battersea, in the diocese of Southwark.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd, supported by Mr. Molson, presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to the deductions to be made for the space occupied by the propelling power in measuring the tonnage of merchant ships in which the tonnage of the space solely occupied by and necessary for the proper working of the boilers and machinery does not exceed thirteen, or in the case of ships propelled by paddle wheels twenty, per cent. of the gross tonnage: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart, supported by Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter and Mr. Henderson Stewart, presented a Bill to transfer the functions of the Minister of Fuel and Power in Scotland in relation to electricity to the Secretary of State; to establish the South of Scotland Electricity Board; to transfer the functions of the British Electricity Authority in the south of Scotland and of the Scottish Area Boards to that Board; to amend the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1943; 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 the Proceedings on Government Business be expiated, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Secretary Eden.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision as respects Scotland for the clearance and redevelopment of areas of unfit housing accommodation, and for securing or promoting the reconditioning and maintenance of houses, and otherwise to amend the enactments relating to housing and rent control, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) contributions in respect of houses purchased by local authorities under section seventeen of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1950, or in respect of houses purchased or held by local authorities for demolition but retained for temporary use for housing purposes, consisting of—

(i) a contribution equal to one-half of the annual loan charges referable to the cost of purchase of each such house for each financial year in which any part of the house is used for housing purposes, and

(ii) a contribution equal to three pounds, or such other sum as the Minister of Housing and Local Government may determine, for each such house (or in the case of a house containing more than one separate dwelling, equal to the said sum for each such dwelling) payable annually for a period of fifteen years,

(b) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under section one hundred and seventy-three of the Housing Act, 1936, paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, Part II of the Housing Act, 1949, or Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948,—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas. {Sir Cedric Drewe: 291.}

Tellers for the Noes. {Mr. Wallace: 247.}

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.

Mr. Secretary Stuart, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Housing Repairs and Rents (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.)
(b) any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of such moneys under subsection (3) of section one of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, section one hundred and sixteen or section one hundred and seventy of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1950, or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948.—(Mr. Secretary Stuart.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Cedric Drew, Mr. Studioholme; ] 293.

Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, Mr. John Taylor; ] 250.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (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, 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 Cwmbran New Town Compulsory Purchase Order, No. 9 (The Garw), 1952, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 24th day of November last, be annulled.—(Mr. Fletcher;)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in L. 1, by leaving out from the word "the" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "Petition of the Rural District Council of Pontypool against the Cwmbran New Town Compulsory Purchase Order No. 9 (The Garw), 1952, be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses."—(Mr. Ede), 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:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

[No. 37.]


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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Sir Herbert Butcher be Selection. The said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, Marriages, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 11th December 1953, entitled the Marriages Validity (All Saints Chapel, Glossop) Order, 1953, and

(2) dated 14th December 1953, entitled the Marriages Validity (Methodist Church, Moscow Mill Street, Oswaldtwistle) Order, 1953,

with Certificates by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Forty, Excise.

Copy of the Foreign Compensation. Fourth Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the Foreign directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 11th December 1953, entitled the Foreign Compensation (Financial Provisions) Order, 1954,


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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the Foreign directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th January 1954, entitled the Merchant Shipping. (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) (Canada) Order, 1954.

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

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

Account of the Sums received into and paid out of the Herring Marketing Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and Audited Statements with respect to the Application of Moneys advanced to the Herring Industry Board.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
Standing Committee B.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Law Reform (Limitation of Actions, &c.), Bill): Sir Richard Acland, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Bowen, Sir Edward Boyle, Mr. Clyde, Mr. Doughty, Mr. Harrison, Sir Lionel Head, Mr. Hylton-Foster, Mr. Maclay, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Moyle, Mr. Page, Mr. Pannell, Mr. Peyton, Mr. Astor, Mr. Black, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. John Freeman, Mr. Harden, Mr. Healey, Mr. Morsom, Mr. Murray, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Roland Robinson, Mr. Robson-Brown, Mr. William Taylor, Mr. Ivor Thomas, Mr. Vaughan-Morgan, Mr. Warney and Mrs. White.

Standing Committee D.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee D: Mr. Adams, Mr. Atten., Mr. Blin, Mr. Buchan, Mr. Braine, Mr. Broughton, Mrs. Corbet, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Fernyhough, Mr. Follick, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Frederic Harris, Mr. Harvey, Captain Hewitson, Mr. Gerald Howard, Mr. Harold Lever, Lieutenant-Colonel Lionton, Sir Hues Lucas-Tooth, Mr. McAdden, Mr. Paton, Mr. Poat, Mr. Rees-Davies, Mr. Remnant, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Willey.

Standing Committee B.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the following Twenty-four Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Juries Bill): Mr. Acland, Mr. Frederic Bennett, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Braine, Dr. Broughton, Mrs. Corbet, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Fernyhough, Mr. Follick, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Frederic Harris, Mr. Harvey, Captain Hewitson, Mr. Gerald Howard, Mr. Harold Lever, Lieutenant-Colonel Lionton, Sir Hues Lucas-Tooth, Mr. McAdden, Mr. Paton, Mr. Poat, Mr. Rees-Davies, Mr. Remnant, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Willey.

Standing Committee D.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Mr. Arthur Allen, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Bartley, Mr. George Brown, Mr. Champion, Sir Thomas Dugdale, Sir Ian Fraser, Mr. Hayman, Mr. Holt, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Mr. Hurd, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Langford-Holt, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mr. Edward Mallalieu, Mr. John Morrison, Mr. Nugent, Mr. Richards, Mr. Slater, Sir Wadron Smithers, Mr. Snadden, Sir Lyns Ungoed-Thomas, Mr. Vane and Mr. Will.

Mines and Quarries Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mines and Quarries Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Kaberry.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

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. Kaberry reported from the Committee on Housing Repairs and Rents [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for the clearance and redevelopment of areas of unfit housing accommodation, and for securing or promoting the reconditioning and maintenance of houses, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) contributions in respect of houses purchased or held by local authorities for demolition but retained for temporary use for housing purposes, consisting of—

(i) a contribution equal to one-half of the annual loan charges referable to the cost of purchase of each such house for each financial year in which any part of the house is used for housing purposes,

(ii) a contribution equal to three pounds, or such other sum as the Minister of Housing and Local Government may determine, for each such house (or, in the case of a house containing more than one separate dwelling, equal to the said sum for each such dwelling) payable annually for a period of fifteen years,

(b) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under section one hundred and seventy-three of the Housing Act, 1936, paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, Part II of the Housing Act, 1949, or Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948.

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

Mr. Kaberry reported from the Committee on Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) [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 Scotland for the clearance and re-development of areas of unfit housing accommodation, and for securing or promoting the reconditioning and maintenance of houses, and otherwise to amend the enactments relating to housing and rent control, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) contributions in respect of houses purchased or held by local authorities under section seventeen of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1950, or in respect of houses purchased or held by local authorities for demolition but retained for use for housing purposes, consisting of—

(i) a contribution equal to one-half of the annual loan charges referable to the cost of purchase of each such
house for each financial year in which any part of the house is used for housing purposes; and
(ii) a contribution equal to seven pounds five shillings, or such other sum as the Secretary of State may determine, for each such house payable annually for a period of fifteen years;
(b) any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of such moneys under subsection (3) of section one of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, section one hundred and sixteen or section one hundred and seventy of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1930, or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948.

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

Mr. Kaberry reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, it is expedient to authorise any such payments out of moneys provided by Parliament as are mentioned in the table set out below, and the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by or on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries in consequence of any such amendments as are referred to in item 3 of that table.

The table above referred to.

1. The sums needed as the result of making permanent the power to make grants under section fifteen of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940, as amended, in respect of field drainage and other matters.
2. The sums needed as the result of extending to the end of July nineteen hundred and fifty-nine the power to make contributions under section one of the Agriculture Act, 1937, as amended, towards the cost of liming agricultural land, and of enabling that power to be further extended by order for five-year periods.
3. The sums needed as the result of any amendment extending (by reference to the limit of rental value) the meaning of "smallholding" in Part IV of the Agriculture Act, 1947, or as the result of any amendment altering, in relation to a smallholdings authority's interest or sinking fund charges, the method of calculating the maximum contribution under section fifty-eight of that Act towards any loss incurred by the authority.
4. The expenses incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State in administering any provision for preventing the spread of pests or diseases by bees imported into Great Britain.
5. The expenses incurred by the Secretary of State as the result of extending the Corn Returns Act, 1882, to Scotland, with the substitution of references to the Secretary of State for references to the Board of Trade and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.


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. 38.]

Friday, 22nd January, 1954.

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 Kingston-upon-Hull, Haltemprice, in the room of the Right Honourable Richard Kidston Law, who, since his election for the said Constituency, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Abstract Account showing the Issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, for the Interest and Management of the Debt, for the Civil List, and all other Issues in the year for Services charged directly on the said Fund, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

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

(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd.)

To report Resolution, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Galbraith.)

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 Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means also acquitted the House, 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 into the said Committee.

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

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. Galbraith.)

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


The following Papers, required by several Parliamentary Acts of Parliament to be laid before the House, were laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 23rd day of this instant January pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and Public Petitions. Vide Second Report.

The following Papers, required by several Parliamentary Acts of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 23rd day of this instant January pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation

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of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

**National Health Service (Scotland).**

Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd January 1954, entitled the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.

**London Traffic.**


Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Air Services Accounts.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

**Army (Appropriation Account).**

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**Crown Lands.**

Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Crown Lands for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

**Navy (Appropriation Account).**

No. 62.

**Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.**

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of two Statutes made by the University of Oxford on the 20th day of October 1953, amending the Statutes of the University.

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

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

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

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd January 1954, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Fishing Nets) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of Middlesex.

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

The Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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Major Lloyd George, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Baking Industry (Hours of Work) [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 restrict night work in the baking industry and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Labour and National Service in carrying the said Act into effect.—(Mr. Legh.)

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.

Major Lloyd George, by Her Majesty's Juries (In the Committee.) Command, acquainted the House, That Her 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 amend the provisions of the Juries Act, 1949, as to payments in respect of jury service, 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 the said Act of 1949 or under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948.—(Mr. Legh.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes before 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 Mines and Quarrries Bill to Standing Committee A.
Tuesday, 26th January, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on the 15th day of December 1953, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Denmark regarding payment of compensation or benefit in respect of Industrial Injuries (including occupational diseases) (The Convention has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government).

Copy of the Final Act of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, and annexed International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1948, signed at London on the 10th day of June 1948.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd January 1954, entitled—

(1) the Metalliferous Mines (Amendment) General Regulations, 1954, and
(2) the Quarries (Electricity) (Amendment) General Regulations, 1954.

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd January 1954, entitled the Metalliferous Mines and Quarries (Electricity Exemption) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

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

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

(1) dated 20th January 1954, entitled the Ashton-under-Lyne (Repeal of Local Enactment) Order, 1954,
(2) dated 15th January 1954, entitled the Rawtenstall (Repeal of Local Enactment) Order, 1954, and
(3) dated 21st January 1954, entitled the St. Helens (Extension) Order, 1954, with Certificates by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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 Acquisition of Guaranteed Securities Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of the Management and the Farming of Land by the Agricultural Land Commission and the Welsh Agricultural Land Sub-Commission for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Forestry Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Ironstone Restoration Fund showing Receipts and Payments during the period ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Fletcher 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 Mr. Wing Commander Hulbert reported from Standing Committee B. That they had gone through the Protection of Birds Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 9th day of April next ; and be printed.

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

Mr. Fletcher 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 one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords communicate that they have a Message from the Lords, Private Bills for the exclusive purpose of
The Development of Inventions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the period during which advances may be made to the National Research Development Corporation out of the Consolidated Fund and during which the Board of Trade may waive interest on such advances, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase in the sums which in accordance with section eleven of the Development of Inventions Act, 1948, fall to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund or raised under the National Loans Act, 1939, or in accordance with section twelve of that Act fall to be paid into the Exchequer or issued out of the Consolidated Fund and applied in redeeming or paying off debt or paying interest;

(b) any waiver of interest in accordance with section eight of that Act;

being an increase or waiver attributable to extending the said period.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved Currency and Bank Notes Bill in Committee.


Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, after the word “denominations,” to insert the words “exceeding ten shillings.”—(Mr. Norman Smith.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2; l. 10, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that payment to a clearing bank for any notes called in from that bank under this subsection shall not have the consequent effect of diminishing the clearing bank's holding of cash at the Bank of England.”—(Mr. Norman Smith.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yeas,

Mr. Bence:

Major Conant,

Mr. Peter Jay:

Lieutenant-Commander Thompson

Tellers for the

Noes,

Mr. Allan:

Mr. Holmes

Mr. Norman Smith,

Clause agreed to.


Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 17, to leave out the word “either,” and insert the words “the Commons.”—(Mr. Jay.)

Question put, That the word “either” stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yeas,

Mr. Studholme

Mr. Allan

Mr. Royle

Mr. Holmes

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Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 and 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 into a Committee on the Currency and Bank Notes Bill.

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
by virtue of any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision with respect to the management and control of mines and quarries and for securing the safety, health and welfare of persons employed thereat.

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

Mr. Allan reported from the Committee on Baking Industry (Hours of Work) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present session to restrict night work in the baking industry and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Labour and National Service in carrying the said Act into effect.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Allan.)

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

MEMORANDA.

Tuesday, 26th January, 1954.

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

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Thomas Brown Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Law Reform (Limitation of Actions, &c.) Bill, Sir Austin Hudson Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, and Mr. Hoy Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 41.]

Wednesday, 27th January, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ward presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1953, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to the Order of His late Majesty King George the Sixth, dated 31st August 1950, providing for the pay and allowances payable to members of the Royal Air Force and ancillary Services.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Member to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Juries Bill): Mr. Barber.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Juries Bill): Mr. Thompson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Neave.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Partridge and Mr. Warbay, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Philip Bell, Mr. Pear and Commander Scott-Miller.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Mr. John Morrison; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hollis.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Eleven Members to the Scottish Standing Committee (in respect of the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill): Mr. Arbutnoot, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Sir George Harvie-Watt, Mr. Holman, Mr. Kerr, Sir Peter Macdonald, Mr. McKay, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Moody and Mr. Orr-Ewing.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Eleven Members to the Scottish Standing Committee (in respect of the Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Bill): Mr. Alport, Mr. Baird, Mr. Godber, Miss Lee, Mr. Longden, Mr. McKibbin, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Oldfield, Mr. Scott, Mr. Spearman and Mr. Wakefield.

The Order of the day being read, for the Landlord and Tenant 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 makes no provision for leasehold enfranchisement"

—(Sir Frank Soskice).—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, Sir Cedric Drewe: 288.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Allen: 264.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, by His Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That His Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Landlord and Tenant [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 provide security of tenure for certain residential tenants and for the renewal of certain business, professional and other tenancies, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under any enactment, being an increase attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session requiring compensation to be paid by Government departments and local authorities in certain cases,

(b) of the remuneration of assessors summoned under section eighty-eight of the County Courts Act, 1934, in proceedings under the said Act of the present session or Part I of the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1929.—(Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

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 Mr. Hylton-Foster be added to the Select Committee appointed to join with a Select Committee appointed by the Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills.—(Sir Cedric Drewett.)

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee on Juries [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the provisions of the Juries Act, 1949, as to payments in respect of jury service, 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 the said Act of 1949, or under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Aliens Order, 1953, dated 19th November 1953, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of November last, be annulled:—(Mr. Hale)

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

Thursday, 28th January, 1954:

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

[No. 42.]

Thursday, 28th January, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Return, showing, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, (1) the amount contributed by (a) England and Wales and (b) Scotland to the Revenue of the United Kingdom; (2) the Expenditure on (a) English and Welsh Services and (b) Scottish Services met out of such Revenue; and (3) the Balances of Revenue contributed by (a) England and Wales and (b) Scotland which are available for expenditure on General Services.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treaty of Friendship and Alliance between Her Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Libya (with Military and Financial Agreements and Notes exchanged) signed at Benghazi on the 29th day of July 1953 (Ratifications of the Treaty and Agreements exchanged at Benghazi on the 7th day of December 1953).

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 Soane's the late Sir John Soane on the 5th day of Museum, January 1954.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Standing Orders from the Standing Orders Committee, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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2. That, in the case of the Kent Water, 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.

The Lords have agreed to the Navy, Army, and Air Force Reserves Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, supported by Mr. Secretary Stuart, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth and Mr. Joynson-Hicks, presented a Bill to enable grants to be made in respect of measures taken to secure the due functioning of electricity undertakings in Great Britain in the event of hostile attack:

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 Lucas-Tooth, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of supplementary allowances and of pensions to persons who are or have been widows of certain former members of the Royal Irish Constabulary: And the same was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

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

The Merchant Shipping Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensing (Seamen's Canteens) Bill [Lords].

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Procedure for grant of licences).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, after the word “canteen,” to insert the words—

“Provided that in considering whether premises are fit and convenient within the meaning of this section the licensing authority shall have regard to what accommodation and amenities are provided in the premises and what facilities are available in them for obtaining both intoxicating liquor and meals and other refreshments, including the provision of accommodation in which beverages other than intoxicating liquor may be consumed and in which the consumption of intoxicating liquor is prohibited.”—(Mr. James Hudson.)

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

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Renewal of Licences).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 39, to leave out the word “five,” and insert the word “three.”—(Mr. Hastings.)

Question, That the word “five” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 and 6 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Permitted hours for sale of intoxicating liquor in canteens licensed under this Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 38, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. James Hudson.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 8 to 10 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 11 and 12 amended, and agreed to.

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.

The Currency and Bank Notes Bill was, Currency and Bank Notes Bill, 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. Redmayne reported from the Committee on Landlord and Tenant [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide security of tenure for certain residential tenants and for the renewal of certain business, professional and other tenancies, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys under any enactment,
being an increase attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present session requiring compensation to be paid by Government departments and local authorities in certain cases,
(b) of the remuneration of assessors summoned under section eighty-eight of the County Courts Act, 1934, in proceedings under the said Act of the present session or Part I of the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1927.

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

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the 26th day of this instant January communicating the Resolution, That it is desirable that in the present Session all Private Bills for the exclusive purpose of consolidating the provisions of existing Private Acts of Parliament be referred to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills; and that the Joint Committee shall not take into consideration any Petition against any such Bill if the Petitioners seek to alter the existing law, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Redmayne):—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. Redmayne.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.
Thursday, 28th January, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Landlord and Tenant Bill to Standing Committee D.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Sudan Electoral Commission signed at Khartoum on the 13th day of December 1953 (together with covering documents of the 13th and 20th days of December 1953 and a Statistical Supplement).


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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Interim Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on Slaughterhouses (Scotland).

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

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 27th January 1954, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Signals of Distress) Rules, 1954.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th January 1954, entitled the Road Haulage and Hire (Charges) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Interim Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on Slaughterhouses (England and Wales).

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from the Scottish Standing Committee (added in respect of the Scottish Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Bill): Miss Lee; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Moody.

The Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Bill Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) 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 Pool Betting 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. Mulley rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday the 12th day of February next.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Airports) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rights of Entry (Gas and Electricity Boards) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Galbraith):—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-eight minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

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 Expenses of the Law Society of Scotland paid into and out of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection (Standing Committee C) (added in respect of the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill): Colonel Harrison; and had appointed in substitution Sir Edward Boyle.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. Robson-Brown; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House deplores the decision of Her Majesty’s Government to adopt the Belgian F.N. rifle for use by the British Army in place of the new British E.M.2 rifle.—(Mr. Wyatt):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Galbraith: 266.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hill Farming Bill;

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Kaberry: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Allen: 206.

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. Kaberry)

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

Mr. Kaberry reported from the Committee on Development of Inventions [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the period during which advances may be made to the National Research Development Corporation out of
the Consolidated Fund and during which the Board of Trade may waive interest on such advances, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase in the sums which in accordance with section eleven of the Development of Inventions Act, 1948, fall to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund or raised under the National Loans Act, 1939, or in accordance with section twelve of that Act fall to be paid into the Exchequer or issued out of the Consolidated Fund and applied in redeeming or paying off debt or paying interest;

(b) any waiver of interest in accordance with section eight of that Act;

being an increase or waiver attributable to extending the said period.

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

Development of Inventions Bill.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Draft National Insurance (Married Women) Amendment Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Turton.)

Adjournment.

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

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 1st February, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 45.]

Tuesday, 2nd February, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

A BILL to provide for the administration of the Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust as an educational charity; to incorporate the governors thereof; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Acts 1937 to 1953 in their application to the superannuation fund administered by the Bedfordshire County Council; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the transfer of the undertaking of the Burial Board for the Parish of Bebington in the County of Chester to the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Bebington; to confer further powers on the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the county borough of Birkenhead with reference to their transport ferry water and markets undertakings and with reference to lands and streets and the local government health improvement and finances of the borough; to enact provisions with reference to hairdressers' and barbers' premises and public entertainments; and for other purposes, was 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 authorise the closing for navigation of portions of certain inland waterways; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands; to confer further powers on the Commission; to dissolve the Norwich Omnibus Company; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enact provisions with respect to smoke abatement streets and local government in the City of London; to make further provision with respect to superannuation; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the time for the compulsory acquisition of certain lands by the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Crewe under the Crewe Corporation Act 1938; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to constitute the borough of Ilford a county borough; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
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<td>A Bill for the removal of doubts as to the validity of the amalgamation of The Institution of Automobile Engineers with The Institution of Mechanical Engineers and as to the validity of an increase of the subscriptions payable to The Institution of Mechanical Engineers; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.</td>
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<td>Kent Water Bill.</td>
<td>A Bill to make further provision in reference to the supply of water in Kent and in certain parishes in East Sussex; to provide for the amalgamation of water undertakings for the transfer of certain of such undertakings and for the formation of joint boards; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.</td>
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<td>A Bill to constitute the borough of Luton a county borough; and for purposes incidental thereto, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.</td>
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<td>A Bill to provide for the transfer to Northern Rhodesia of the registration of Rhodesian Selection Trust Limited Mufulira Copper Mines Limited and Roan Antelope Copper Mines Limited; to apply to those Companies the provisions of the Companies Ordinance of the said Territory in place of certain provisions of the Companies Act 1948; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.</td>
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<td>Salford Corporation Bill.</td>
<td>A Bill to authorise the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Salford to execute a street work in the City and to acquire lands therefor and for other purposes; to confer further powers on the Corporation and to make further and better provision for the health local government improvement and finances of the City; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.</td>
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<td>Towcester Rural District Council (Abthorpe Rating) Bill.</td>
<td>A Bill to abolish certain privileges in respect of rating in the Parish of Abthorpe in the Rural District of Towcester; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.</td>
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<td>A Bill to authorise the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Walsall to provide and work trolley vehicles on further routes and to make further provision with regard to the transport undertaking of the Corporation; to authorise the Corporation to construct street works and to purchase lands compulsorily for those and other purposes; to make further provision for the health local government improvement and finances of the borough; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.</td>
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<td>Wankie Colliery Bill.</td>
<td>A Bill to provide for the transfer to Southern Rhodesia of the registration of the Wankie Colliery Company Limited; to apply to the Company the provisions of the Companies Act 1951 of the said Territory in place of certain provisions of the Companies Act 1948; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.</td>
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<td>A Bill to authorise the construction of new works for improving the existing pier of Grand Pier Limited; to enlarge the powers of the Company; to amend the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Acts 1893 to 1932; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.</td>
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<td>Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Bank Notes.</td>
<td>The directions of several Acts of Parliament.—No. 70. Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 26th January 1954, relative to the fiduciary note issue.</td>
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<td>Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1953.</td>
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<td>Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Bank Notes be printed.</td>
<td>Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, Supplies and Services (Agricultural Staffs (Revocation) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1954.</td>
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<td>Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.</td>
<td>Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of a List of (No. 6, 1954). Further Amendments to the Schedule to the International Whaling Convention signed at Washington on the 2nd day of December 1946, adopted at the Fifth Meeting of the International Whaling Commission held at London in June 1953. Copy of Notes exchanged at Beirut on the Treaty Series 10th day of December 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Lebanese Republic amending the Schedule of Routes annexed to the Air Services Agreement of the 15th day of August 1951. Copy of Notes exchanged at Stockholm on Treaty Series the 16th day of November 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Sweden prolonging the Monetary Agreement of the 10th day of November 1930. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.</td>
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Supplies and Services (Food).

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 1st February 1954, entitled
(1) the Butter (Amendment) Order, 1954, and
(2) the Cheese (Amendment) Order, 1954.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Civil Defence.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations entitled the Civil Defence (Gas Undertakers) Regulations, 1954.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

National Insurance.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd February 1954, entitled the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1954.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

National Insurance.

No. 68.

Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1954, in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, preceded by a Statement made by the National Insurance Joint Authority in accordance with that Act.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Selection (Standing Committees).

Standing Committee D.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D: Mr. John Freeman and Mr. Harden; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gooch and Mr. Phelim O’Neill.

Public Accounts.

Special Report.

No. 67.

Mr. Benson 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.

Members’ Expenses, &c.

No. 72.

Mr. Clement Davies reported from the Select Committee on Members’ Expenses, &c., That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.
Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

Scottish Standing Committee.

Mr. Hoy reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had considered the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill in relation to the principle of the Bill, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Mr. Thomas Brown reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Law Reform (Limitation of Actions, &c.) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 7th day of May next; and be printed.

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

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

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. Legh):—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, 2nd February, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Colonel Gomme-Duncan Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 46.]

Wednesday, 3rd February, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Account of the 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 1953, 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 St. Mary Abbots, Kensington; St. George, Hampden

No. 69.

Standing Committee B.

Law Reform Committee.

Bill 60.

Bill 70.

No. 71.

No. 72.
In Scotland in relation to electricity to the Secretary of State, to establish the South of Scotland Electricity Board and to transfer the functions of the British Electricity Authority in the south of Scotland and of the Scottish Area Boards to that Board, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums which may be required by the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantees given by them under section forty-seven of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1943, as read with section forty-seven of the Electricity Act, 1947, in respect of loans raised or to be raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board, so, however, that the aggregate of the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of any stock issued for the purpose of raising any such loan and of any moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Board (other than any loan from the British Electricity Authority to the said Board by virtue of any financial adjustment made under the said Act of the present Session between the Authority and the Board, or any loan raised for the purpose of the said adjustment) do not at any time exceed the sum of seventy-five million pounds, excluding stock issued and moneys temporarily borrowed for the purpose of redeeming stock or repaying moneys temporarily borrowed;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums paid in or towards the repayment of any sum issued out of the Consolidated Fund by virtue of the said Act of the present Session and

c) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses incurred in consequence of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session by any Minister of the Crown or Government Department.

—(Mr. Secretary Stuart.)

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 National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The Lord Advocate, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee

On the Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electricity Reorganisation (Scotland) Bill;

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchan-Hepburn,]

Yea's, [Sir Cedric Drewe:]

285.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson,]

Noes, [Mr. John Taylor:]

255.

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. Heath.)

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Electricity Reorganisation (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 transfer the functions of the Minister of Fuel and Power
of the whole House, recommends it to the con- 
sideration of the House:—Whereupon the 
House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, 
resolved itself into a Committee. 

(In the Committee.) 

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any 
Act of the present Session to provide for the 
establishment of a Board to manage the 
National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, 
it is expedient to authorise— 
(i) the payment out of moneys provided by 
Parliament of 
(a) the expenses incurred by the said 
Board in the exercise and discharge of 
their powers and duties; and 
(b) the sums required for the 
remuneration of the officers and 
servants of the said Board, in so far 
as such expenses or sums are not other-
wise defrayed under any provision of 
the said Act; and 
(ii) the payment into the Exchequer of any 
sums received by the said Board and not 
otherwise applied under any provision of 
the said Act.—(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. 

Adjournment. 

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. 

(Major Conant.) 

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

MEMORANDUM. 

Wednesday, 3rd February, 1954. 

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the 
Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Com-
mittees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. 
Erroll Chairman of Standing Committee B 
in respect of the Juries Bill. 

[No. 47.] 

Thursday, 4th February, 1954. 

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

PRAYERS. 

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant 
to the directions of an Act of Parlia-
ment,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd February 
1954, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 4) Order, 
1954. 

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

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, 
pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parlia-
ment,—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 October to the 31st day of 
December 1953. 

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her 
Housing 
Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing 
Return for Scotland, dated 31st December 
1953. 

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the Highways, 
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of 
an Order, dated 3rd February 1954, entitled 
the Stopping up of Highways (Atherstone and 
Nuneaton, Warwickshire) (Revocation) Order, 
1954. 

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to Coal Mines. 
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of 
the Report of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of 
Mines for 1952—West Midland and Southern 
Division. 

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, by Her 
Housing 
Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing 
Return for England and Wales, dated 31st 
December 1953. 

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

Mr. George Thomas reported from Standing 
Committee A, That they had gone through the 
Cotton Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. 

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the 
Standing Committee, be taken into considera-
tion upon Monday next; and be printed. 

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceed-
ings 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 agreed to the Amendments 
made by this House to the Licensing (Seamen’s 
Canteens) Bill [Lords], without any Amend-
ment. 

Lieutenant Thomas Lascelles Iremonger, New Member 
R.N.V.R., Member for Ilford, North, was 
sworn. 

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

(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn); 

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. Kabery.]

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

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 4th February, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Leonard Ropner Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Industrial Diseases (Benefit) Bill.

[No. 48.]

Friday, 5th February, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of a Report by the Resumed Conference on the Nigerian Constitution held in Lagos in January and February 1954.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mrs. Castle, Mr. Drayson, Mr. Irvine and Mr. Gerald Williams; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Awbery, Mr. Marshall, Captain Orr and Mr. Albert Roberts.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from the Scottish Standing Committee (added in respect of the Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Bill): Mr. McKibbin; and had appointed in substitution Sir David Campbell.

Resolved, That this House expresses its concern at the continuing overcrowding of many prisons, welcomes the measures planned and being undertaken by Her Majesty's Government to improve the position and urges that in the interests of good discipline, correct training and the comfort and convenience of the staffs no effort should be spared to provide additional suitable accommodation.—[Mr. Thompson.]

Resolved, That this House welcomes the First Report of the National Advisory Committee on the Employment of Older Men and Women, and urges Her Majesty's Government to give every encouragement to both employers and work people wishing to carry out the recommendations of the Committee.—[Mr. Drayson.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Airports) Bill:

And a Motion was 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—[Sir Cedric Drews]:—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. 49.]

Monday, 8th February, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bedfordshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

Ordered, That the Institution of Mechanical Engineers Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

Ordered, That the Newport Corporation Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Ordered, That the Rhodesian Selection Trust Limited and Associated Companies Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order made upon the 2nd day of this instant February, That the Salford Corporation Bill be read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Towcester Rural District Council (Abthorpe Rating) Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

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

Ordered, That the Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Wesleyan and General Assurance Society Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of further Sums required to be voted for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Direction, dated 7th February 1954, entitled the Coal Distribution (Restriction) (Amendment) Direction, 1954.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Sir John Barlow, Sir David Campbell, Mr. Marshall and Mr. William Richard Williams; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant - Commander Baldock, Mr. McKibbin, Brigadier Prior-Palmer and Mr. Thornton.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Industrial Diseases (Benefit) Bill): Colonel Lancaster; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Nicolson.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. Murray; and had appointed in substitution Sir Leslie Plummer.

Mr. Gammanz presented a Bill to enable the Postmaster-General to acquire lands in London for the purposes of the Post Office and to construct for those purposes certain underground railway works in London, 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.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) Bill:

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

Ordered, That Sir Edward Keeling be discharged from the Select Committee on House of Commons Accommodation, &c., and that Sir Robert Grimston be added to the Committee.—(Sir Cedric Drews).

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

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust 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 Bedfordshire County Council (Superannuation) 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 Birkenhead Corporation Bill:

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

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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 Monday next.

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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crewe Corporation 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 Institution of Mechanical Engineers 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 Kent Water 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 Luton Corporation 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 Newport Corporation 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 Rhodesian Selection Trust Limited and Associated Companies 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 Walsall Corporation 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 Wankie Colliery 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 Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock 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 Wesleyan and General Assurance Society 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 Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, Civil Defence, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Civil Defence (Police) Regulations, 1954.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ward presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the additional Number of Personnel and the further Sum to be voted for Air Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954.

Estimates for Air Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955.
Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Civil Defence, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Civil Defence (Police) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th February 1954, entitled the Fats and Cheese (Rationing) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Copy of the Annual Report of the Lincolnshire River Boards, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.
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—
(1) the Marriages Validity (All Saints Chapel, Glossop) Order, 1953,
(2) the Marriages Validity (Methodist Church, Moscow Mill Street, Oswaldtwistle) Order, 1953,
(3) the Ashton-under-Lyne (Repeal of Local Enactment) Order, 1954,
(4) the Rawtenstall (Repeal of Local Enactment) Order, 1954, and
(5) the St. Helens (Extension) Order, 1954.
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 February 1954, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules, 1954.

Mr. Fletcher 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.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. Awbery, Mr. Boardman, Mrs. Braddock, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Keenan, Mr. McKinnib, Mr. Nabarro, Captain Orr, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Thornton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Amery, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. David Griffiths, Captain Hewitson, Mr. Aubrey Jones, Mr. Thomas Jones, Mr. Mason, Mr. William Paling, Sir Victor Ratcliffe, Mr. Robson-Brown, Mr. White and Mr. Llywelyn Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Mines and Quarries Bill): Mr. Blyton, Colonel Clarke, Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre, Mr. Finch, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. John Thomas Hall, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Joynson-Hicks, Viscount Lambton, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, Mr. McCadden, Mr. Mainland, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Neal, Mr. Noel-Baker, Mr. Henry Price, Mr. Redmayne, Mr. Goronwy Roberts, Mr. Speir, Mr. Bernard Taylor, Mr. Timmons and Mr. Ronald Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Twenty-six Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Bill): Mr. Baxter, Dr. Broughton, Sir Robert Cary, Mr. Dugdale, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Miss Herbison, Dr. Hill, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Mr. Janner, Mr. Elwyn Jones, Lieutenant-Commander Maydon, Mr. John Morrison, Mr. Moyle, Mr. Mulley, Sir Robert Perkins, Mr. Remnant, Mr. Renton, Mr. Ross, Mr. Royle, Mr. Steffington, Sir Charles Taylor, Mr. Teeling, Mr. Willey and Sir Herbert Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. William Taylor; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Wellwood.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Twenty-four Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Landlord and Tenant Bill): Mr. Albu, Dr. Bennett, Sir Alfred Bossmom, Sir Edward Boyle, Mr. Fleetwood-Hesketh, Mr. Fletcher, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Hale, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Cledwen Hughes, Mr. Irvine, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Edward Mallalieu, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Popplewell, Sir Frank Sobkice, Sir Patrick Spens, Mr. Tinley, Sir Lynn Unoed-Thomas, Mr. Vosper, Mr. William Wells, Mr. Dudley Williams and Mr. William Thomas Williams.

Sir Leonard Ropner reported from Standing Committee A, that they had gone through the Industrial Diseases (Benefit) 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 Thursday next.

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

Ordered. That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Post Office (Site and Railway) Bill, with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Currency and Bank Notes Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be expedited, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the retail price of Surf, Daz, Fab, Persil, Tide, and other soap powders, soap substitutes, detergents, &c.—Sir Richard Acland.

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Standing Order (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business):—And it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered. That Sir Richard Acland, Mr. Foot, Mr. Delargy, Mr. Ellis Smith, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Mr. Harold Wilson and Mr. Elwyn Jones do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Sir Richard Acland accordingly presented a Bill to reduce the retail price of Surf, Daz, Fab, Persil, Tide and other soap powders, soap substitutes, detergents, &c.; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next, and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Purchase Tax (No. 1) Order, 1954, dated 1st January 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 4th day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter).
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir Cedric Drew, Yeas, Mr. Studholme:]
Tellers for the [Mr. Royle, Noes, Mr. Holmes:]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)
Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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, 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 Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the payment of supplementary allowances and of pensions to persons who are or have been widows of certain former members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, it is expedient to authorise—
(a) of supplementary allowances to widows of former members of the Royal Irish Constabulary who are entitled to pensions payable under the enactments relating to the pensions of that force; and
(b) of pensions to such widows who are not so entitled, and
(c) of supplementary allowances and pensions respectively to persons who, having been such widows as are mentioned in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of this resolution, have remarried and again become widows.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
Ordered, That Sir Edward Keeling be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts; and that Mr. Niall Macpherson be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

Adjournment.

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

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. Kaberry):—And a Debate arising there-upon;

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, 9th February, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Mines and Quarries Bill.

[No. 51.]

Wednesday, 10th February, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ilford Corporation 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 Towcester Rural District Council (Abthorpe Rating) Bill;

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Account up to the 31st day of December 1953, showing the total Sums issued and applied for Interest as guaranteed by Her Majesty Queen Victoria and for Management of the Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1855, and also of the Total Repayments in respect of Advances.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland of his Proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act, 1862, as applied by Section 5 of the Harbours, Piers and Ferries (Scotland) Act, 1937, in the year ended the 31st day of January 1954.

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

Mr. James Thomas presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimates for the Navy for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Erroll reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Juries 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 21st day of May next.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Bence, Mr. Darling, Mr. Glausville, Mr. Irving, Mr. Jeger, Mrs. Jeger, Viscount Lambton, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Wheeldon and Mr. Llywelyn Williams; and had appointed in substitution Mr. George Crudcock, Mr. Grimston, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Jack Jones, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. William Paling, Mr. Pitman, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Thomas Reid and Mr. Short.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the retail price of sparking plugs (—(Mr. Foot);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to the Standing Order (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business):—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Foot, Sir Richard Acland, Mr. Mikardo, Miss Lee, Mr. William Griffiths, Mr. Delargy and Mr. Bing do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Foot accordingly presented a Bill to reduce the retail price of sparking plugs; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Amendments of s. 10 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word "effect," to insert the words "in so far as cottages, in respect of which improvement grants under the Hill Farming Act, 1946, are made after the passing of this Act, are continued."—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the /Mr. Arthur Allen, Mr. John Taylor:/ 234.
Tellers for the /Sir Cedric Drew, Mr. Galbraith:/ 263.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out the word "shall," and insert the word "may."—(Mr. George Brown.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, to leave out ll. 1 to 3, and insert the words "except that the period in that subsection, for the purposes of this Act, shall be increased to thirteen weeks."—(Mr. George Brown.)

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

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by 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 Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her 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 Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

2. Licensing (Seamen's Canteens) Act, 1954.


Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Hill Farming Bill.

(In the Committee.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the /Mr. Vosper, Mr. Oakshott:/ 269.
Tellers for the /Mr. Royle, Mr. Wallace:/ 244.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the /Mr. Statham, Mr. Allan:/ 270.
Tellers for the /Mr. Royle, Mr. Wallace:/ 250.

Clause No. 2 (Registration of conditions applied to cottages under s. 10 of the Hill Farming Act, 1946).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 1, after the word "notify," to insert the words "the occupier of the cottage and."—(Mr. George Brown.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while accepting the principle that Colonial territories should not be forced to buy British goods when it is contrary to their interests, regrets the action of Her Majesty's Government in entering into a trade agreement with the Japanese Government without prior consultation with the industries concerned, and without securing assurances that Japanese exporters will not revert to previous unfair trade practices—(Mr. Harold Wilson);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "acknowledges the sense of responsibility to the nation and to the Colonies which Her Majesty's Government has shown and its impartiality in taking this decision, and, whilst recognising that advantages will accrue to the trade of the Empire, urges Her Majesty's Government that any further arrangements should provide such safeguards of the interests of the textile
industry as the experience of the coming year may show to be necessary"—(Mr. Asheton),—instead thereof.

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

Mr. Ellis Smith moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Arthur Allen: 265.
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn: 296.
Sir Cedric Drewe: 329.
Noes, 
Mr. Royle: 268.
Mr. Arthur Allen: 297.
Mr. Kaberry: 279.
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added after the word "House" in the Main Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Arthur Allen: 297.
Sir Cedric Drewe: 296.
Mr. Studholme: 265.
Noes, 
Mr. Royle: 268.
Mr. Kaberry: 297.
Mr. Arthur Allen: 265.
So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House acknowledges the sense of responsibility to the nation and to the Colonies which Her Majesty's Government has shown and its impartiality in taking this decision, and, whilst recognising that advantages will accrue to the trade of the Empire, urges Her Majesty's Government that any further arrangements should provide such safeguards of the interests of the textile industry as the experience of the coming year may show to be necessary.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 10th February, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Henry Hynd, Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Bill.
Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business ( Bills affecting charities or educational foundations).—Report by him on the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords].

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 New Housing Areas (Church Buildings) Measure, 1954, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

One hundred and eighteenth Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee (upon the New Housing Areas (Church Buildings) Measure, 1954).

Copy of the Reorganisation Areas Measure, 1944 (Amendment) Measure, 1954, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

One hundred and nineteenth Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee (upon the Reorganisation Areas Measure, 1944 (Amendment) Measure, 1954).

Copy of the Cathedrals (Grants) Measure, 1954, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

One hundred and twentieth Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee (upon the Cathedrals (Grants) Measure, 1954).

Accounts of (a) the Sums received into and paid out of the Redemption Annuities Account, (b) the Advances to that Account from the Consolidated Fund, (c) the Redemption Stock issued, and (d) the Redemption Stock Sinking Fund, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered. That the said Papers be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Captain Hewitson and Mr. Aubrey Jones; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Iremonger and Mr. Robert Taylor.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Member to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Landlord and Tenant Bill): Mr. Bowen.

Sir David Eccles, supported by the Prime Minister, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Sandys, Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd and Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, presented a Bill to provide for the setting up of an Atomic Energy Authority for the United Kingdom, to make provision as to their powers, duties, rights and liabilities, to amend, consequentially on the establishment of and otherwise in connection with that Authority, the Atomic Energy Act, 1946, the Radioactive Substances Act, 1948, and certain other enactments, 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 on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made and the Question Take-over Bids being put, That this House deprecates recent manifestations of the technique of take-over bids in so far as they have put large, untaxed capital profits into the hands of certain individuals and seriously undermined the policy of dividend restraint; and therefore calls upon the Government to appoint a committee of inquiry into all aspects of these activities, including the effect upon dividends, share prices, and company savings, the sources of the finance used, the capital profits obtained, and the counter measures taken by the directors of the companies concerned, such a committee to be empowered to suggest remedies as well as to investigate facts.—(Mr. Roy Jenkins); The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Johnson: 223.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Cedric Dreyfus: 251.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Civil Defence (Electricity Undertakings) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable grants to be made in respect of measures taken to secure the due functioning of electricity undertakings in Great Britain in the event of hostile attack, it is expedient to authorise any charge on moneys provided by Parliament which may result from amending section thirty-nine of the Civil Defence Act, 1939, so as to make it applicable to electricity undertakings, and making section six of the Civil Defence Act, 1948, apply to the said section thirty-nine as so amended.—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)

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 the Draft Civil Defence (Gas Undertakers) Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 2nd day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)

Major Lloyd George, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Slaughter of Animals (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 implement certain recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into the Slaughter of Horses and otherwise to amend the enactments relating to the slaughter of animals, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act—

(a) in the administrative expenses of the Minister of Food or the Secretary of State; or

(b) in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948.—(Major Lloyd George.)

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 proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Legh);

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. Kaberry.)

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

Adjournment.

The Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

The Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

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

The 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed upon the 29th day of January last, That the Pool Betting 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, proposed upon the 5th day of this instant February, That the Licensing (Airports) 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Price Control (No. 2) Bill;

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Allan.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

PRAYERS.

[No. 54.]
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bedfordshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Birkenhead Corporation Bill;

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

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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crewe Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Kent Water Second Reading of the Kent Water Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Luton Corporation Second Reading of the Luton Corporation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Newport Corporation Second Reading of the Newport Corporation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Walsall Corporation Second Reading of the Walsall Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Weslyan and General Assurance Society Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ilford Second Reading of the Ilford Corporation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Towcester Rural District Council (Abthorpe Rating) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow at Seven of the clock.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 26th day of this instant February.

The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Price Control (No. 1) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant February.

Julian Errington Ridulph, Esquire, Member New Members for Harwich, was sworn.

Patrick Henry Bligh Wall, Esquire, Member for Kingston-upon-Hull, Haltemprice, was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply [2nd allotted Day].

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn);

An Amendment was proposed to be made Roads, the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words “this House, considering that the road programme announced by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation on 8th December 1953 is inadequate to the needs of trade, industry and agriculture, and that it will not relieve traffic congestion or reduce the appalling toll from road accidents, calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to accelerate the authorisation and commencement of the works proposed in this programme, and to prepare further plans for the construction and improvement of roads and bridges, to be undertaken as economic resources permit”—(Mr. Noel-Baker), instead thereof.

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

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

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

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee on Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to implement certain recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into the Slaughter of Horses and otherwise to amend the enactments relating to the slaughter of animals, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act—

(a) in the administrative expenses of the Minister of Food or the Secretary of State; or

(b) in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Heath.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight 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 Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Bill, the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, the Coroners Bill, the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and the Pool Betting Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 55.]

Tuesday, 16th February, 1954.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.


Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Account showing all the Sums which have been received into the Treasury Chest and paid out of the same during the year ended the 31st day of March 1953; and the Liabilities and Assets on that day, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on the 18th day of January 1954 between the Governments of the United Kingdom, the Union of South Africa, the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Belgium, the French Republic and the Republic of Portugal, for the Establishment of the Commission for Technical Co-operation in Africa South of the Sahara (C.C.T.A.) (The Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of a Sterling Payments Agreement signed at London on the 29th day of January 1954 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Japan (with Notes exchanged).

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 10th February 1954, entitled the Bridgeport (Extension) Order, 1954,
(2) dated 11th February 1954, entitled the Chester (Extension) Order, 1954,
(3) dated 9th February 1954, entitled the Dunstable (Extension) Order, 1954,
(4) dated 10th February 1954, entitled the Maidstone (Extension) Order, 1954,
(5) dated 10th February 1954, entitled the New Sarum (Extension) Order, 1954,
(6) dated 11th February 1954, entitled the Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne and Mossley (Extension) Order, 1954, and
(7) dated 11th February 1954, entitled the Warrington (Extension) Order, 1954,
with Certificates by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the First Report of the Private International Law 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 Rules, dated 12th February 1954, entitled the Companies (Winding-up) (Amendment) Rules, 1954.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was received, and ordered to be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Bill, without any Amendment.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd, supported by Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe and Mr. Molson, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the charges of certain undertakings connected with transport and to the accounts and returns to be prepared by railway undertakings, being in either case undertakings which do not form part of the undertaking of the British Transport Commission; to revoke in part (with savings) Defence Regulation 56; to provide for the control of the number of passengers to be carried on public service vehicles, tramcars and trolley vehicles; to repeal the Railway Freight Rebates Enactments, 1929 to 1943; 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, resolved Supply [ld itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1953-54.

Class VIII.

Vote 9. Ministry of Food.

1. £35,334,900 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food;
the cost of trading services, including certain subsidies; a grant in aid; and sundry other services, including certain expenses in connection with civil defence.

Vote 1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

2. £4,810,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, including grants, grants in aid and expenses in respect of agricultural education and research; services in connection with livestock; land settlement; land drainage; purchase, adaptation, development and management of land; agricultural credits and marketing; the guarantee of a minimum price for home-produced wool; the prevention of food infestation; agricultural training and settlement schemes; fishery organisation, research and development; and sundry other services.

Vote 2. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services).

3. £3,880,000 (Supplementary), for certain food production services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Class VI.

Vote 10. Ministry of Supply.

4. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Supply for the administration of supply (including research and development, inspection, storage, disposal and capital and ancillary services related thereto); for the supply of atomic energy and radioactive substances; for administrative services in connection with the iron and steel, non-ferrous and light metals and engineering industries; and for miscellaneous services.

Class II.

Vote 1. Foreign Service.

5. £150,000 (Supplementary), for grants in aid of expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, including Her Majesty's Missions and Consulates abroad, and the salaries of two Ministers of State.


6. £150,000 (Supplementary), for grants in aid of expenses of the United Nations and of technical assistance for economic development.

Vote 2. Foreign Office Grants and Services.

7. £7,328,580 (Supplementary), for sundry grants and services connected with Her Majesty's Foreign Service, including grants in aid.

And it being Seven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair, further Proceeding standing postponed until after the consideration of Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:

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

Tellers for the Mr. Walker-Smith, Mr. Grimston; 160.
Tellers for the Sir Richard Acland, Mrs. Slater; 96.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly 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 amend Clause No. 6, l. 35, by inserting, after the second word "and," the words "local government and its development having special regard to the Standing Orders of the House of Commons relating to Private Business "—(Mr. Wigg):—
The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crewe Corporation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rhodesian Selection Trust Limited and Associated Companies Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wankie Colliery Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wesleyan and General Assurance Society Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Towcester Rural District Council (Abthorpe Rating) Bill;

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

Then the House again resolved itself into Supply, the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

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.
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 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. —(Mr. Kaberry.)

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

[No. 56.]

Wednesday, 17th February, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Harrogate, in the room of Christopher York, Esquire, who since his election for the said Constituency hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York. —(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Arundel and Shoreham Writ.

Mr. Ward presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of a Memorandum by the Secretary of State for Air to accompany the Air Estimates, 1954-55.

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

Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation.

Mr. James Thomas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1954, entitled the West Ham (Repeal and Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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, &c., the Bills, that they had considered the Dover Harbour Consolidation 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: 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. Henry Hynd reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 7th day of May next, and be printed.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Twenty-four Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Bill and the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill): Miss Bacon, Mr. Frederic Bennett, Mr. Brainne, Dr. Broughton, Mr. Browne, Viscountess Davidson, Mr. Delargy, Mr. Dugdale, Mr. Finlay, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Mellish, Sir Frederick Messer, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Mulley, Mr. Remnant, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Snadden, Mr. Steward, Miss Ward and Mr. Willey.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee B, That they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Coroners Bill) and Standing Committee B (in respect of the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill): Mr. Baxter, Mr. Barber, Mr. Frederic Bennett, Mr. Bowen, Dr. Broughton, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Follick, Mr. Hay, Major Hicks-Beach, Mr. Hylton-Foster, Mr. Janner, Mr. Elwyn Jones, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Nabarro, Mr. Peyton, Mr. Skeffington, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Walker-Smith, Mr. William Wells, Mr. Willey and Sir Herbert Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee D, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Landlord and...
Tentative Bill: Mr. Albu and Mr. Edward Mallalieu; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Freeman and Mr. Padley.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Member to the Scottish Standing Committee (in respect of the Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Bill): Mrs. Jeger.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Price Control (No. 1) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

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).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Cotton Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 3, p. 3, l. 5 and Clause No. 4, p. 3, ll. 13 and 19, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Peter Thorneycroft—(Mr. Peter Thorneycroft):

The Question was amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words “and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 4, p. 3, l. 12, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Harold Wilson.”—(Mr. Sydney Silverman)

And the Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 3, p. 3, l. 5 and Clause No. 4, p. 3, ll. 13 and 19, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Peter Thorneycroft; and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 4, p. 3, l. 12, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Harold Wilson.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 3 (Compensation to officers, agents and servants of commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, at the end, to insert the words—

“3 Any compensation payments made by the Commission before the passing of this Act to or in respect of persons such as are mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall, if approved by the Board and the Minister after the passing of this Act, be treated as payments made by virtue of that subsection.”—(Mr. Peter Thorneycroft.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 4, after the word “payments,” to insert the words “or part payments.”—(Mr. Harold Wilson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Provision for dissolution of commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that no such order shall be made until three months after the Board and the Minister shall have jointly certified that suitable arrangements have been made to ensure the continuance or renewal on fair terms of existing long-term contracts for the supply and distribution to manufacturers in Britain of raw cotton from Her Majesty’s colonial territories and other countries and such arrangements have been approved by Parliament.”—(Mr. Harold Wilson.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Royle,

Mr. Holmes:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Redmayne:

Amendments made.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Cedric Drewe,

Mr. Kaberry:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Royle,

Mr. Arthur Allen:

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.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 18, by leaving out subsection (5).—(Mr. Harold Wilson.)

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

The Yeas divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Kaberry,

Mr. Pearson:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wallace:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

“Provided that no such approval shall be given to any scheme or arrangement under this part of this Act which provides that officers, agents or servants of the Commission shall be compensated for loss of employment at rates or on a basis of calculation
which discriminates between those whose remuneration is paid or calculated weekly and those whose remuneration is paid or calculated monthly, quarterly, or annually.”—(Mrs. Braddock.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

A Motion being made, That, in the case of a Bill (whether Public or Private) containing any provision which would or might operate to increase the Exchequer Equalisation Grants in England or Wales, the Standing Orders and practice of this House relating to provisions authorising charges upon the public revenue shall not be deemed to apply to that provision by reason only of the consequential increase in Exchequer Equalisation Grants in Scotland under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter);

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Hamilton be added to the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 17th February, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Colegate Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill and the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Bill.

The Birkenhead 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 British Transport Commission Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Seven of the clock.

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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Kent Water Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Newport Corporation—Second Reading of the Newport Corporation Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Walsall Corporation Bill:

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The Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Stockholm on the 18th day of December 1953, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Sweden, extending the provisions of the Anglo-Swedish Double Taxation Convention of the 30th day of March 1949 to certain Colonial Territories of the United Kingdom.

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of former members of the Royal Irish
Constabulary who are entitled to pensions
payable under the enactments relating to
the pensions of that force;
(b) of pensions to such widows who are not
so entitled; and
(c) of supplementary allowances and
pensions respectively to persons who, hav-
ing been such widows as are mentioned
in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of this
resolution, have remarried and again be-
come widows.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved it-
self into a Committee on the Royal Irish Con-
stabulary (Widows' Pensions) 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 re-
ported, 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.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON,
Speaker.

The House, according to Order, proceeded
into consideration the Industrial Diseases (Benefit) 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 Order of the day being read, for the
Third Reading of the Hill Farming Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Quest-
ion being put, That the Bill be now read the
third time:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Conant, 204.
Mr. Pearson.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Legh, 188.
Mr. Arthur Allen.

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.

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

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

[No. 58.]

Friday, 19th February, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to
the directions of an Act of Parlia-
ment,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th Feb-
ruary 1954, entitled the Ships' Stores (Charges)
(Amendment) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Animals.
the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of Regulations, dated 12th February
1954, entitled the Improvement of Live Stock
(Licensing of Boars) (Scotland) Amendment
Regulations, 1954.

Copy of Regulations, dated 16th February
1954, entitled the Town and Country Planning
(Grants) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations,
1954.

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

Resolved, That this House, whilst recognis-
ing the advances made in recent years in the
treatment and care of mental patients, ex-
presses its concern at the serious overcrowding
of mental hospitals and mental deficiency
hospitals, at the high proportion of obsolete
and unsuitable buildings still in use, and at the
acute shortage of nursing and junior medical
staff in the mental health service; and calls
upon Her Majesty's Government and the
hospital authorities to make adequate provi-
sion for the modernisation and development
of this essential service.—[Mr. Kenneth
Robinson.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Price Control
Second Reading of the Price Control
(No. 2) Bill, (No. 2) Bill;

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

[Mr. Legh.]

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till twenty-nine minutes
after Four of the clock, adjourned till
Monday next.
Monday, 22nd February, 1954.

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

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

The 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 February, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table :—


Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th February 1954, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Documents relating to the Meeting of Foreign Ministers of France, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union and the United States of America, held at Berlin between the 25th day of January and the 18th day of February 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Parliamentary Delegation to Kenya of January 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report by the Board of Trade on Monopolies and Restrictive Practices for 1953.

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

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Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd November 1953, entitled the Castlings Heath Compulsory Purchase Order, 1953, with a Certificate by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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

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


John Benedict Eden, Esquire, Member for Bournemouth, West, 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 Yeas, Sir Cedric Drewe, Major Conant ;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. James Johnson :—

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining Proceedings on the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill :—

(a) The Standing Committee to which the Bill is committed shall report the Bill to the House on or before the eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-four ;

(b) at a sitting of the Standing Committee at which any Proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under a Resolution of the Business Sub-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) no dilatory Motion with respect to Proceedings on the Bill or the adjournment of the Standing Committee, nor Motion to postpone a Clause, shall be made in the Standing Committee except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion, if made by a member of the Government, shall be put forthwith without any debate ; and

(d) on the conclusion of the Committee stage of the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

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2. The Proceedings on Consideration shall be completed in two allotted days.
3. The Proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed in one allotted day and shall be brought to a conclusion at half-past Ten of the clock on that day.
4. The Business Committee shall report to the House their recommendations as to the Proceedings on Consideration not later than the twenty-fifth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.
5. On an allotted day the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) shall have effect with the substitution of references to half-past Ten of the clock for references to Ten of the clock, and Proceedings which under this Order or the Resolution of the Business Committee are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall not be interrupted under the provisions of the said Standing Order.
6. If, on any allotted day, a Motion is made under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance) the last foregoing paragraph of this Order shall not apply, but—
   (a) any Proceedings on the Bill exempted under paragraph (2) of that Standing Order shall be so exempted for the period mentioned in that paragraph and a further half-hour; and
   (b) the bringing to a conclusion of any Proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or under the Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day after Seven of the clock shall be deferred for a period equal to the duration of the Proceedings upon the said Motion under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance).
7. If, at Seven of the clock on an allotted day, any Proceedings on the Bill which, under the Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time have not been concluded, any Motion for the Adjournment of the House under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance) which, apart from this Order, would stand over to that time, shall stand over until those Proceedings have been concluded.
8. Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration at Seven of the clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the Proceedings on the Bill on that day, and shall be exempted by this paragraph from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for a period of three-and-a-half hours or, if the Proceedings on the Bill are concluded before half-past Ten of the clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven of the clock and the conclusion of the Proceedings on the Bill; and paragraph (5) of the Standing Order (Time for taking private business) shall not apply.
9. The Standing Order (Motion for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business) shall not apply to any allotted day.
10. On an allotted day no dilatory Motion with respect to Proceedings on the Bill shall be made except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith without any debate.
11. For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any Proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by the Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee or of the Business Committee or by this Order and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall, at the time so appointed, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and, in the case of a new Clause which has been read a second time, also the Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, and subject thereto shall proceed to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules moved by a member of 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 any Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules moved by a member of the Government, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made or that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.
12. (a) The Proceedings on any Motion moved by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order or of the Resolution of the Business Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion two hours after they have been commenced, and the last foregoing paragraph of this Order shall, so far as applicable, apply as if the Proceedings were Proceedings on the Bill:
   Provided that if the Proceedings are interrupted by a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance), the time at which they are to be brought to a conclusion shall be deferred for a period equal to the duration of the Proceedings upon the Motion for the Adjournment; and
   (b) if any Motion moved by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order or of the Resolution of the Business Committee is under consideration at Seven of the clock on a day on which any Private Business has been set down for consideration at Seven of the clock, the Private Business shall stand over and be considered when the Proceedings on the Motion have been concluded.
13. Nothing in this Order or in the Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee or the Business Committee shall—

(a) prevent any Proceedings to which the Order or Resolution applies from being entered upon or completed on the same day or at any later stage of the Bill; or

(b) prevent any Business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day, in accordance with the Standing Orders, if the Proceedings which under this Order or the Resolution are to be completed on that day have already been completed.

14. In this Order, "allotted day" means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as the first Government order of the day, "the Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee" means the Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee, "the Resolution of the Business Committee" means the Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House, and references to the Proceedings on Consideration or the Proceedings on Third Reading include references to any Proceedings at those stages respectively, for, on or in consequence of re-committing.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan);

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Sir Cedric Drew; 296.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Pearson; 273.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered. That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining Proceedings on the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill:

1. (a) The Standing Committee to which the Bill is committed shall report the Bill to the House on or before the eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-four;

(b) at a sitting of the Standing Committee at which any Proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the Proceedings on the Committee until the Proceedings have been brought to a conclusion;

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(d) on the conclusion of the Committee stage of the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

2. The Proceedings on Consideration shall be completed in two allotted days.

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6. If, on any allotted day, a Motion is made under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance) the last foregoing paragraph of this Order shall not apply, but—

(a) any Proceedings on the Bill exempted under paragraph (2) of that Standing Order shall be so exempted for the period mentioned in that paragraph and a further half-hour; and

(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any Proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or under the Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day after Seven of the clock shall be deferred for a period equal to the duration of the Proceedings upon the said Motion under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance).

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The Standing Order (Motion for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business) shall not apply to any allotted day.

On an allotted day no dilatory Motion with respect to Proceedings on the Bill shall be made except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith without any debate.

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(a) The Proceedings on any Motion moved by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order or of the Resolution of the Business Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion two hours after they have been commenced, and the last foregoing paragraph of this Order shall, so far as applicable, apply as if the Proceedings were Proceedings on the Bill:

Provided that if the Proceedings are interrupted by a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance), the time at which they are to be brought to a conclusion shall be deferred for a period equal to the duration of the Proceedings upon the Motion for the Adjournment; and

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Nothing in this Order or in the Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee or the Business Committee shall—

(a) prevent any Proceedings to which the Order or Resolution applies from being entered upon or completed earlier than is required by the Order or Resolution; or

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 22nd February, 1954.

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 Housing Repairs and Rents Bill: Sir Gordon Touche (Chairman), Mr. Bevan, Mr. Blenkinsop, Mr. Kaberry, Mr. MacColl, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. Marples and Mr. Powell.

Tuesday, 23rd February, 1954.

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

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Estimate showing the several Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 17th February 1954, regarding the application of surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953 to meet Deficits on other Air Votes for the same year.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; that the Paper relating to Public Accounts do lie upon the Table; and that the said Papers be printed.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 7th and 9th days of December 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Poland further prolonging the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 2nd day of March 1948.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Belgrade on the 4th and 5th days of January 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Yugoslavia regarding Financial and other Arrangements for the provision of economic assistance to Yugoslavia.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume 1, Part 17, County of Fife.

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

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Report by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of his Proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act, 1862 (for 1954).

Report on the Administration of the Road Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines for 1952—North Western Division.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—(1) dated 16th February 1954, entitled the Paignton (Repeal of Local Enactment) Order, 1954, and Vol. 209 (2) dated 11th February 1954, entitled the Stretford (Repeal of Local Enactment) Order, 1954, with Certificates by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd February 1954, entitled the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 1954.

Report by the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations, 1954, in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of Pensions and 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. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations),—Report by him on the Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords].

Report by him on the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords].

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 Guildford (Extension) Order, 1954.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Accounts of the Civil Contingencies Fund, 1952-53, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, 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. Boyd-Carpenter.)

Mr. Fletcher reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, the Minutes of Proceedings and Certificate of the further Proceedings of the Committee. No. 7 (viii).

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

Mr. Benson 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.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Industries Fair (Guarantees and Grants) 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 the main proposals of which involve a departure from the considered policy of the Ramsden Committee and involve an investment of public funds without satisfactory Parliamentary control."—(Mr. Bottomly), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

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

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable grants to be made in respect of measures taken to secure the due functioning of electricity undertakings in Great Britain in the event of hostile attack, it is expedient to authorise any charge on moneys provided by Parliament which may result from amending section thirty-nine of the Civil Defence Act, 1939, so as to make it applicable to electricity undertakings, and making section six of the Civil Defence Act, 1948, apply to the said section thirty-nine as so amended.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON,
Speaker.

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence. (Police) Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence. (Police) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Commander Galbraith.)

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 Bromyard, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

The British Transport Commission Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The British Transport Commission Bill.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations, 1954, dated 18th January 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of January last, be annulled—(Mr. Blenkinsop):—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. Vosper);

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

Wednesday, 24th February, 1954:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 15th day of February 1954 on Stock issued by the British Transport Commission.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 299 (University of Glasgow No. 76) (Foundation of the Chair of Agriculture).

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

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd February 1954, entitled:—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 3) Regulations, 1954, and
(2) the London Traffic (Narrow Street, Stepney) Regulations, 1954.

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

Mr. Colegate reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Bill and the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 21st day of May next; and be printed.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Bill and the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill): Mr. Steward; and had appointed in substitution Sir Herbert Williams.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to validate under the law of England and Wales, and restrict to charitable objects, certain instruments taking effect before the sixteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and providing for property to be held or applied for objects partly but not exclusively charitable, and to enable corresponding provision to be made by the Parliament of Northern Ireland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

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. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:—

Rhodesian Selection Trust Limited and Associated Companies Bill.

Wankie Colliery Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bedfordshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill;

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

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 Thursday next.

Kent Water Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent Water Bill;

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

Luton Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Luton Corporation Bill;

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

The Newport Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Civil Contingencies Fund.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented,—Return to an Order of the 23rd day of this instant February, for a Return relating to the Civil Contingencies Fund.

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


Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Protocol on the Exercise of Criminal Jurisdiction over United Nations Forces in Japan, signed at Tokyo on the 26th day of October 1953 (with Agreed Official Minutes).

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

Census (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume 1, Part 18, County of Inverness.

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

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Worcester College, Oxford, on the 6th day of November 1953, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders).

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of his Proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Acts, 1861-1915, for 1953.

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

Sir Walter Monckton presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Reports—

(1) of a Court of Inquiry into a Dispute between employers who are members of the Engineering and Allied Employers’ National Federation and workmen who are members of Trade Unions affiliated to the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, and

(2) of a Court of Inquiry into a Dispute between employers who are members of the Shipbuilding Employers’ Federation and workmen who are members of Trade Unions affiliated to the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions.

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

Sir Austin Hudson reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to continue the powers to make grants or contributions in respect of field drainage, liming and other matters; to amend Part IV of the Agriculture Act, 1947, with respect to the holdings to be treated as smallholdings, and to the contributions to losses of smallholdings authorities; to alter the manner of appointing nominated members of Agricultural Land Tribunals, and enable those Tribunals to award costs and to refer questions of law to the High Court; to make further provision with respect to research and education in sugar beet growing, to the collection of waste for use as animal feeding stuffs, to preventing the spread of pests and diseases by imported bees and to the application of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, to air transport; to amend the Seeds Act, 1920, with respect to the consequences of contraventions of that Act, and to the delivery and effect of particulars given thereunder; to amend the law as to agricultural wages of holiday workers in Scotland; and to extend the Corn Returns Act, 1882, to Scotland.

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

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Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D: Mr. Adams, Mr. Aitken, Mr. Astor, Mr. Philip Bell, Mr. Black, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fell, Mr. Gooch, Mr. Healey, Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Monslow, Mr. Phelim O’Neill, Mr. Peart, Mr. Roland Robinson, Commander Scott-Miller, Mr. Ivor Thomas, Mr. Vaughan-Morgan and Mr. Wellwood; and had appointed in substitution Colonel Banks, Mr. Coldrick, Squadron Leader Cooper, Mr. Beresford Caddock, Mr. Harden, Mr. Hayman, Mr. Leslie Lever, Mr. Maude, Mr. Morris, Mr. Ormby-Gore, Brigadier Peto, Captain Pilkington, Mr. Risdale, Mr. Russell, Mr. Skeffington, Mr. Ioerwerth Thomas, Mr. Turner-Samuels and Mr. Wall.

No. 108.
Adjournment.

The Charitable Trusts (Validation) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1953-54

Class I

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £61,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury and subordinate departments, including the salary and expenses of the Secretary of State for the Co-ordination of Transport, Fuel and Power, and the additional salary payable to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

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

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

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

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—[Mr. Buchan-Hepburn];

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. Allan]:—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.


In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Henry Hynd Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Landlord and Tenant Bill.

Friday, 26th February, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Gammans presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement, dated 19th February 1954, between Her Majesty's Postmaster General and the British Broadcasting Corporation relating to the Employment of Defence Work by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

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

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

Account of the Building Materials and Housing Fund, showing Receipts and Payments during the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Trading Account and Balance Sheet of the Fund, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Harold Macmillan, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Secretary Stuart, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Marples, presented a Bill to make provision for compensation and other payments by reference to claims for payments under section fifty-eight of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947; to make further provision as to the acquisition of land by public authorities, as to compensation in respect of orders revoking or modifying permission to develop land and in respect of damage to requisitioned land, as to development charges, as to monopoly value of licensed premises, as to Exchequer grants under the said Act of 1947, and as to payments under section fifty-nine of that Act, and as to amendments of other provisions of that Act; to make further provision for the modification of mining leases and orders granting working rights, and as to contributions to the Ironstone Restoration Fund; to make provision for the dissolution of the Central Land Board; 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 Second Reading of the Safety in Employment (Inspection and Safety Organisation) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. William Paling rose in his place, and Question put, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the \{ Dr. Broughton, Mr. Gauch \} 75.

Tellers for the \{ Mr. Beresford, Craddock \} 82.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—

The House resumed the Debate.

And it being after Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ministers of the Crown (Fisheries) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant February, That the Licensing (Airports) Bill be now read a second time;—

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 12th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Price Control (No. 2) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Price Control (No. 1) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of March next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Kaberry):—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-two minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 64.]

Monday, 1st March, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made upon the 9th day of February last, That in the case of the Post Office (Site and Railway) Bill the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with.

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

The following Paper, presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), was ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of the Report of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for the year ended the 30th day of September 1953.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Account of the Annual Salaries of the Registrars, Clerks and all others holding Offices in the Probate Division of the High Court in Northern Ireland with an Account of all Fees and Stamps received in 1953.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 20th February 1954, regarding the application of Surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, 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 be printed.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, Metropolitan Public Accounts (Army Votes, 1952-53); No. 110.

Pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—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 1953, and an Account of Extraordinary Works executed, other than General Repairs, for the same period.

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

Mr. James Thomas presented, pursuant to Naval Prize Money. Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage and other Monies between the 1st day of April 1952 and the 31st day of March 1953.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B: Mr. Glover; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Rodgers.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee C, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill): Sir Edward Boyle; and had appointed in substitution Colonel Harrison.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Landlord and...
Atomic Energy Authority Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Atomic Energy Authority 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. George Strauss.)

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 [Sir Cedric Drewe, Major Conant: 244.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Mr. Arthur Allen: 226.]

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. Kaberry.)

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

Captain Crookshank, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Atomic Energy Authority [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 as to the fees and allowances payable by coroners to witnesses, to persons summoned to attend as witnesses and to medical practitioners making post-mortem examinations by the coroner's direction or at the coroner's request, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act in the grants under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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 now received.

Mr. Kaberry accordingly reported from the Committee on Coroners [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law as to the fees and allowances payable by coroners to witnesses, to persons summoned to attend as witnesses and to medical practitioners making post-mortem examinations by the coroner's direction or at the coroner's request, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act in the grants under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Kaberry):—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.
Tuesday, 2nd March, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:—

Wesleyan and General Assurance Society Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Statement of the Sum required to be voted in order to make good an Excess on the grant for Works and Buildings in Ireland for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

Copy of a Memorandum on the Retired Pay and Pensions of former Forces Officers and Civil Servants affected by stabilisation and consolidation in the years 1932 to 1935.

Ordered, That the Paper relating to Civil Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the Paper relating to Pensions do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of an International Convention, signed at Rome on the 6th day of December 1951, for the Protection of Plants and Plant Products (The United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 7th day of September 1953).

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

Mr. Birch presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on Service Emoluments.

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

Mr. James Thomas presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Statement of the Sum required to be voted in order to make good Excesses of Navy Expenditure beyond the grants for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 1st March 1954, entitled—

(1) the Foreign Compensation (Hungary) (Registration) Order, 1954,
(2) the Foreign Compensation (Bulgaria) (Registration) Order, 1954, and
(3) the Foreign Compensation (Romania) (Registration) Order, 1954.

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


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Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to National Health the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1954, entitled the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Regulations, 1954.

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

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to Marine the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Agreements, dated 18th February 1954, for the reinsurance of British ships, between the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation and—

(1) the Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association Limited,
(2) the British Marine Mutual Insurance Association Limited,
(3) the Coasting Vessels Mutual War Risks Association Limited,
(4) the Liverpool and London War Risks Insurance Association Limited,
(5) the London Steam-Ship Owners’ Mutual Insurance Association Limited,
(6) the Newcastle War Risks Indemnity Association Limited,
(7) the North of England Protecting and Indemnity Association Limited,
(8) the Standard Steamship Owners Mutual War Risks Association Limited,
(9) the Sunderland Steamship Mutual War Risks Association Limited,
(10) the United Kingdom Mutual War Risks Association Limited, and
(11) the West of England Mutual War Risks Association Limited.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, by Her Housing, Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st January 1954.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations),—Report by him on the Birkenhead Corporation Bill.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act (Special Procedure). Statutory Orders of Parliament,—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the
Defence.

Select Committee C.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Amendment was proposed, That this House approves the Statement on Defence, 1954 (Command Paper No. 9075).

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill): Mr. Dalton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Proctor.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. Ormsby-Gore; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Baldwin.

Message from the Lords.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Dover Harbour Acts 1828 to 1953 and certain provisions of the Harbours and Passing Tolls &c. Act 1861; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal and amend certain provisions of the Northern Assurance Act 1908; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Dover Harbour Consolidation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The Northern Assurance 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 proposed, That this House approves the Statement on Defence, 1954 (Command Paper No. 9075)—(Mr. Birch);

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 in no way departing from its resolve to ensure adequate defence, regrets that the Government has failed in the Statement on Defence, 1954 (Command Paper No. 9075), to make a proper allocation of national resources between defence and economic needs, and between defence expenditure on research and production and on manpower; and, in particular, has made no proposals for a reduction in the length of national service"—(Mr. Shinwell), 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;

Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Cedric Drew, Major Conant; Mr. Bowen, Mr. Pearson.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Kaberry, Mr. Molson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House approves the Statement on Defence, 1954 (Command Paper No. 9075).

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence. (Transport) Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Molson.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Kaberry.)

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

[No. 66.]

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1954.

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. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 24th day of February 1954 on Loans proposed to be raised by the British European Airways Corporation.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Gas. Treasury on the 24th day of February 1954 No. 114. On Loans proposed to be raised by the Gas Council.

Account of Securities transferred, and Money paid, to the National Debt Commissioners, and Annuities and Insurances granted, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1954, under the Government Annuities Act, 1929.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Air Navigation and Gas be printed.
Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd March 1954, entitled the Local Government (Payment of Grants for the Year 1953-54) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.

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

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of the Annual Reports, for 1953,—(1) of the Central Transport Consultative Committee for Great Britain, (2) of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Wales and Monmouthshire, and (3) of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Scotland.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th February 1954, entitled the Darlington (Repeal of Local Enactment) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)—Report by him on the Institution of Mechanical Engineers Bill.

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 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 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Oliver reported from the Select Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, that they had considered the Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, and had agreed to a Report in respect thereof, which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

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

Mr. Colegate reported from Standing Committee B, that they had gone through the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 21st day of May next; and be printed.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, that, in pursuance of the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), they had appointed the following Member to be a member of the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936: Mr. Ross.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. Harden; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Fletcher-Cooke.

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

(In the Committee.)


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £989,037,000, be granted to Her 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 1955, viz.:

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Adjournment.

Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Coroners Bill and the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Rogers to sit again.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Division:
Yea,
Mr. Pearson, 251.
Mr. Arthur Allen: 272.

Original Question put, and agreed to.
To report Resolution, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That 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.

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Rogers Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Coroners Bill and the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.
of a bequest of the late Henry Louis Florence, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Sixty-nine pounds; of a bequest of the late Honourable Nathaniel Charles Rothschild, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four hundred and thirty-six pounds; of a bequest of the late James Rose Valentine, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Six hundred and fifty-one pounds; of one-eighth of the proceeds of the James Mew Will Trust, amounting to about One hundred and forty-four pounds; of a bequest under the Will of the late William C. Hazlitt, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Two hundred and twelve pounds; and about Eight thousand and ninety-five pounds from an anonymous fund for the acquisition of certain classes of Oriental Antiquities; that the Establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above mentioned sums, and the Trust cannot not 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 reposéd 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.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of Notes exchanged at Addis Ababa, between the 15th day of December 1953 and the 11th day of January 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Ethiopia extending the period of the operations of the Mixed Commission to demarcate the boundary between Kenya and Ethiopia.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1954, entitled the Wart Disease of Potatoes (General Licence) (Scotland) Order, 1954.

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

Sir Walter Monckton presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of the Report of a Court of Inquiry into a dispute between Employers and Workmen represented by the Horse, Cart and Railway Unions, and Workmen represented by the Trade Union Side of the National Council for the Omnibus Industry.

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

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd March 1954, entitled the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 4) Regulations, 1954.

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 effecting the Union of the Benefices and Parishes of Saint John, Upper Edmonton, and Saint Mary, Edmonton, in the diocese of London, and for authorising the taking down and sale of the site and materials of the Church of Saint Mary, Edmonton.

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

That, in the case of the Post Office (Site and Railway) 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.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Towcester Rural District Council (Abthorpe Rating) 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 that 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 Crewe Corporation 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.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Hastings, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. William Paling and Mr. Percy Wells; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Herbert Butler, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Nally and Mr. Shurmer.

Pensions (Increase) Bill, to be proceeded with under S.O. 75, as the main object is to create charge upon the public revenue. Bill 75.
Television Bill.  
Mr. Gammans, supported by Captain Crookshank, Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe and Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, presented a Bill to make provision for television broadcasting services in addition to those provided by the British Broadcasting Corporation, and to set up a special authority for that purpose; to make provision as to the constitution, powers, duties and financial resources of that authority and as to the position and obligations of persons contracting with that authority for the provision of programmes and parts of programmes; 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.

Business of the House (Supply).  
Ordered, That this day the Business of Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock and shall be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

Airfields for agricultural use.  
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words: “this House, recognising the urgent need to expand home food production, urges Her Majesty’s Government to make Royal Air Force airfields available for agricultural use to a greater extent than at present, subject to reasonable limits to preserve the safety of aircraft”—(Mr. Gerald Williams),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed;

And the House having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;  
Friday, 5th March, 1954:

And the Question being put;  
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)  

Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.  
Resolved, That a number of Officers, Airmen and Airwomen, not exceeding 288,000, all ranks, be maintained for Air Force Service, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955.

To report Resolution, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Legh.)

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Seven of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 68.]  
Friday, 5th March, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

RESOLVED, That this House, while welcoming the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s recent statement about the Purchase Tax as removing uncertainty harmful to all trades affected by the tax, invites the Chancellor to take account of the contribution of the linen industry to the export drive and of the importance of this industry for the maintenance of prosperity and employment in Northern Ireland, and to include in the next revision of the tax upon textiles provisions which will remove the disability under which linen suffers.  
—(Captain Orr.)

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after One of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at twenty minutes after Two of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next.
Monday, 8th March, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:—

Institution of Mechanical Engineers Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read ; and ordered to 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 6th day of this instant March, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of an Order, dated 4th March 1954, entitled the Iron and Steel Scrap (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1954.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on the 11th day of December 1953, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of Essex.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th March 1954, entitled the Open-Cast Coal (Highway) Orders (Revocation) Order, 1954.

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 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

The Order for reading a second time upon Friday next the Price Control (No. 1) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Major Conant reported from the Committee of Supply of the 3rd day of this instant March, a Resolution ; which was read, as followeth:


That a sum, not exceeding £898,037,000, be granted to Her 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 1955, viz:—

Civil Estimates.

Class I.

1. House of Lords ........................................ 40,000
2. House of Commons ...................................... 315,000
3. Registration of Electors .................................. 300,000
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments ................. 1,350,000
5. Privy Council Office ..................................... 10,000
6. Privy Seal Office ......................................... 2,890
7. Charity Commission ....................................... 30,000
8. Civil Service Commission ................................ 124,000
9. Exchequer and Audit Department ......................... 185,000
10. Friendly Societies Registry ............................. 24,000
11. Government Actuary ...................................... 14,000
12. Government Chemist ..................................... 107,000
13. Government Hospitality ................................ 20,000
14. The Mint ................................................... 10
15. National Debt Office ..................................... 10
16. National Savings Committee ............................ 250,000
17. Public Record Office .................................... 34,000
18. Public Works Loan Commission ......................... 10
19. Royal Commissions, &c. ................................ 70,000
20. Secret Service ........................................... 1,700,000
21. Silver ..................................................... 2,000,000
22. Time Redemption Commission ........................... 10
23. Flood and Tempest Distress Relief ...................... 750,000
24. Miscellaneous Expenses ................................. 60,000

Scotland:—

25. Scottish Home Department ............................ 455,000
26. Scottish Record Office .................................. 12,000

Class II.

1. Foreign Service .......................................... 5,100,000
2. Foreign Office Grants and Services .................... 10,000,000
3. British Council ........................................... 600,000
4. United Nations ........................................... 1,400,000
5. Commonwealth Relations Office ......................... 630,000
6. Commonwealth Services .................................. 640,000
7. Overseas Settlement ...................................... 67,000
8. Colonial Office ........................................... 355,000
9. Colonial Services ......................................... 13,000,000
10. Overseas Food Corporation .............................. 300,000
11. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) ........... 5,000,000
12. Development and Welfare (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and South African High Commission Territories) 160,000
13. Imperial War Graves Commission ...................... 450,000

Class III.

1. Home Office ............................................. 1,464,000
2. Home Office (Civil Defence Services) ................ 4,200,000
3. Police, England and Wales ................................ 10,695,000
4. Prisons, England and Wales ............................. 2,600,000
5. Child Care, England and Wales ........................ 2,300,000
6. Fire Services, England and Wales ...................... 1,181,000
7. Cartilage State Management District .................. 10
8. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. ..................... 10
9. County Courts ........................................... 120,000
10. Legal Aid Fund ........................................... 400,000
11. Land Registry ........................................... 10
12. Public Trustee ........................................... 10
13. Law Charges ............................................. 172,000
14. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses ......................... 40,000

Scotland:—

15. Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services) 408,000
16. Police .................................................... 45,000
17. Prisons ................................................... 245,000

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The said Resolution being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out "£898,037,000," and inserting "£898,036,000."—(Mr. Beswick), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£898,037,000" stand part of the Resolution:

The House divided.
Wednesday, 9th March, 1954.

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 Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:

Northern Assurance Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Mr. Fletcher 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 Industrial Diseases (Benefit) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Merchant Shipping Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Civil Defence (Electricity Undertakings) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Development of Inventions Bill, with an Amendment; and the Question being again proposed, That the said proposed Amendment be inserted in the said Bill, with the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Railway (Widows' Pensions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Merchant Shipping Act, 1954.

The Lords have agreed to the Civil Defence (Electricity Undertakings) Act, 1954.

And the Question being again proposed, Supply. That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question, and adding the words, “this House, convinced of the unquestioned importance of the shipbuilding industry in peace and of its vital rôle in war, urges Her Majesty's Government to promote the greatest measure of stability in all matters affecting the industry, and recognises that its well-being depends upon a flourishing Merchant Navy enjoying the freest possible conditions of international trade”—[Mr. Nicholson],—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

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

Wednesday, 10th March, 1954:

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)


Vote A. Numbers.

Resolved, That 139,000 Officers, Seamen and Boys and Royal Marines, who are borne on the books of Her Majesty's Ships and at the Royal Marine establishments, and members of the Women's Royal Naval Service and the Naval Nursing Service, be employed for the Sea Service, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955.

To report Resolution, and ask leave to sit again.—[Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.]

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, 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. Vosper.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before Seven of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 71.]

Wednesday, 10th March, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of January 1954, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of (a) Ship building and Ship repairing in Her Majesty's Dockyards and by Contract, and of other Dockyard transactions, and (b) Production at other Establishments, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Charters of Incorporation creating the Boroughs of—

(1) Harrow,
(2) Solihull, and
(3) Whitley Bay.

Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1954, entitled the Poisons List Order, 1954.

Copy of Rules, dated 8th March 1954, entitled the Poisons Rules, 1954.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th March 1954, entitled the Ware Potatoes (Amendment) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd March 1954, entitled the Sutton Coldfield (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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

Mr. Rogers reported from Standing Committee B, that they had gone through the Coroners Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 9th day of April next; and be printed.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged their duties, and reported the following Members from Standing Committee B: Mr. Herbert Butler, Mr. James Committee B. Hudson, Mr. Jack Jones, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Thomas Reid, Mr. Short and Mr. Shurman; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hastings, Mr. Keenan, Mr. John Mallalieu, Mr. Peart, Mr. Snow, Mr. Tomney and Mr. Richard Winterbottom.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee B, that they had added the following Twenty-four Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Pool Betting Bill): Mr. Frederic Bennett, Mr. Blyton, Mr. Browne, Mr. Burden, Mr. Champion, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. de Freitas, Mr. Fell, Mr. Reader Harris, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Houghton, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Langford-Holt, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. McAdden, Brigadier Medlicott, Mr. Mikardo, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Malley, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Paget, Mr. Teeling, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Wilkins.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Tyne Improvement Commissioners to abandon the Direct river; and to borrow further money; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Tyne Improvement Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Development of Inventions Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; 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).—(Captain Crookshank.)

Ordered, That the Pensions (Increase) Bill be printed.

Ordered, That the Luton Corporation Bill set down for consideration at Seven of the clock this evening, by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means may be taken after Nine of the clock though opposed.—(Captain Crookshank.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to control non-profit making theatrical companies.—(Mr. Wyatt):—And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Standing Order (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and Nomination of Select Committees at Commencement of Public Business):—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Crosland, Mr. Foot, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Mellish and Mr. Hobson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Wyatt accordingly presented a Bill to control non-profit making theatrical companies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of April next, and to be printed.

The Pensions (Increase) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend section two of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such increase in the expenditure which under any Act is to be defrayed out of moneys so provided as is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session abolishing the limit of pension up to which increases may be made under the said section two and substituting ten per cent. for the scale of increase authorised by that section, being provisions operating from such date as may be specified therein.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

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 Post Office (Site and Railway) 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 the day on which this Order is made 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 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. Gammans.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Trusts (Validation) Bill (Lords):—And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And it being Seven of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means under the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business), further Proceeding stood postponed.

The City of London (Various Powers) 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 Clause No. 4 (Prohibition of emission of smoke in City)—(Sir Herbert Williams):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Luton Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The House resumed the postponed Proceeding on the Question, That the Charitable Trusts (Validation) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time.

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Atomic Energy Authority [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the setting up of an Atomic Energy Authority for the United Kingdom and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums in respect of the expenses of that Authority as the Lord President of the Council may with the consent of the Treasury determine; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer, if the Lord President of the Council with the approval of the Treasury so directs, of the whole or any part of the revenues of that Authority for any financial year.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

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

(Major Conant);

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

Thursday, 11th March, 1954:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

- Accounts of the National Insurance Fund, the National Insurance (Reserve) Fund, the Industrial Injuries Fund and the National Insurance (Existing Pensioners) Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated the following Two Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Post Office (Site and Railway) Bill: Brigadier Rayner and Mr. Wallace.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill, That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Wankie Colliery Bill, That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true, and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Captain Henry Briton Kerby, Member for Arundel and Shoreham, was sworn.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair:—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "that" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, noting the deterioration since 1951 in the living conditions of our troops in the Canal Zone due to the uncertainty as to the future of the base, deplores the Government's handling of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations which has prolonged this uncertainty"—(Mrs. Castle)—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

And the Main Question being again proposed:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 12th March, 1954:

And the Question being put:

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(in the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1954-55.

Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

Resolved, That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 549,000, all ranks, be maintained for the safety of the United Kingdom and the defence of the possessions of Her Majesty's Crown, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955.

To report Resolution, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Galbraith.)

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Convention signed at Athens on the 25th day of June 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Greek Government for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (Ratifications exchanged at London on the 15th day of January 1954).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Buenos Aires (No. 20, 1954).

Ordinance to the House (Supply)

Ordered, That this day the Business of Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock and shall be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

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, noting the deterioration since 1951 in the living conditions of our troops in the Canal Zone due to the uncertainty as to the future of the base, deplores the Government's handling of the
Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th March 1954, entitled the Coal Distribution (Amendment) Order, 1954.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Hire Purchase Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn till Monday next.—(Mr. Legh.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes before One of the clock, on Friday afternoon, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

MEMORANDA.

Thursday, 11th March, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Charitable Trusts (Validation) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Austin Hudson Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Pool Betting Bill.

The Northern Assurance Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

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 15th day of this instant March pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:


Miss Horsburgh presented, by Her Majesty’s Education Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Ministry of Education Estimates, 1954-55.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations),—Report by him on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords].

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Pool Betting Bill): Mr. Blyton and Mr. Padley; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Mellish.

James Edward Ramsden, Esquire, Member for Harrogate, was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning Bill;

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

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 fails to safeguard the public interest in land values created by community endeavour, prejudices the planning work of local authorities and will be detrimental to future land use planning”—(Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomas),—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. Studholme; 296.

Tellers for the Noes, 

Mr. Bowden; Mr. Pearson: 262.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.
Resolved, That the Cathedrals (Grants) Measure, 1954, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Sir John Crowder.)

Resolved, That the New Housing Areas (Church Buildings) Measure, 1954, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Sir John Crowder.)

Resolved, That the Reorganisation Areas Measure, 1944 (Amendment) Measure, 1954, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Sir John Crowder.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sir Cedric Drewe):—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 seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 74.]

Tuesday, 16th March, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1954, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a European Convention relating to the formalities required for patent applications, signed at Paris on the 11th day of December 1953 (the Convention has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of a European Interim Agreement on Social Security other than Schemes for Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors (with Protocol), signed at Paris on the 11th day of December 1953 (the Agreement and Protocol have not yet been ratified by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of a European Interim Agreement on Social Security Schemes relating to Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors (with Protocol), signed at Paris on the 11th day of December 1953 (the Agreement and Protocol have not yet been ratified by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a European Interim Agreement on Social Security other than Schemes for Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors (with Protocol), signed at Paris on the 11th day of December 1953 (the Agreement and Protocol have not yet been ratified by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a European Interim Agreement on Social Security other than Schemes for Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors (with Protocol), signed at Paris on the 11th day of December 1953 (the Agreement and Protocol have not yet been ratified by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

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 Darlington (Repeal of Local Enactment) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Fletcher 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 follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of Newcastle upon Tyne and the Stewards and Wardens Committee of the Town Moor in the city with regard to the closing of parts of the Town Moor for agricultural shows; to enact provisions as to the number of standing passengers which may be carried on trolley vehicles of the Corporation; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.
Telegraph Bill. Bill 82. Mr. Gammans presented a Bill to authorise increased charges for telegrams, and for purposes connected with such charges: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

Business of the House (Supply). 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 Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House). — (The Prime Minister.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1954-55.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army.
1. £123,080,000, for Pay, &c., of the Army.

Vote 2. Reserve Forces, Territorial Army, Home Guard and Cadet Forces.
2. £21,310,000, for Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 70,000, other ranks, for the Regular Reserve and 174,000, all ranks, for the Army Emergency Reserve), Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 328,400, all ranks), Home Guard (to a number not exceeding 60,000, all ranks), Cadet Forces and Malta Territorial Force.

Vote 5. Movements.
3. £34,450,000, for movements.

4. £30,700,000, for works, buildings and lands.

5. £18,960,000, for non-effective services.

Vote 11. Additional Married Quarters.
6. £100, for additional married quarters.

Vote 2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy.
7. £47,800,000, for pay, &c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

8. £15,665,000, for scientific services.

9. £18,960,000, for non-effective services.

Vote 10. Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad.
10. £31,595,000, for naval armaments.

11. £16,837,000, for works, buildings and repairs at home and abroad.

Vote 15. Additional Married Quarters.
12. £16,122,000, for non-effective services.

13. £100, for additional married quarters.


14. £86,350,000, for pay, &c., of the Air Force.

Vote 2. Reserve and Auxiliary Services.
15. £2,179,900, for Reserve and Auxiliary Services (to a number not exceeding 194,000, all ranks, for the Royal Air Force Reserve, and 11,300, all ranks, for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force).

Vote 7. Aircraft and Stores.
16. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £199,640,000, be granted to Her 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 1955.

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 under consideration.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded forthwith to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts outstanding in such Estimates for the Air Services for the coming financial year as have been put down on at least one previous day for consideration on an allotted day, and the total amounts of all outstanding Estimates supplementary to those of the current financial year as have been presented seven clear days, and of all outstanding Excess Votes, be granted for the Services defined in those Estimates, Supplementary Estimates and Statements of Excess:—


17. That a sum, not exceeding £57,470,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, for expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

8. Works and Lands ........ 51,500,000
9. Miscellaneous Effective Services.. 5,970,000
11. Additional Married Quarters ...... 100

£57,470,100

Question put, and agreed to.

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1953-54.

18. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £26,426,593, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for expenditure in respect of the following Supplementary Estimates, viz.:

Civil Estimates. Class I.
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments .... 61,000
7. Charity Commission 1,220
9. Exchequer and Audit Department 10
14. National Debt Office 10
17. Public Works Loan Commission 10
22. Silver 3,431,200
24. Flood and Tempest Distress Relief 1,250,000
25. Scottish Home Department 38,200

£26,426,593
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Question put, and agreed to.

Air Supplementary Estimate, 1953-54.

19. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for expenditure beyond the
To report Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

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 he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

1. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1953, the sum of £72,286 9s. 10d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

2. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, the sum of £77,930,103 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

3. Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, the sum of £1,617,769,200 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

To report Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

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

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend section two of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such increase in the expenditure which under any Act is to be defrayed out of moneys so provided as is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session abolishing the limit of pension up to which increases may be made under that section and substituting ten per cent. for the scale of increases authorised by that section and for purposes connected therewith.

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 Amendment made by the Lords to the Development of Inventions 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 was made, and the Question Adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Kaberry);

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. Kaberry.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Kent Water Bill. RESOLVED, That it is expedient that the Kent Water Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme for amending a Scheme under the Metropolitan Commons Acts, 1866 to 1898, with respect to Ham Common in the County of Surrey: 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.


Public Health (Northern Ireland).

Secrecy Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 2nd March 1954, entitled—

(1) the Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954, and

(2) the Public Health (Ships) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954.

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

Sir David Eccles 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. Lennox-Boyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on International Conventions concerning the Carriage of Goods by Rail and of Passengers and Luggage by Rail.

Copies of International Conventions, signed at Berne on the 25th day of October 1952, concerning—

(1) the Carriage of Goods by Rail, 1952 (CIM), and

(2) the Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Rail, 1952 (CIV)

(the Conventions have not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

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

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

Accounts of the Yugoslav and Czechoslovak Funds for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, prepared in pursuance of subsection (1) of Section 6 of the Foreign Compensation Act, 1950, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Marine and Aviation (War Risks) Fund for the period ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the War Risks (Marine Insurance) Fund for the period ended the 29th day of October 1952, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Accounts relating to Foreign Compensation be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee A (in respect of the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill): Mr. Bowden, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Grosber, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Walter Hudson, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Leather, Miss Lee, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Odey, Mr. Padley, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Rees-Davies, Dr. Stross, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Wade, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watkinson, Mr. Wilke, Mr. Wood and Mr. Yates.

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 Rights of Entry (Gas and Electricity Boards) Bill, without any Amendment.

Major Conant reported from the Committee on Atomic Energy Authority [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the setting up of an Atomic Energy Authority for the United Kingdom and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums in respect of the expenses of that Authority as the Lord President of the Council may with the consent of the Treasury determine; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer, if the Lord President of the Council with the approval of the Treasury so directs, of the whole or any part of the revenues of that Authority for any financial year.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Atomic Energy Authority Bill. (In the Committee.)
Clause No. 1 (The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the word "six," and insert the word "seven."—(Mr. Beswick.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out the words "Lord President of the Council," and insert the words "Minister of Supply."—(Mr. Darling.)

Question put, That the words "Lord President of the Council" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Wills: 246.
Mr. Wallace, Mr. John Taylor: 226.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words "and (c) one shall be appointed from amongst persons appearing to the Lord President of the Council after consultation with the Minister of Fuel and Power to have had wide experience of, and shown capacity in, the generation and supply of electricity."—(Mr. Palmer.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Redmayne, Mr. Legh: 244.
Mr. Holmes, Mr. Wilkins: 232.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Allan.)

Mr. 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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Canal (Additional Charges) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954, dated 12th February 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of February last, be annulled—(Mr. Ernest Davies):—It passed in the Negative.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 17th March, 1954.

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

[No. 76.]

Thursday, 18th March, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

THE Crewe 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 Bedfordshire Second Reading of the Bedfordshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a copy of Regulations, dated 17th March 1954, entitled the Fire Services (Ranks and Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1954.

Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled Visiting Forces Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to Army, the directions of an Act of Parliament, a copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1954, entitled the Army General Reserve Order, 1954.

Copy of Regulations, dated 15th March Army, 1954, entitled the Army General Reserve Regulations, 1954.

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

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Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Proposals for a reconstitution of the Government of Kenya.

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

Mr. Ward presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th February 1954, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to the Order of His late Majesty King George the Sixth dated 21st June 1950, providing for the government, discipline and pay of the Royal Air Force Reserve (including the Royal Air Force Reserve of officers and airmen of the Royal Air Force Reserve and officers and airmen of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, excluding officers appointed for service with the Air Training Corps).

Copy of a Warrant, dated 19th February 1954, modifying the Conditions of Service of certain Air Force officers who are liable to be recalled in the event of an emergency.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure of the General Medical Council, Branch Councils, and Committees, for 1953, and an Approximate Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the 31st day of December 1953.

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

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Review of the agricultural industry and Determination of Guarantees, 1954.

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

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of the Cases in which he has exercised his powers under Section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, during 1953.

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

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

Copy of a Scheme for authorising the taking down and sale of the site and materials of the Church or Chapel of Christ Church, Weymouth, in the parish of St. Mary, Weymouth, in the diocese of Salisbury.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Northern Assurance Bill (Lords), That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Institution of Mechanical Engineers 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 thereof.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill, and made Amendments thereof; and had amended the Title, as follows:—A Bill to make further provision for the clearance and redevelopment of areas of unfit housing accommodation, and for securing or promoting the reconditioning and maintenance of houses; and otherwise to amend the enactments relating to housing, the exercise of certain powers relating to land, and rent control.

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 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 Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Major Conant reported from the Committee Supply [11th allotted Day] on the End of Supply of the 16th day of February last, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1953-54.

Class VIII.

Vote 9. Ministry of Food.

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £35,334,900, be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charge which will come in course
of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food; the cost of trading services, including certain subsidies; a grant in aid; and sundry other services, including certain expenses in connection with civil defence.

Vote 1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

2. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,810,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, including grants, grants in aid and expenses in respect of agricultural education and research; services in connection with livestock; land settlement; land drainage; purchase, adaptation, development and management of land; agricultural credits and marketing; the guarantee of a minimum price for home-produced wool; the prevention of food infestation; agricultural training and settlement schemes; fishery organisation, research and development; and sundry other services.

Vote 2. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Food Production Services).

3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £3,880,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for certain food production services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Vote 10. Ministry of Supply.

4. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Supply for the administration of supply (including research and development, inspection, storage, disposal and capital and ancillary services related thereto); for the supply of atomic energy and radioactive substances; for administrative services in connection with the iron and steel, non-ferrous and light metals and engineering industries; and for miscellaneous services.

Class VI.


5. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £150,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for grants in aid of expenses of the United Nations and of technical assistance for economic development.

Vote 2. Foreign Office Grants and Services.

7. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £7,528,589, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for sundry grants and services connected with Her Majesty’s Foreign Service, including grants in aid.

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

The Sixth 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:—

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant Royal Assent.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, for declaring Her 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 Her Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts and Measures therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measures as follows:

2. Rights of Entry (Gas and Electricity Boards) Act, 1954.
3. Cathedrals (Grants) Measure, 1944.

And the Question being again proposed, Supply [16th February] was read a second time; and the Bill was now read a second time:

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word " That " to the end of the Question, and adding the words " in view of the progress..."
made in the last year towards agreement among local authorities as to the form the reorganisation of local government should assume, which agreement has been submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government by four out of five of the local authority associations, this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which will prejudice complete agreement."—(Captain Soames),— 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 divided.
Mr. Pargiter: 125.
Mr. Warbey: 125.
Mr. Robert Jenkins: 125.
Captain Soames: 125.
Mr. Fargiter: 125.
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added after the word "That," in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That in view of the progress made in the last year towards agreement among local authorities as to the form the reorganisation of local government should assume, which agreement has been submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government by four out of five of the local authority associations, this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which will prejudice complete agreement.

The House resumed the postponed Proceeding on the Question, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £123,080,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of the United Nations and of technical assistance during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being after half-past 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 come to 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 in their Seventh Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

"*MEMORANDUM.—The number of the Yeas has been altered from 103, as reported by the Tellers, to 93, in accordance with the direction given to the Clerk by Mr. Speaker."
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Third of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £34,450,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of movements, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955:—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 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £30,700,000, be granted to Her 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 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Fifth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £18,960,000, be granted to Her 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 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Sixth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £1,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of certain additional married quarters, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Seventh of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £47,800,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of the pay, &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 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Eighth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £17,573,000, be granted to Her 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 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Ninth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £15,665,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of scientific services, including a grant in aid to the National Institute of Oceanography, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Tenth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £31,595,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of naval armaments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Eleventh of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £16,837,000, be granted to Her 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 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Twelfth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £16,122,000, be granted to Her 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 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Thirteenth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of certain additional married quarters at home, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Fourteenth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £86,350,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of certain additional married quarters at home, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Fifteenth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £2,179,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of the reserve and auxiliary services (to a number not exceeding 194,000, all ranks, for the Royal Air Force Reserve, and 11,300, 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 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put. That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Sixteenth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £199,640,000, be granted to Her 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 1955:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put. That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Seventeenth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a sum, not exceeding £57,470,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, for expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:-

8. Works and Lands ..... 51,500,000
9. Miscellaneous Effective Services ..... 5,970,000
11. Additional Married Quarters ..... 100

£57,470,100:

—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put. That this House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Eighteenth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a supplementary sum, not exceeding £26,426,593, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for expenditure in respect of the following Civil Estimates, viz.:-

**Civil Estimates**

**Class I.**

4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments ..... £61,000
7. Charity Commission ..... 1,220
9. Exchequer and Audit Department ..... 10
14. National Debt Office ..... 10
17. Public Works Loan Commission ..... 10
22. Silver ..... 3,431,200
24a. Flood and Tempest Distress Relief ..... 1,250,000
25. Scottish Home Department ..... 38,200

**Class II.**

10. Colonial Services ..... 10
11. Overseas Food Corporation ..... 38,2087

**Class III.**

6. Fire Services, England and Wales ..... 192,000
7. State Management Districts, England and Wales ..... 10
8. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. ..... 40,000
9. County Courts ..... 40,744
10. Land Registry ..... 10
11. Public Trustee ..... 10
12. Law Charges ..... 10
13. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses ..... 5,000
21. Law Charges and Courts of Law, Scotland ..... 7,000
22. Department of the Registers of Scotland ..... 10

**Class IV.**

1. Ministry of Education ..... 10
4. Imperial War Museum ..... 10
13. Public Education, Scotland ..... 10
15. National Library, Scotland ..... 400

Class V.

1. Ministry of Housing and Local Government ..... £1,178,850
2. Housing, England and Wales ..... 1,245,000
6. Medical Research Council ..... 10
8. Ministry of Labour and National Service ..... 50,000
10. National Insurance and Family Allowances ..... 335,000
12. Friendly Societies Registry ..... 2,300
15. Department of Health for Scotland ..... 835,500
17. Housing, Scotland ..... 551,000
18. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, Scotland ..... 785,000

Class VI.

1. Board of Trade ..... 10
4. Export Credits ..... 2,970,000

Class VII.

1. Ministry of Works ..... 257,000
4. Public Buildings Overseas ..... 10
7. Miscellaneous Works Services ..... 10
8. Rates on Government Property ..... 975,000
12. Works and Buildings in Ireland ..... 10,000

Class VIII.

3. White Fish Authority ..... 10
5. Offices of Commissioners of Crown Lands ..... 3,092
14. Herring Industry ..... 712,000

Class IX.

1. Ministry of Transport ..... 10
4. Ministry of Transport (Shipping and Special Services) ..... 10
5. Ministry of Civil Aviation ..... 10
8. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research ..... 10
9. Atomic Energy ..... 10

Class X.

1. Merchant Seamen's War Pensions ..... 7,000
2. War Pensions, &c. ..... 450,000
4. Superannuation and Retired Allowances ..... 550,000
5. Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance ..... 12,000

**Revenue Departments.**

1. Customs and Excise ..... 580,000
3. Post Office ..... 9,470,000

£26,426,593:

—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put. That this Air House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Nineteenth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year:

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—and the Question being put, That this Air House doth agree with the Committee of Supply in the Sixteenth of their Resolutions of the 16th day of this instant March, namely, That a supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year:

——It was resolved in the Affirmative.
The sum of £72,286 9s. 10d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated Fund granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, the sum of £77,930,103 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

3. That, towards making good the Supply Consolidated Fund granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, the sum of £3,617,709,200 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the services of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four and one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee of Supply on the British Industries Fair (Guarantees and Grants) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follow:

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for fulfilling guarantees given under the said Act in respect of the repayment of, and the payment of interest on, loans made to the company;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by way of the repayment of any sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under the said Act;

(c) the making, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of grants to the company towards defraying expenditure incurred or to be incurred by the company in advertising the British Industries Fair.

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

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee of Supply on the British Industries Fair (Guarantees and Grants) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follow:

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1953,
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

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

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON, Speaker).

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir Cedric Drewe):—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.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 18th March, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. George Thomas Chairman of Standing Committee C, in respect of the Town and Country Planning Bill.

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Standing Committee under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Lighter Flints.

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

Mr. Gammans presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Draft Licence to be granted by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General to the Independent Television Authority.

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 Transactions of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court under the County Court Funds Rules for 1952, and an Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same year in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the County Court Funds Investment Account, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, believing that one of the high purposes of a Government ought to be to establish an adequate minimum standard of living for its poorest citizens, expresses concern at the increasing numbers of those living on pensions and other low fixed incomes who have to apply for National Assistance in order to avoid grave hardship; and urges Her Majesty's Government to increase the level of such pensions and incomes wherever possible, and, at the same time, to safeguard and enhance their value by making every effort to reduce the cost of living—(Dr. King):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Dr. King 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;

Resolved, That this House, believing that one of the high purposes of a Government ought to be to establish an adequate minimum standard of living for its poorest citizens, expresses concern at the increasing numbers of those living on pensions and other low fixed incomes who have to apply for National Assistance in order to avoid grave hardship; and urges Her Majesty's Government to increase the level of such pensions and incomes wherever possible, and, at the same time, to safeguard and enhance their value by making every effort to reduce the cost of living.

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

The Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) 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 Animals (Cruel Poisons) 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 5th day of February last, That the Licensing (Airports) Bill be now read a second time ;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Price Control (No. 2) 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 26th day of February last, That the Safety in Employment (Inspection and Safety Organisation) Bill be now read a second time ;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—Mr. Galbraith :—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.

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 19th March, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Business Committee) Mr. Speaker this day nominated Mr. Bevan, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Kaberry, Mr. MacColl and Mr. Harold Macmillan members of the Business Committee in respect of the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rhodesian Selection Trust Limited and Associated Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wankie Colliery Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Dover Harbour Consolidation Bill [Lords] was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders relative to the committal of Private Bills be suspended, and that the Bill do lie upon the Table.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

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 20th day of this instant March, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table :


(1) the Exchange Control (Specified Currency) (Amendment) Order, 1954, and
(2) the Exchange Control (Payments) Order, 1954.


Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th March 1954, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

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

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the Census, 1951. directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of Surrey.

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

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1954, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Determination of Claims and Questions) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations).—Report by him on the Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Studholme.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 22nd March, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Hire Purchase Bill and the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 79.1

Tuesday, 23rd March, 1954.

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 additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

British Transport Commission Bill.

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 following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:

Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Miss Horsbrugh presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1954, entitled the Schools Grant Amending Regulations No. 5, 1954.

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

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 22nd March 1954, entitled—

1. the Condensed Milk (Revocation) Order, 1954,
2. the Milk Powder (Revocation) Order, 1954, and
3. the Seed Potatoes (Amendment) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th March 1954, entitled the Selby (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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 Sutton Coldfield (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954.

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

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

Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor of Lunacy, the Number of Visits made and Patients seen by the several Commissioners of the Board of Control during the six months ended the 31st day of December 1953.

Copy of an Order, dated 16th March 1954, entitled the Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate) Fees Order (Northern Ireland), 1954.

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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to summary jurisdiction and procedure in Scotland with corrections and improvements made 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 constitute a joint Board comprising representatives of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Swinton, Pendlebury and the Urban District Council of Worsley; to transfer to and vest in the Board the property rights and liabilities of the Burial Board for the parish of Saint Peter Swinton and to dissolve that Board; to authorise the Board to provide and maintain cemeteries and a crematorium; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Swinton and Worsley Burial Board Bill (Lords) was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That the 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 Judges' Remuneration Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. —(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

Captain Crookshank, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Judges' Remuneration [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 salaries attached to certain high judicial offices and to regulate the payments to be made to Judges of the High Court in England in respect of their expenses when acting under commissions of assize and other commissions, it is expedient to authorise the charge on the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be necessary to increase by two thousand pounds a year the salary payable to the Lord Chancellor or to the Lord Chief Justice of England, and by three thousand pounds a year the salary payable to the holder of any of the following offices, that is to say—

(a) Lord of Appeal in Ordinary;
(b) Master of the Rolls, President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division,
   Lord Justice of Appeal or puisne Judge of the High Court of Justice in England;
(c) Lord Justice General, Lord Justice Clerk or Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland;
(d) Lord Chief Justice, Ordinary Judge of the Court of Appeal or Judge of the High Court of Justice other than Lord Chief Justice in Northern Ireland;

and to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament to Judges of the High Court of Justice in England of allowances in respect of their expenses when acting under a commission of assize or other commission issued under section seventy of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, and to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament to Judges of the High Court in England of allowances in respect of their expenses when acting under a commission of assize or other commission issued under section seventy of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925.

—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Atomic Energy Authority Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 2 (Principal powers and duties of the Authority).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 9, after the word "of," to insert the words "the Schedule (Existing Staff) and of."—(Mr. Palmer.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Subject to the provisions of section three of this Act, it shall be the general duty of the Authority to develop the knowledge, production and use of atomic energy and, in so doing, to ensure as far as may be by appropriate regulations or otherwise the safety, health and welfare of persons employed by the Authority and the safety of the public."—(Mr. Edelman.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 215.
Tellers for the 246.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words—

"(e) to provide and arrange for the provision of housing accommodation for the officers of the Authority and for such other persons as the Authority may employ."—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

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

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 44, to leave out from the word "not" to the end of l. 5, on p. 4, and insert the words "develop or produce any weapon or part of a weapon or conduct experimental work which may lead to the manufacture of atomic weapons."—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 215.
Tellers for the 14.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. George Strauss):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir Cedric Drews.)

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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Civil Defence.

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence
(Electricity Undertakings) Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 11th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)

Civil Defence.

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence
(North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board) Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 16th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Commander Galbraith.)

Agriculture
(Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money] (No. 2).

Captain Crookshank, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money] (No. 2) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order 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 Part IV of the Agriculture Act, 1947, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the said Part IV which is attributable to any such amendment enabling holdings of an area exceeding fifty acres to be treated as smallholdings, and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any increase so attributable in the sums received by or on behalf of that Minister under the said Part IV.—(Mr. Nugent.)

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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir Cedric Drewe):—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 Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

Wednesday, 24th March, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Motherwell in the room of Alexander Anderson, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Whiteley.)

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts into and Payments out of the Government Annuities Investment Fund in 1953, and a Statement of Payments made during the year, of new Contracts made during the year and of current Contracts at the end of the year.

Copy of the Fourth Interim Report by the Government Actuary on the operation of the National Insurance Act, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

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

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th March 1954, entitled

(1) the Representation of the People Regulations, 1954, and

(2) the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1954.

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

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1954, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries Order, 1954.

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

Wing Commander Hulbert 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.
Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Mr. Fletcher-Cooke; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Howard Johnson.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Hire Purchase Bill): Mr. Arbuthnot, Mr. Bottomley, Wing Commander Bullus, Mr. Burden, Miss Burton, Mr. Crown, Mr. Darlington, Mr. Harold Davies, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Fienburgh, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Frederic Harris, Mr. Irving, Brigadier Medlicott, Mr. Porter, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Ellis Smith, Mr. Spence, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Henry Strauss, Mr. Sylvester, Sir Wavell Wakefield and Miss Ward.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Albert Evans, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Eric Johnson, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Morley, Miss Pitt and Mrs. Slater; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Stanley Evans, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Peyton, Mr. Skeffington, Mr. William Taylor and Mr. Paul Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Town and Country Planning Bill): Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Bullard, Mr. Gibson, Colonel Harrison, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Kaberry, Mr. Lindgren, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. Marples, Brigadier Medlicott, Mr. Pargeter, Mr. Pannell, Mr. Pargiter, Mr. Powell, Sir Harold Roper, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Peter Thomas, Sir Lynn Unge white-Thomas, Mr. Wade, Mr. Walker-Smith, Mr. West, Mr. Wheeldon and Mr. Geoffrey Wilson.

The Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill (Lords) was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Robert Jenkins and Mr. Pargiter, the Tellers in the Yeas Division Lobby in the Division of the 18th day of this instant March on the Question, that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question, that the Luton Corporation Bill be now read a second time, came to the Table and stated that they had erroneously reported the number of the Yeas as 103, instead of 93, which was the correct number.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker directed the Clerk to correct the number in the Journal accordingly:—Yeas 93, Noes 125.

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 Mr. Speaker's within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON, Speaker).

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

And the House, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 25th March, 1954:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 24th March, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Business Committee) Mr. Speaker this day nominated Mr. Mitchison a member of the Business Committee in respect of the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill, in place of Mr. Bevan.

[No. 81.]


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

PRAYERS.

The Rhodesian Selection Trust Limited and Associated Companies Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Wankie Colliery Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bedfordshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of April next.

Treaty Series

Treaty Series (No. 21, 1954).

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th March 1954, entitled the Marriages Validity (All Saints Church, Rickling) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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


Copy of Notes exchanged at Addis Ababa between the 27th and the 29th days of August 1952 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Ethiopia regarding the Federation of Eritrea and Ethiopia under the sovereignty of the Ethiopian Crown.

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


Copy of Notes exchanged at Vienna between the 27th day of November and the 28th day of December 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Austrian Federal Government prolonging the Monetary Agreement of the 31st day of January 1951.

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

Representation of the People (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th March 1954, entitled the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.

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

Pests.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 23rd March 1954, entitled—

1. the Importation of Plants (General Licence) (Amendment) Order, 1954, and
2. the Importation of Plants from Belgium, France and the Netherlands (General Licence) Order, 1954.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee, that they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Hire-Purchase Bill): Wing Commander Bullus; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Marshall.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Business Committee,—That they had agreed to the following Recommendation in respect of the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House:

That—

(a) the Proceedings on Consideration shall be divided into the parts specified in the second column of the table set out below;
(b) the two days which, under the Order made on the 22nd day of February last are given to the Proceedings on Consideration, and portions of those days, shall be allotted in the manner shown in that table; and
(c) subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 of the Order made on the 22nd day of February last, each part of the Proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of that table.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Hill Farming Bill, without any Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Television Bill:

Second Reading of the Television 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. Herbert Morrison.)

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

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

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

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, 296.
Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Pearson, 269.

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. Studholme.)

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. Studholme):—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.

[No. 82.]

Friday, 26th March, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MAJOR Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Orders, dated 25th March 1954, entitled—

1. the Milk (Great Britain) Order, 1954, and
2. the Milk (Northern Ireland) Order, 1954,

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message was delivered by Captain MacKintosh, R.N., Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her 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 Her 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;

Ordered, That the Marriage Act, 1949 Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Insurance (Small Incomes) 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 leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Representation of the People (St. Albans) Bill;

And Notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after One of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker at three minutes after One of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next.
THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Dover Harbour Consolidation Bill [Lords].

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wesleyan and General Assurance Society Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The following Papers, required by several Acts of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 26th 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 25th March 1954, entitled the Local Government (Traveling Allowances, etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1954.
- Copies of Regulations, dated 25th March 1954, entitled—
  1. the Local Government (Allowances to Members) Regulations, 1954, and
  2. the Local Government (Financial Loss Allowance) Regulations, 1954.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 16th day of March 1954, on Stock issued by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 18th day of March 1954, on Stock issued by the British Transport Commission.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 16th day of March 1879, —Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 26th March 1954, regarding the Application of Surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, to meet Deficits on other Army Votes and Sums chargeable to Balances irrecoverable and Claims abandoned for the same year.

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

Sir David Eccles 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 1955.

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

Mr. James Thomas 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 1955.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft 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 1955.

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

Sir Thomas 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 1955.

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

Mr. Lennox-Bowd 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 1955.

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

Mr. Attorney General 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 1955.

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 26th March 1954, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1), 1954.

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

The Order made upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill be committed, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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).—(Captain Crookshank.)
Major Conant reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend Part IV of the Agriculture Act, 1947, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the said Part IV which is attributable to any such amendment enabling holdings of an area exceeding fifty acres to be treated as smallholdings, and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any increase so attributable in the sums received by or on behalf of that Minister under the said Part IV.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 5, p. 2, l. 29, and p. 3, l. 10; and Schedule No. 3, p. 13, l. 33, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Sir Thomas Dugdale.—(Sir Thomas Dugdale.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 3 amended, and agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 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 recommittal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "in giving approval to any schemes submitted under section ninety-six of the Agriculture Act, 1947, the Minister shall satisfy himself that adequate provisions are made for the subsequent maintenance of the works proposed."—(Mr. Champion.)

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. 6, l. 19, by leaving out the word "ten," and inserting the word "two."—(Mr. Champion.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "ten" 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. Vosper reported from the Committee on Judges' Remuneration [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the salaries attached to certain high judicial offices and to regulate the payments to be made to Judges of the High Court in England in respect of their expenses when acting under commissions of assize and other commissions, it is expedient to authorise the charge on the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be necessary to increase by two thousand pounds a year the salary payable to the Lord Chancellor or to the Lord Chief Justice of England, and by three thousand pounds a year the salary payable to the holder of any of the following offices, that is to say—

(a) Lord of Appeal in Ordinary;
(b) Master of the Rolls, President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division, Lord Justice of Appeal or puisne Judge of the High Court of Justice in England;
(c) Lord Justice General, Lord Justice Clerk or Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland;
(d) Lord Chief Justice, Ordinary Judge of the Court of Appeal or Judge of the High Court of Justice other than Lord Chief Justice in Northern Ireland;

and to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament to Judges of the High Court of Justice in England of allowances in respect of their expenses when acting under a commission of assize or other commission issued under section seventy of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Judges' Remuneration Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Increase of salary etc.).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "Lord Chancellor or."—(Mr. Sydney Silverman.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out paragraph (e).—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

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

An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 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
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Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Chairman directs Committee to proceed again to a Division.

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.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON,
Speaker).

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Television (Money) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for television broadcasting services in addition to those provided by the British Broadcasting Corporation, and to set up a special authority for that purpose, and to make certain other provision, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment to the said authority out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums not exceeding seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds in any one financial year;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses incurred by the Postmaster General for the purposes of the said Act;

(c) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required to enable the Postmaster General to make advances to the said authority of not more than two million pounds in all;

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

(e) the payment into the Exchequer of sums received by the Postmaster General from the said authority 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;

(f) the payment into the Exchequer of the whole or any part of any excess of the revenues of the said authority for any financial year over the sums properly chargeable by the said authority to revenue account for that year including in such sums credits credited to the reserve fund of the said authority. —(Mr. Gammans.)

Amendment proposed, in l. 5, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—Debate arising:

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

Question put, That the Question be now put:

The Committee proceeded to a Division; but one of the doors of the No Lobby remaining unlocked when the Chairman, at the expiration of six minutes, had given the order to lock the doors, he directed the Committee to proceed again to a Division.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson; Mr. Arthur Allen:—

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Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Vosper; Mr. Popplewell:

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wills; Mr. Legh:

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Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Allen; Mr. Holmes:

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Another Amendment proposed, in l. 9, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Mr. Ness Edwards.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Conant; Mr. Boswell:

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Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wills; Mr. Popplewell:

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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 an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment No. 1) Regulations, 1954, dated 15th February 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of February last, be annulled.—(Mr. Fletcher);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:
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And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

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

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

Ways and Means.

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

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

Public Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker be added to the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Mr. Galbraith.)

Adjournment.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 29th March, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Marriage Act, 1949 (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 84.]

Tuesday, 30th March, 1954.

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 Order is applicable thereto, viz.:

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order is applicable thereto, viz.:

Metropolitan Common Scheme (Ham) Provisional Order Bill.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Economic Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Economic Survey for 1954.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th March 1954, regarding the Application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, to meet Deficits on other Navy Votes and Sums chargeable to Balances irrecoverable and Claims abandoned for the same year.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 29th Public Accounts March 1954, regarding the Application of Surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1954, to meet Deficits on other Air Votes and Sums chargeable to Balances irrecoverable and Claims abandoned for the same year.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 24th day of March 1954 on Stock issued by the British Transport Commission.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Belgrade on the 31st day of December 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Yugoslavia regarding the Import of British books into Yugoslavia.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Health Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports of the Department of Health for Scotland and the Scottish Health Services Council, for 1953.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Report on the work of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, for 1953.

Copies of Orders, dated 29th March 1954, Pests, entitled—

(1) the Importation of Plants from Belgium, France and the Netherlands (General Licence) (Scotland) Order, 1954, and,

(2) the Importation of Plants (General Licence) (Amendment) (Scotland) Order, 1954.
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. Redmayne.)

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Atomic Energy Authority Bill.

Clause No. 3 (Power and duties of the Lord President of the Council in relation to the Authority).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) The Lord President of the Council in the performance of his said general duty shall have regard to the interests of national security and shall secure the like regard in the conduct of the affairs of the Authority:"

Mr. Hitchison.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 41, to leave out from the word "authority" to the end of l. 44.—(Mr. Fletcher.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 9, after the word "functions," to insert the words "(including, in particular, development for civil purposes)."—(Mr. Peart.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Powers as to purchase of land, carrying out works, etc.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words "after consultation with such local authorities, river boards, local fisheries committees or other public or local authorities as appear to those Ministers to be concerned with the actual or possible effects of such discharge."—(Mr. Frank Anderson.)

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

Copies of University of St. Andrews Commissioners' Ordinances—

(1) No. 1 (University Meetings),
(2) No. 2 (Election and term of office of First Assessors elected by the General Council to the University Court), and
(3) No. 3 (Degrees in Engineering).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Accounting Officer of the Vote for the Supreme Court on behalf of the Admiralty Division in Prize for the period from the 3rd day of September 1939 to the 31st day of March 1953, with a Copy of a Letter from the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

Mr. Fletcher 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 amend the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, and the Food and Drugs (Milk, Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) be read a second time; and be printed.

And the Question being put forthwith, 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:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

The House divided.

The Yeas were as follows:

Mr. Studholme, 246.
Mr. Legh, 246.
Mr. Royle, 230.
Mr. Holmes.

The Noes were as follows:

Mr. Holmes.
Radioactive Substances Act, 1948, shall be entitled to any remedy under this subsection in respect of damage brought about by his offence.".—(Mr. Mitchison.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Machinery for settling terms and conditions of employment of staff etc.) Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 7, at the end, to insert the words " including efficiency in the Authority's work.".—(Mr. Mikardo.)

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.

Clause No. 10 agreed to.

A Clause (The Atomic Energy Advisory Council for Scotland)—(Mr. Emrys Hughes) brought up, and read the first time.

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

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedules No. 3 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 gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Major Conant.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court in respect of the Funds of Suitsors of the Court in the year ended the 28th day of February 1953; a Statement of the Liability of the Consolidated Fund; and an Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the British Transport Treasury on the 25th day of March 1954, on Stock issued by the British Transport Commission.

Report of the Inspection Committee of the Trustee Savings Banks for the year ended the 20th day of November 1953.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; that the other Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to the Supreme Court and Transport be printed.

Secretory Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, Coroners, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th March 1954, entitled the County of Berks (Coroners' Districts) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Damascus on the 30th day of January 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Syrian Republic for Scheduled Civil Air Services between and beyond their respective territories (the Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th March 1954, entitled the County of Berks (Coroners' Districts) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Warrant, dated 29th March 1954, entitled the Inland Post Amendment (No. 10) Warrant, 1954.

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

Mr. Gammans presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Memorandum relating to Industry and Employment in Scotland, 1953.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1954, entitled the Teachers' Salaries (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.

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

Mr. Gammans presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Warrant, dated 29th March 1954, entitled the Inland Post Amendment (No. 10) Warrant, 1954.

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

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Standing Committees.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 28th February 1954.

Mr. Harold Macmillan also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th March 1954, entitled the National Parks and Access to the Countryside (Grants) Regulations, 1954.

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

Sir Austin Hudson reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Pool Betting Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered. That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 7th day of May 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 Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust 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 Birkenhead Corporation 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.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Hire-Purchase Bill): Mr. Shepherd; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Browne.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee B, That they had added the following Twenty-four Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill): Mr. Benn, Mr. Beswick, Mr. Black, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Sir Albert Braine-Watne, Mr. Coldick, Mr. Darling, Mr. Deedes, Mr. Forman, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Marquand, Sir John Mellor, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Nield, Mr. Renton, Mr. Robens, Commander Scott-Miller, Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Slater, Sir Harold Webbe, Mr. Gerald Williams, Mr. William Thomas Williams and Mr. Harold Wilson.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee C, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Mr. Stanley Evans, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes and Mr. Peyton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bartley, Mr. William Bennett, Mrs. Castle and Mr. Mikardo.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee C, That they had discharged following Member from Standing Committee C (added in respect of the Town and Country Planning Bill): Mr. Walker-Smith; and had appointed in substitution Captain Kerby.

Ordered. That the Proceedings on the Motion relating to Statutory Instruments, &c. (Procedure) 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 taking into consideration the Housing Repairs and Rents 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. 6, p. 6, l. 17; Clause No. 7, p. 7, l. 26; Clause No. 18, p. 15, l. 17; and the proposed Clause (Postponement of demolition under clearance order in the case of houses let to local authority) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Harold Macmillan—(Mr. Harold Macmillan);

The Question was amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words “and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 23, p. 19, l. 4; Schedule No. 2, p. 39, ll. 31, 32, 36, 39 and 41, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan”—(Mr. Bevan); “and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 5, p. 5, ll. 26, 27 and 33; Clause No. 8, p. 8, ll. 6, 7 and 8 standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Key”—(Mr. Key); “and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 6, p. 7, l. 10; Clause No. 7, p. 7, l. 26; in respect of Clause No. 13, the proposed Clause (Special housing accounts), and the proposed Schedule (Special Housing Accounts: Modifications of sections 128 to 133 of the principal
Act, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. MacColl.-(Mr. MacColl; “and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 6, p. 7, l. 21, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Mitchison.”—(Mr. Mitchison); “and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 21, p. 16, l. 26, and the proposed Schedule (Certificate of Local Authority as to condition of Dwelling-house), standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Blenkinsop.”—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

And the Question, so amended, being put; Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 6, p. 6, l. 17; Clause No. 7, p. 7, l. 26; Clause No. 18, p. 15, l. 17; and the proposed Clause (Postponement of demolition under clearance order in the case of houses let to local authority) stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 6, p. 7, l. 26; Clause No. 18, p. 15, l. 17; and the proposed Clause (Postponement of demolition under clearance order in the case of houses let to local authority) stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 7 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Standard of fitness for human habituation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 6, to leave out the words “if and only.”—(Mr. Albert Evans.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Wilkins; 
Mr. Kenneth Robinson: 
Mr. Kaberry; 
Mr. Wilkins; 
Mr. Wallace: 
Mr. Kaberry; 
Mr. Wilkins; 
Mr. Wills: 
Mr. Kaberry; 
Mr. Wilkins; 
Mr. Wallace: 274.

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And it being after Eight o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders of the House of Commons, praying that the Bill be read a second time forthwith, pursuant to Orders.

Questions put forthwith, pursuant to Orders.

Clause No. 23 (Notice and declarations preliminary to recovery of repairs increase).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 26, after the word “as,” to insert the words “there is in force, in accordance with Schedule (Certificate of local authority as to condition of dwelling-house) to this Act a certificate of the local authority, that.”—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Wilkins; 
Mr. Kenneth Robinson: 
Mr. Kaberry; 
Mr. Wilkins; 
Mr. Wallace: 
Mr. Kaberry; 
Mr. Wilkins; 
Mr. Wills: 
Mr. Kaberry; 
Mr. Wilkins; 
Mr. Wallace: 274.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported that the Committee had made further Amendments and added a Clause to the Bill.

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

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exclusion from Rent Acts of dwelling-houses converted or erected after commencement of Act)—(Mr. Harold Macmillan); 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 Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Kaberry; Mr. Pearson; 276.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilkins; 259.

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 (Possession without alternative accommodation not to be ordered on production of agricultural certificate)—(Mr. Harold Macmillan); 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. 4, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "except in relation to a dwelling-house which has been throughout the preceding five years in the same ownership as the agricultural holding or estate specified in the certificate."—(Mr. Higgs.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added to the proposed Clause:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of the Act of 1920)—(Mr. Cole); 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.

And it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered. That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Ordered. That, during the remainder of the present Session, except in such cases as the House may otherwise order—

(1) No Proceedings on a Motion to which this Order applies shall be entered upon at or after half-past Eleven of the clock.

(2) If such a Motion is under consideration at half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker shall forthwith put the Question thereupon to the House, provided that, if he shall be of opinion that—

(a) owing to the lateness of the hour at which consideration of the Motion was entered upon, or

(b) because of the importance of the subject matter of the Motion, the time for debate has not been adequate, he shall interrupt the business and the debate shall stand adjourned till the next Sitting (other than a Friday).

(3) A debate which has been adjourned under paragraph (2) of this Order shall not be resumed later than Eleven of the clock, but shall stand further adjourned till the next Sitting (other than a Friday), and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall apply to any debate which has been further adjourned under this paragraph as if the further adjournment were an adjournment under paragraph (2) of this Order.

(4) The Motions to which this Order applies are—

(a) any Motion for an humble Address to Her Majesty praying that a Statutory Instrument be annulled, and any Motion that a draft of an Order in Council be not submitted to Her Majesty in Council, or that a Statutory Instrument be not made;

(b) any Motion that, or for an humble Address to Her Majesty praying that, any other document which may be subject to proceedings in the House in pursuance of a Statute be annulled, or cease to be in force, or be not made.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 1st April, 1954:

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 six minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 31st March, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Roger, Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Hire-Purchase Bill.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

[No. 86.]

Thursday, 1st April, 1954.

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

THE Wesleyan and General Assurance Society Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Preliminary Estimates of National Income and Expenditure, 1948 to 1953.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume I, Part 19, County of Kincardine.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Mr. William Bennett and Mr. William Taylor, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Frederic Bennett and Mr. Greville Howard.

Standing Orders.

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 British Transport Commission Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

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

The Order made upon the 11th day of March last, That the Ilford Corporation Bill be committed, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Cotton Bill, without any Amendment:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to the destruction or control of rabbits and other animals and birds and to the use of spring traps for killing or taking animals; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the time for the construction of a new quay by the Falmouth Docks and Engineering Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

The Falmouth Docks Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Lord Advocate and Commander Galbraith, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to Scotland for compensation and other payments by reference to claims for payments under section fifty-five of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947; to make further provision as to the acquisition of land by public authorities, as to compensation in respect of orders revoking or modifying permission to develop land and in respect of damage to requisitioned land, as to expenses incurred in connection with the exercise of such powers, as to expenses under the said Act of 1947, and as to payments under section fifty-six of that Act, and to amend other provisions of that Act; to make further provision for the modification of mining leases and orders granting working rights; to provide for the transfer of the functions in Scotland of the Central Land Board, on the dissolution of that Board, to the Secretary of State; 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 of the Committee on Town and Country Planning [Money] 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 further consideration the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Continuance of repairs increase subject to declaration of expenditure on repairs) —(Mr. Sparkes); 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 (Transmission of certain controlled and statutory tenancies)—(Mr. Mitchell); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Wilkins, Yeas, 251.
Mr. Wallace;]
Tellers for the [Sir Cedric Drewe, Noes, 269.
Mr. Vosper;]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of principal Act to enable local authorities to sanction and bring into effect certain exchanges of tenancies)—(Mr. de Freitas); 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 (Set-off against rent, &c., of certain expenditure by tenant on repairs)—(Mr. Julius Silverman); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Wallace, Yeas, 253.
Mr. James Johnson;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Vosper, Noes, 273.
Mr. Kabley;]

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. 10, l. 1, by leaving out subsection (S)—(Mr. Sparks.)

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. 12, l. 6, by leaving out the word “ten,” and inserting the word “twenty”—(Mr. Gibson), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word “ten” stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 36, by leaving out from the word “Minister” to the end of l. 38, and inserting the words “for such period as it appears to him that housing conditions require”—(Mr. Eric Johnson), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And it being Eight of the clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders made upon the 22nd day of February last and the 30th day of March last, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions on the Amendments, moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to that part of the Bill to be concluded at Eight of the clock.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, l. 29, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “in good condition; and”—(Mr. Key.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, 242.
Mr. Arthur Allen;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Vosper, Noes, 259.
Mr. Allen;]

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. 16, l. 37, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “and
(c) if the landlord did not become landlord by purchasing the dwelling-house or any interest therein after the thirteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-five.”—(Mr. MacColl)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, 253.
Mr. Arthur Allen;]
Tellers for the [Sir Cedric Drewe, Noes, 266.
Mr. Studholme;]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 18, l. 25, by leaving out from the word “the” to the word “to” in l. 27, and inserting the words “county court”—(Mr. Higgins), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 12, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—
“(4) If a notice of increase contains any statement or representation which is false or misleading in any material respect, the landlord shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding thirty pounds, unless he proves that the statement was made innocently and without intent to deceive.”—(Mr. Janner)

And the Question being proposed. That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
And it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee), and the Orders made upon the 22nd day of February last and the 30th day of March last, to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to the remaining part of the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, 1. 1, by leaving out Clause No. 34 (Standard rents for new conversions).—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noses to the Left:
Tellers for the Yeas:
Mr. Studholme: 268.
Mr. Vosper: 245.
Tellers for the Noses:
Mr. Pearson: 268.
Mr. Pearson: 245.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Town and Country Planning [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money 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 make provision for compensation and other payments by reference to claims for payments under section fifty-eight of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, and to amend certain provisions of that Act, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (in this reference referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise:

A. The issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums for the making by the Minister of Housing and Local Government and the Central Land Board (in this resolution referred to as "the Minister" and "the Board" respectively) of such payments by reference to such claims as aforesaid as are authorised to be made under the Act in respect of acts done or events taking place before the commencement of the Act.

B. The raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing sums to be issued as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued.

C. The repayment of sums issued as mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution, together with interest thereon—

(1) by the payment into the Exchequer by the Minister, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of annual instalments, of principal and interest combined, and

(2) by the payment into the Exchequer of any sums recovered by the Minister or the Board under the Act in respect of such payments as are mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution.

D. The issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph, 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.

E. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(1) of sums for the making by the Minister of payments under the Act in respect of restrictions on development of land taking effect after the commencement of the Act;

(2) of the administrative expenses of the Minister and the Board under the Act;

(3) of any sums repayable by the Board under the Act in respect of development charges relating to the winning and working of minerals;

(4) of any sums payable under the Act by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise in respect of payments of monopoly value on the grant, or provisional grant, of justices' on-licences;

(5) of any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums which under any other enactment are payable out of moneys so provided.

F. The cancellation or reduction, by virtue of the Act, of liabilities in respect of—

(1) a development charge where an equivalent deduction is made by reference to that charge either from any payment such as is mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution which would otherwise become payable, or from such a claim as aforesaid;

(2) development charges in respect of the provision of accommodation for agricultural workers;

(3) sums payable to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise in respect of such monopoly value as is mentioned in subparagraph (4) of paragraph E of this Resolution.

G. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums other than those mentioned in paragraph A. C. or E. of this resolution received by the Minister or the Board under the Act and not required by the Act to be dealt with in any other way.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

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. Adjournment. (Major Conant.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Supreme Court
(Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1939-53).
No. 141.

Death Duties.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of March last, for a Return relating to Supreme Court (Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1939-53).

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement showing the Transfers of Property accepted in satisfaction of Death Duties during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Text of a Note from the Soviet Government regarding collective security, dated 31st March 1954.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Ankara on the 11th day of February 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Turkish Government constituting an agreement regarding the repayment of certain credits granted to Turkey relating to armaments.

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

SIR DAVID ECCLES presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on the 28th day of January 1954, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That the changes which have taken place in the political structure of the British Commonwealth and Empire since 1939, which have created new relationships between the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's realms and territories overseas, make desirable the urgent examination of the respective spheres of responsibility of the Colonial and Commonwealth Relations Offices and a reorganisation of the services for which they are responsible.—(Mr. Alport):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Theatrical Companies Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Protection) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Animals (Cruel Poisons) 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 5th day of February last, That the Licensing (Airports) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Price Control (No. 2) 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 26th day of February last, That the Safety in Employment (Inspection and Safety Organisation) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Organisation and Development Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Mr. Ward presented, by Her Majesty's Air Force Command,—Particulars of Grants of Pay and Allowances, &c., sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, 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. Gammans presented, pursuant to the Telegraphs, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April 1954, entitled the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1949 (Commencement) Order, 1954.

Copies of Regulations, dated 2nd April Telegraphs, 1954, entitled—

(1) the Wireless Telegraphy (Broadcast Licence Charges) Regulations, 1954, and

(2) the Wireless Telegraphy (General Licence Charges) Regulations, 1954.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Mr. Frederic Bennett and Mrs. Castle; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Key and Miss Pitt.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Ministers of the Crown (Fisheries) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of June next.

Sir Walter Monckton, supported by Mr. Boyd-Carpenter and Mr. Watkinson, presented a Bill to provide for pensions and other superannuation benefits in respect of service as president of the Industrial Court; 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 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.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1954-55.

Class I.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £2,044,132, be granted to Her 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 1955, for the salaries and other expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury and subordinate departments and the additional salary payable to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
Resolved, That the Committee may direct 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. Kaberry reported from the Committee on Town and Country Planning [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for compensation and other payments by reference to claims for payments under section fifty-eight of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, and to amend certain provisions of that Act, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise:

A. The issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums for the making by the Minister of Housing and Local Government and the Central Land Board (in this resolution referred to as "the Minister" and "the Board" respectively) of such payments by reference to such claims as aforesaid as are authorised to be made under the Act in respect of acts done or events taking place before the commencement of the Act.

B. The raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing sums to be issued as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued.

C. The repayment of sums issued as mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution, together with interest thereon—

(1) by the payment into the Exchequer of any sums other than those mentioned in paragraph A. C. or E. of this resolution received in any other way.

G. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums other than those mentioned in paragraph A. C. or E. of this resolution received by the Minister or the Board under the Act and not required by the Act to be dealt with in any other way.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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 Order, not previously enquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

Falmouth Docks Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 29th day of March 1954, on loans proposed to be raised by the British European Airways Corporation.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on the 18th day of December 1953, amending the Statutes of the University of Oxford.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations),—Report by him on the Beit Trust Bill [Lords].

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

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. Boyd-Carpenter.)

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill): Mr. Amery, Mr. Bowden, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport, Mr. Duthe, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Godber, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Walter Hudson, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Howard Johnson, Mr. Leather, Miss Lee, Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Odey, Mr. Padley, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Rees-Davies, Dr. Stross, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Wade, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Watkinson, Mr. Willey, Mr. Wood and Mr. Yates.

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 Pensions (Increase) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the British Industries Fair (Guarantees and Grants) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend and consolidate certain enactments in Scotland relating to food and drugs, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon the London County Council and other authorities; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the time for the completion by the Tees Conservancy Commissioners of certain works; to alter the constitution of the Commissioners; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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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 Order, not previously enquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

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

(In the Committee.)
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Entertainments (Excise).

1. Motion made, That as respects payments for admission to entertainments held on or after the thirtieth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, the three scales of entertainments duty provided for by section two of the Finance Act, 1952, shall be those set out in the Tables at the end of this Resolution.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

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(1) Where the amount of the payment, excluding the amount of duty, is an amount mentioned in the following Table, the rate of duty shall be the amount therein specified in relation to that payment.

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The Chairman put the Question thereupon forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order 19(3) (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.

Chicory (Customs duties and drawbacks).

2. Motion made, That, with effect from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-four—

(a) the full rates of the customs duty on chicory under section three of the Finance Act, 1924, and the preferential rates within the meaning of section eight of the Finance Act, 1919, shall be—

1. 15s. for chicory, raw or kiln-dried—the curr. 15s. 6d. (full) and 16s. 9d. (preferential);

2. for chicory, roasted or ground—the lb. 3d. (full) and 23d. (preferential);

and mixtures of roasted coffee and roasted chicory shall be chargeable at the like rates as roasted chicory:

(2) Where the amount of the payment, excluding the amount of duty, is an amount not specified in the foregoing Table, and exceeds ninepence but does not exceed six shillings and ninepence-halfpenny, the rate of duty shall be the same as on a payment of six shillings and ninepence-halfpenny (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).
(b) the rates provided by subsection (4) of section three of the Finance Act, 1924, for the drawbacks allowable on roasted chicory, and on mixtures on roasted coffee and roasted chicory, shall be—

in the case of roasted chicory, 17s. 6d. per 100 lbs. or, if duty on the chicory was paid at the preferential rate, 15s. 0d. per 100 lbs.;
in the case of mixtures of roasted coffee and roasted chicory 14s. 0d. per 100 lbs.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interests 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.

Key industry duty (Continuation).

3. Motion made. That the duties of customs chargeable under Part I of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, for a period expiring on the nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-four shall continue to be chargeable for a further period of five years expiring on the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and that the extent and incidence of the tax may be varied so as to give effect to such amendments. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

PURCHASE TAX.

Purchase tax (Miscellaneous amendments).

4. Motion made, That the law relating to purchase tax be amended as respects—

(a) goods held by a person who ceases to be required to be registered on or after the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-four,
(b) the operations which are to be treated as processes of manufacture,
(c) the treatment of unfinished or incomplete goods as if they were finished and complete,
(d) the conditions on which persons may hold certificates of registration or enjoy benefits corresponding to those accorded to persons holding certificates of registration,
(e) the registration of persons who manufacture goods to be let out on hire,
(f) any matters incidental or supplemental to the foregoing amendments,

and that the extent and incidence of the tax may be varied so as to give effect to such amendments.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

INCOME TAX.

Charge of income tax for 1954-55.

5. Motion made, That income tax for the year 1954-55 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.

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.

Income tax (Initial allowances).

6. Motion made, That any Act of the present Session relating to finance, in connection with any further provision for income tax allowances in respect of capital expenditure on new assets, may impose restrictions on the making of initial allowances under Part X of the Income Tax Act, 1952, to prevent duplication with the new allowances or otherwise, and may amend that Act to provide for cases where no initial allowance is made, whether or not in consequence of any such restriction. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Income tax (Company reconstructions).

7. Motion made, That it is expedient to authorise all such charges to income tax (including charges for past years of assessment) as may arise from any provision as to changes in the persons carrying on a trade which is being or has been carried on by a body corporate, or in the persons carrying on activities comprised in a trade which is being or has been carried on by a body corporate.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Income tax (Income against which losses and capital allowances may be set).

8. Motion made, That any Act of the present Session relating to finance, if it enables business losses, and allowances under Parts X and XI of the Income Tax Act, 1952, to be carried back against income of previous years on the cessation of a business and in other cases, or enables such allowances to be set off against general income, may contain provision to prevent duplication of the relief whether in favour of the same or another person.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Income tax (Treatment for capital allowance purposes of demolition costs).

9. Motion made, That it is expedient to authorise all such charges to income tax as may arise from any change in the way in which demolition costs are to be treated for the purposes of Parts X and XI of the Income Tax Act, 1952.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Income tax (Effect of certain sales on capital allowances, etc.).

10. Motion made, That as respects allowances and charges under Parts X and XI of the Income Tax Act, 1952, for the year 1954-55 and subsequent years of assessment, provision shall be made for securing—

(a) that an election may not be made under paragraph 4 of the Fourteenth Schedule to that Act (which relates to sales between companies under common control and other cases) if any of the parties to the sale is not resident in the United Kingdom at the time of sale, but except for that the Schedule shall have effect
in relation to a sale notwithstanding that it is not fully applicable by reason of the non-residence of a party to the sale or otherwise;

(b) that the operation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Schedule shall not be restricted to cases where the property is sold at a price other than that which it would have fetched if sold in the open market.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

PROFITS TAX.

Profits tax (Charges consequential on income tax amendments).

11. Motion made, That it is expedient to authorise all such charges to the profits tax (including charges for past chargeable accounting periods) as may result from amendments of the law relating to allowances, deductions or charges for income tax purposes.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

ESTATE DUTY.

Estate duty (Valuation of certain company shares or debentures and assets).

12. Motion made, That the provision made by section fifty-five of the Finance Act, 1940, for valuing shares or debentures by reference to the value of the company's assets ought to be amended, notwithstanding any resulting charge to estate duty, and section fifty of the Act ought also to be amended so as to provide that in valuing a company's assets (whether for the purposes of section fifty-five or of section forty-six of the Act) an allowance may in certain circumstances be made for taxation falling on the company after the death.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Estate duty (Aggregation of settled property with other property).

13. Motion made, That it is expedient to restrict the provision made by subsection (3) of section sixteen of the Finance Act, 1894, as amended, for not aggregating settled property with other property.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Estate duty (Policies of assurance).

14. Motion made, That new provision ought to be made for charging estate duty on policies of assurance on the life of the deceased.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

Estate duty (Business assets).

15. Motion made, That, if any Act of the present Session relating to finance provides for charging estate duty at reduced rates in respect of particular types of business assets, it may in connection therewith contain provision as to the manner of apportioning the liabilities of the business between the assets thereof, notwithstanding any resulting increase in the charge on some of the assets.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Question put, and agreed to.

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 6th April, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill (transferred from Standing Committee A) to Standing Committee D.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Amendment of law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance, so, however, that this resolution shall not extend to giving any relief from purchase tax otherwise than by making the same provision for chargeable goods of whatever description or by reducing any of the several rates of the tax generally for all goods to which that rate applies.

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 this House do now adjourn. Adjournment, (Mr. Kaberry.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 7th April, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker this day certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 91.]

Thursday, 8th April, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

THE City of London (Various Powers) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Bedfordshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, (Loan Guarantees and Grants), Bill, Account up to the 31st day of March 1954, of the total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given under Section 1 of the Development (Loan Guarantees and Grants) Act, 1929, and of the Sums paid in or towards Repayment of any Sums so issued.

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Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Towcester Rural District Council (Abthorpe Rating) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Caernarvon to discontinue the ferry between Caernarvon and Anglesey; to authorise the Corporation to widen and improve the Swing Bridge over the River Seiont to make a road widening in connection therewith and to purchase lands compulsorily for those purposes; to confer further powers on the Corporation in relation to the said bridge and to the charging of tolls; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

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

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this House, in recognition of the fact that this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Entente Cordiale and that for the past half-century the close and friendly relations thus established between France and Great Britain have been loyally maintained and of great mutual value both in war and peace; that Franco-British friendship—of which the Dunkirk Treaty of Alliance and Mutual Assistance is a recent manifestation—is one of the foundation stones on which the post-war policies of France and Great Britain have been built, and is essential for the security and prosperity of Western civilisation; and that it is the common desire of the peoples of our two countries that this close understanding, which has so well withstood the test of time, should be preserved and diligently developed, hereby resolves that a Message of Greeting and Good Will should be conveyed to the Assemblee Nationale to mark the fifty years of the Entente Cordiale and to give an assurance that the tradition of Anglo-French solidarity which has grown up during this period will continue to be a constant and guiding principle of our foreign policy over future decades.—(Mr. Edelman.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Amendment of law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance, so, however, that 'this resolution shall not extend to giving any relief from purchase
tax otherwise than by making the same provision for chargeable goods of whatever description or by reducing any of the several rates of the tax generally for all goods to which that rate applies.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, that the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Legh)—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. Peter Thorneycroft, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Finance (Post-war refunds of income tax) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to finance, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for paying any post-war credit for income tax of which a person would be entitled but for his death or bankruptcy to claim payment under section twenty-six of the Finance Act, 1946, as amended, to the person for the time being entitled to the credit (but so that payment shall not be made to a person whose title depends on an assignment or charge made after the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and not made either to give effect to an agreement entered into before that date or in favour of a person taking property or an interest in property under the will or intestacy, or a creditor of the estate, of the person whose personal representatives make it);

(b) the borrowing of money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing the sums so issued.—(Mr. Maudling.)

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. Legh.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 8th April, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (l) of the Standing Order (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Erroll Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill.

[No. 92.]

Friday, 9th April, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

T THE Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of any Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantee given under subsection 3 of Section 1 of the Austrian Loan Guarantee Act, 1933, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, on Loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board: And an Account up to that date of the total Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of Guarantees given by the Treasury under subsection 1 of Section 14 of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1943, as amended by subsection 7 of Section 47 of the Electricity Act, 1947, as amended by the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1952, or received by way of Repayment of any Sums so issued.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London between the 16th and 18th days of March 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Poland further prolonging the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 2nd day of March 1948.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—

(1) Pembroke College, Oxford, on the 3rd day of February 1954, and
(2) Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on the 8th day of February 1954, amending the Statutes of the Colleges.

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

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Protection of Birds 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. 5, l. 26, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "or (f) for the purpose of killing or taking any wild goose uses as a decoy any dead bird or model of a bird."—(Mr. Edward Mallalieu.)

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. 6, l. 1, by leaving out the word "Coot."—(Mr. John Morrison.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "or net" 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. 15, l. 4, by inserting, after the word "Magpie," the word "Moorhen."—(Colonel Clarke.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "Moorhen" be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Coroners 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 the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Skeffington 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 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 Equal Pay 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 21st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Theatrical Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Certificates of Medical Examination) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 7th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Protection) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 7th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Animals (Cruel Poisons) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 7th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for reviewing the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of February last, That the Licensing (Airports) Bill be now read a second time:—

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 7th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for reviewing the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of February.
last. That the Safety in Employment (Inspection and Safety Organisation) Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 7th day of May next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Sir Cedric Drew.)

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

[No. 931]

Monday, 12th April, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Birkenhead Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and the Paper relating to the Colonial Development Corporation be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Colonial Development Corporation for 1953.

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 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to the Colonial Development Corporation be printed.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Home Guard, 1952.

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

Census, 1951.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th February 1954, entitled the Cardiff Corporation Water Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1943.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th February 1954, entitled the Cardiff Corporation Water Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1943.

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

Captain Waterhouse reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up, and read.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee B (added in respect of the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill): Mr. Boyd-Carpenter; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Turton.

Ennace George Willis, Esquire, Member for Edinburgh, East, was sworn.

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

(In the Committee)

Amendment of law.

Ordered; That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Resolved, That the Representation of the People Regulations, 1954, dated 17th March 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 24th day of March last, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1954, dated 17th March 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 24th day of March last, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations, 1954, dated 25th March 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 25th day of March last, be approved.—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)
Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Studholme.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 12th April, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland) Mr. Speaker this day certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 94.]

Tuesday, 13th April, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of the Report of the Committee on the Drainage of Trade Premises in Scotland.

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland).

Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board Constructional Scheme No. 29 (Orrin Project).

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume 1, Part 20, County of Kirkcudbright.

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland).

Copy of an Order, dated 9th April 1954, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 29) Confirmation Order, 1954.

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


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

Pests.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th April 1954, entitled the Importation of Potatoes from Portugal and Spain (General Licence) Order, 1954.

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

Education.


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

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


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Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines for the Northern Division, for 1952.

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

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The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Common Scheme (Ham) 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. Fletcher 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.

Colonel Gomme-Duncan reported from the Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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 one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Judges’ Remuneration Bill, without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Wear Navigation and Sunderland Dock Bill, without any Amendment.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill;

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

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchan-Hepburn], 296.

Yea, [Sir Cedric Drewe: ] 262.

Tellers for the [Mr. Bowden, Noes, [Mr. Pearson: ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Studholme.)

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

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

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

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Memorandum regarding United Kingdom Association with the European Defence Community, dated 13th April 1954.

Copy of the European Defence Community Treaty, signed at Paris on the 27th day of May 1952 (with related documents).

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Housing the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th April 1954, entitled the Housing (Cost of Improvement Works) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

Copy of an Instrument, dated 12th April 1954, entitled the Nurses (Scotland) Rules, (Scotland), 1954, Approval Instrument, 1954.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the Kenya directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th April 1954, entitled the Kenya Protectorate (Amendment) Order in Council, 1954.

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

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

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—List of the Pensions granted during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, and payable under subsection (1) of Section 13 of the Civil List Act, 1952.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th April 1954, entitled the Minister of Materials Raw Materials (Charges) (Revocations) Order, 1954.

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

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Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th April 1954, entitled the Potato Marketing Scheme (Modification and Suspension) (Amendment) Order, 1954.

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

Standing Committee B. Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill.

No. 99.

Mr. Erroll reported from Standing Committee B. That they had gone through the Petitions presented upon the 17th day of December last, the 25th day of January last, the 22nd day of February last, and the 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 17th, 22nd and 24th days of March last, and had 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.

Selection (Standing Committees). Standing Committee A.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection. That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Charitable Trusts (Validation) Bill [Lords]): Mr. Albu; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Follick.

Standing Committee B.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee. That they had added the following Twenty-four Members to Standing Committee B (in respect of the Marriage Act, 1949 (Amendment) Bill): Mr. Baxter, Mr. Black, Sir John Crowder, Mr. Finlay, Mr. Grenfell, Major Hicks-Beach, Mrs. Hill, Miss Hornsby-Smith, Mr. James Hudson, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Elwyn Jones, Mr. Lambert, Sir Hugh Linstead, Mr. Marlowe, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Morris, Mr. Palmer, Sir Robert Perkins, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Goronwy Roberts, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Watkins, Mr. West and Mr. Llywdwen Williams.

Standing Committee D.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee. That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill): Mr. Thomas Fraser; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Holman.

Scottish Standing Committee.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee. That they had discharged the following Members from the Scottish Standing Committee (added in respect of the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill): Mr. Hugh Fraser, Sir George Harvie-Watt, Sir Peter Macdonald and Mr. Orr-Ewing; and had appointed in substitution Sir David Campbell, Mr. John Eden, Mr. McKibbin and Mr. William Taylor.

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 Institution of Mechanical Engineers Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make local authorities responsible for the time being for securing that adequate slaughterhouse facilities are available locally; to explain and amend the law with respect to the provision by local authorities of public slaughterhouses, the making of charges in respect of such slaughterhouses and the grant and renewal of licences under section fifty-seven of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938; to make further provision with respect to the regulation and restriction of private slaughterhouses and the payment of compensation where a licence or registration in respect of such a slaughterhouse is refused or ceases to be in force; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the Settled Estates of the Earl of Shrewsbury to be disentailed and to enable capital moneys to be raised out of the said Settled Estates and for other purposes connected with those Estates; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not concur with the Commons in the Resolution communicated to them on the 18th day of March last, viz.:—That it is expedient that the Kent Water Bill be committed to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons.

The Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant April, and to be printed.

The Shrewsbury Estate Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

The National Gallery and Tate Gallery Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant April, and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House do meet tomorrow at Eleven of the clock; that no Questions be taken after Twelve of the clock; and that at Five of the clock Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question.—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising tomorrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 27th day of this instant April.—(The Prime Minister):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn 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. Vesper];
Yea's, [Mr. Oakshott];
Tellers for the [Mr. Richard Acland];
Noes, [Mr. Emrys Hughes];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put;
Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 27th day of this instant April.

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 6th day of this instant April, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.
Entertainments (Excise).

1. That as respects payments for admission to entertainments held on or after the thirtieth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, the three scales of entertainments duty provided for by section two of the Finance Act, 1952, shall be those set out in the Tables at the end of this Resolution.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

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(3) Where the amount of the payment, excluding the amount of duty, exceeds six shillings and ninepence-halfpenny, the rate of duty shall be five shillings and eightpence-halfpenny, increased by a halfpenny for every halfpenny or part of a halfpenny by which the amount of the payment exceeds six shillings and ninesh-pence-halfpenny.

Chicory (Customs duties and drawbacks).

2. That, with effect from the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, the full rates of the customs duty on chicory under section three of the Finance Act, 1924, and the preferential...
rates within the meaning of section eight of the Finance Act, 1919, shall be—
for chicory, raw or kiln-dried—the cwt. 19s. Od. (full) and 16s. 9d. (preferential); for chicory, roasted or ground—the lb. 3d. (full) and 23d. (preferential); and mixtures of roasted coffee and roasted chicory shall be chargeable at the like rates as roasted chicory;
(b) the rates provided by subsection (4) of section three of the Finance Act, 1924, for the drawbacks allowable on roasted chicory, and on mixtures of roasted coffee and roasted chicory, shall be—
in the case of roasted chicory, 17s. 0d. per 100 lbs. or, if duty on the chicory was paid at the preferential rate, 15s. 0d. per 100 lbs.; in the case of mixtures of roasted coffee and roasted chicory 14s. 0d. per 100 lbs.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

Key industry duty (Continuation).

3. That the duties of customs chargeable under Part I of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921, for a period expiring on the nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, shall continue to be chargeable for a further period of five years from the said day.

Purchase tax.

Purchase tax (Miscellaneous amendments).

4. That the law relating to purchase tax be amended as respects—
(a) goods held by a person who ceases to be required to be registered on or after the first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-four,
(b) the operations which are to be treated as processes of manufacture,
(c) the treatment of unfinished or incomplete goods as if they were finished and complete,
(d) the conditions on which persons may hold certificates of registration or enjoy benefits corresponding to those accorded to persons holding certificates of registration,
(e) the registration of persons who manufacture goods to be let out on hire,
(f) any matters incidental or supplemental to the foregoing amendments,
and that the extent and incidence of the tax may be varied so as to give effect to such amendments.

Income tax.

Charge of income tax for 1954-55.

5. That income tax for the year 1954-55 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.

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.

Income tax (Initial allowances).

6. That any Act of the present Session relating to finance, in connection with any further provision for income tax allowances in respect of capital expenditure on new assets, may impose restrictions on the making of initial allowances under Part X of the Income Tax Act, 1952, to prevent duplication with the new allowances or otherwise, and may amend that Act to provide for cases where no initial allowance is made, whether or not in consequence of any such restriction.

Income tax (Company reconstructions).

7. That it is expedient to authorise all such charges to income tax (including charges for past years of assessment) as may arise from any provision as to changes in the persons carrying on a trade which is being or has been carried on by a body corporate, or in the persons carrying on activities comprised in a trade which is being or has been carried on by a body corporate.

Income tax (Income against which losses and capital allowances may be set).

8. That any Act of the present Session relating to finance, if it enables business losses, and allowances under Parts X and XI of the Income Tax Act, 1952, to be carried back against income of previous years on the cessation of a business and in other cases, or enables such allowances to be set off against general income, may contain 'provision to prevent duplication of the relief whether in favour of the same or another person.

Income tax (Treatment for capital allowance purposes of demolition costs).

9. That it is expedient to authorise all such charges to income tax as may arise from any change in the way in which demolition costs are to be treated for the purposes of Parts X and XI of the Income Tax Act, 1952.

Income tax (Effect of certain sales on capital allowances, etc.).

10. That as respects allowances and charges under Parts X and XI of the Income Tax Act, 1952, for the year 1954-55 and subsequent years of assessment, provision shall be made for securing—
(a) that an election may not be made under paragraph 4 of the Fourteenth Schedule to that Act (which relates to sales between companies under common control and other cases) if any of the parties to the sale is not resident in the United Kingdom at the time of sale, but except for that the Schedule shall have effect in relation to a sale notwithstanding that it is not fully applicable by reason of the non-residence of a party to the sale or otherwise;
(b) that the operation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Schedule shall not be restricted to cases where the property is sold at a price other than that which it would have fetched if sold in the open market.
PROFITS TAX.

Profits tax (Charges consequential on income tax amendments).

11. That it is expedient to authorise all such charges to the profits tax (including charges for past chargeable accounting periods) as may result from amendments of the law relating to allowances, deductions or charges for income tax purposes.

ESTATE DUTY.

Estate duty (Valuation of certain company shares or debentures and assets).

12. That the provision made by section fifty-five of the Finance Act, 1940, for valuing shares or debentures by reference to the value of the company's assets ought to be amended, notwithstanding any resulting charge to estate duty, and section fifty of the Act ought also to be amended so as to provide that in valuing a company's assets (whether for the purposes of section fifty-five or of section forty-six of the Act) an allowance may in certain circumstances be made for taxation falling on the company after the death.

Estate duty (Aggregation of settled property with other property).

13. That it is expedient to restrict the provision made by subsection (3) of section sixteen of the Finance Act, 1894, as amended, for not aggregating settled property with other property.

Estate duty (Policies of assurance).

14. That new provision ought to be made for charging estate duty on policies of assurance on the life of the deceased.

Estate duty (Business assets).

15. That, if any Act of the present Session relating to finance provides for charging estate duty at reduced rates in respect of particular types of business assets, it may in connection therewith contain provision as to the manner of apportioning the liabilities of the business between the assets thereof, notwithstanding any resulting increase in the charge on some of the assets.

The 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 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 Third Resolution being read a second time;

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The Fifth Resolution being read a second time;

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The Sixth Resolution being read a second time;

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The Seventh Resolution being read a second time;

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The Eighth Resolution being read a second time;

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The Ninth Resolution being read a second time;

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The Tenth Resolution being read a second time;

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The Eleventh 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 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;
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The Fourteenth Resolution being read a second time;
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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:

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

Tellers for the Mr. Buchan-Hepburn,
Yea, Sir Cedric Drewe: 277.
Tellers for the Mr. James Johnson,
Noe, Mr. Wallace: 233.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee on Finance (Post-war refunds of income tax), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to finance, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for paying any post-war credit for income tax of which a person would be entitled but for his death or bankruptcy to claim payment under section twenty-six of the Finance Act, 1946, as amended, to the person for the time being entitled to the credit (but so that payment shall not be made to a person whose title depends on an assignment or charge made after the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and not made either to give effect to an agreement entered into before that date or in favour of a person taking property or an interest in property under the will or intestacy, or a creditor of the estate, of the person whose personal representatives make it);

(b) the borrowing of money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing the sums so issued.

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

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 12th day of this instant April, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

Amendment of law.

That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance, so, however, that this resolution shall not extend to giving any relief from purchase tax otherwise than by making the same provision for chargeable goods of whatever description or by reducing any of the several rates of the tax generally for all goods to which that rate applies.

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 Finance, 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 (Post-war refunds of income tax), and agreed to this day; and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Boyd-Carpenter do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter accordingly presented Finance Bill, a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant April, and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Charges for telegrams).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the word “three,” and insert the word “two.”—(Mr. Hobson.)

Question proposed, That the word “three” stand part of the Clause.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Colonel 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 Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her 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 Her 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:

8. Institution of Mechanical Engineers Act, 1954.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Telegraph Bill.

(In the Committee.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Yeas, Mr. Allan:] 215.

Tellers for the [Mr. Boyle, Noes, Mr. Holmes:] 199.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 25, to leave out from the word "repealed" to the end of l. 28, on p. 2.—(Sir Leslie Plummer.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Major Conant, Yeas, Mr. Legh:] 201.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Holmes:] 185.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 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.

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 [Sir Cedric Drewe, Yeas, Mr. Legh:] 198.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Arthur Allen:] 176.

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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put (pursuant to the Standing Order Vol. 209 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland)), That the Bill be committed to the Scottish Standing Committee—(Mr. Henderson Stewart)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill (deemed to have been read a second time) was committed to the Scottish Standing Committee.

Resolved, That the Draft Visiting Forces Visiting Forces. (Application of Law) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of March last, be approved.—(Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

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

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

Thursday, 15th April, 1954.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 14th April, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Thomas Brown Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Marriage Act, 1949 (Amendment) Bill.

[No. 96.]

Thursday, 15th April, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

A MOTION being made, That the Birkenhead Corporation Bill be now read the third time;

Captain Crookshank, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her 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. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Supplies and Services (Control Schemes) Order No. 2) Order, 1954.

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

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Adjournment.

[Mr. Speaker] ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

M R. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of 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.:

Kent Water Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of 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.:

London County Council (Holland House) Amendment [Lords].

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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 Caernarvon Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The following Papers, presented by Her 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 the Second Report of the Advisory Civil Defence Committee on Publicity and Recruitment for the Civil Defence and Allied Services.

Copy of the Final Report of the Departmental Committee on Coastal Flooding.

Copy of an International Convention signed at Geneva on the 7th day of November 1952 (presentation of ratifications), to facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material (the Convention has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of a Convention between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at London on the 27th day of March 1953 (ratifications were exchanged at Brussels on the 17th day of March 1954).

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of several Statutory Instruments, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account of the sums received and paid by the Administrator of German Enemy Property for the period ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the sums received and paid by the Administrator of Japanese Property for the period ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Reports to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation by the Corporation of Trinity House, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses and the Commissioners of Irish Lights of their Inspections of Local Lighthouses, &c., in 1953.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Shrewsbury Estate Bill [Lords] relates to the estate of an individual and is, in his opinion, such that the Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be inquired into by the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, should not apply thereto.

The Order made yesterday, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read and discharged, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Personal Bills).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 27th day of this instant April, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.
Territorial and Auxiliary Forces.  
Copy of a Statement showing the Financial Position of Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Associations on the 31st day of March 1953.

Crofting Conditions (Scotland).  
Copy of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Crofting Conditions.

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment).  
The following Papers, required by several Acts 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:—

20th April 1954:—
Copy of a Direction, dated 15th April 1954, entitled the Coal Distribution (Restriction) Direction, 1954.

22nd April 1954:—
Copy of an Order, dated 17th April 1954, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries (Scotland) Order, 1954.

Greek Loan of 1898.  
Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account up to the 31st day of March 1954, 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 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 Repayment of any Money so issued.

Public Loans and Guarantees. No. 157.  
Account up to the 31st day of March 1954, of Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given by the Treasury under Section 25 of the Finance Act, 1934.

Trade Facilities. No. 158.  
Account up to the 31st day of March 1954, of the Total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund in fulfilment of Guarantees given under the Trade Facilities Acts, and of the Sums paid in or towards Repayment of any Sums so issued.

Order, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and that the Accounts relating to Public Loans and Guarantees, and Trade Facilities be printed.

Marriages.  
Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th April 1954, entitled the Marriages Validity (All Saints Church, West Ham) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of an Inquiry held by Sir Reginald Sharpe, Q.C., into Allegations of Contacts between the People's United Party in British Honduras and Guatemala.

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

British Honduras.  
Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of Wadham College, Oxford, on the 8th day of February 1954 amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) made by the University of Oxford on the 9th day of February 1954 amending the Statutes of the University.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—Volume 6, Trade E, Flux Processing.

Copy of the Accounts of the National Wool Textile Export Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of January 1954, with the Report of the Auditors thereon.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st April 1954, entitled the Importation of Plants (Amendment) Order, 1954.

Order, 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—
(1) the Cardiff Corporation Water Order, 1954, and
(2) the Liverpool (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1954.

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

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

Account of the Sums issued out of and received from the Consolidated Fund and of the Sums received from the National Coal Board in respect of Interest and Repayment of Advances and recoupment of Crown 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 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Summarised Accounts of Regional Hospital National Health Boards, Boards of Governors of Teaching Hospitals, Hospital Management Committees, No. 155.
Executive Councils (including Joint Pricing Committees) and of the Dental Estimates Board, for England and Wales, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Summarised Accounts of Regional Hospital Boards, Boards of Management, Executive Councils (including the Drug Accounts Committee) and of the Dental Estimates Board, for Scotland, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the High Court and Court of Appeal during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st April 1954, entitled the Supreme Court Rules (Northern Ireland) Order in Council, 1954.

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 site and materials of the Church (excepting the tower) of Saint Michael, Gloucester, in the united parish of Saint Mary de Crypt with Saint John the Baptist, Gloucester, in the diocese of Gloucester.

Copy of a Supplementary Scheme for dealing with the Church of Saint Philip, Buckingham Palace Road, in the parish of Saint Michael with Saint Philip, Chester Square, in the diocese of London.

Ordered, That the Accounts relating to Coal Industry, National Health Service and National Health Service (Scotland) be printed.

George McArthur Lawson, Esquire, Member for Motherwell, was sworn.

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. Buchan-Hepburn)

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 urges the Minister of Education to take appropriate measures, such as enlarging the school-building programme, increasing the supply of teachers and securing additional expenditure on the educational service, which would lead, within a reasonable period of time, to a substantial reduction in the size of classes."—(Mr. Morley), 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, 
Sir Cedric Drew, Mr. Studdholme: 226.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Arthur Allen: 210.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Kaberry)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to the charges of certain undertakings—

(a) any sums required by the Minister of Food or the Secretary of State for making grants to local authorities of amounts not exceeding one-half of any sums payable by them by way of compensation where—

(i) a slaughterhouse licence ceases to have effect in consequence of a resolution under section sixty-one of the said Act of 1938 passed by a local authority in England or Wales, or an application to such a local authority for the grant or renewal of a slaughterhouse licence has been refused, or

(ii) (in Scotland) the registration of a slaughterhouse has been cancelled or refused;

(b) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954, being an increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session.—(Major Lloyd George.)

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 Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd; by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to the charges of certain undertakings—

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connected with transport and to provide for certain other matters, it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—
(i) any administrative expenses incurred by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in the execution of the said Act of the present Session, or any charges and expenses of licensing authorities for public service vehicles attributable to the provisions of the said Act; and
(ii) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums required under any other enactment to be paid out of moneys so provided;
(b) the payment into the Exchequer of—
(i) any fees received by licensing authorities for public service vehicles by virtue of regulations made under the said Act of the present Session; and
(ii) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums required under any other enactment to be paid into the Exchequer.—(Mr. Lennox-Boyd.)

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 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 Penarth, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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 Knottingley, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant April, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Studholme); 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.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

SECRETARY Sir David Maxwell Fyfe Police (Counties and Boroughs). presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary for the year ended the 30th day of September 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Cairo between the 16th day of July 1952 and the 5th day of January 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Egypt regarding the construction of the Owen Falls Dam in Uganda.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London on Treaty Series the 30th day of March 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Finland further prolonging the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 7th day of July 1950.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Popplewell reported from the Committee on the British Transport Commission Bill, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Henry Hynd reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Landlord and Tenant 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 re-enact with amendments the powers of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the removal of wrecks and other obstructions; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Atomic Energy Authority Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Authority for producing thermo-nuclear bomb)—(Mr. Beswick)—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. Buchan-Hepburn 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:

Tellers for the Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Allen: 220.

Tellers for the Mr. Wallace, Mr. John Taylor: 192.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the said Clause be read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Mr. Mikardo, Mr. Palmer: 63.

Tellers for the Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Allen: 219.

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. 3, l. 11, by inserting, after the word "of," the words "the Schedule (Existing Staff) and of."—(Mr. Palmer.)

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. 6, l. 14, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(3) It shall be the duty of the Authority to secure that no ionising radiations from anything on any premises occupied by them, or from any waste discharged (in whatever form) on or from any premises occupied by them, cause any hurt to any person or any damage to any property, whether he or it is on any such premises or elsewhere."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "or to any right."—(Mr. Mitchison.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added to the proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any such increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1950, or the Administration of Justice (Pensions) Act, 1950, or in the sums payable into the Exchequer under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1950; and

(b) any such increase in the salaries payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925;

as may be attributable to provisions dealing (with effect from the beginning of 1954 or any later date) with any of the following matters, that is to say—

(i) pension rights of persons who, after not less than five years pensionable service, retire from or die while serving in the office of official referee, and the service which an official referee may count as pensionable service;

(ii) salary or pension rights of secretaries and clerks of the Judges of the Supreme Court in England; and

(iii) pension rights of tipstaves attached to Judges of the Supreme Court in Northern Ireland; or

as may be attributable to any modifications of existing enactments in so far as they make the salary or pension rights of an officer of either of those courts dependent on his appointment with a certificate from the Civil Service Commissioners.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

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. —(Major Conant.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 29th April, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D, and the Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee C.

Superannuation (President of Industrial Court) Bill.

Superannuation (President of Industrial Court) [Money].

Sir Walter Monckton, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Superannuation (President of Industrial Court) [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 provide for pensions and other superannuation benefits in respect of service as president of the Industrial Court, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the amount of any superannuation allowances under that Act and of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under paragraph 1 of the Third Schedule to the Administration of Justice (Pensions) Act, 1950.—(Sir Walter Monckton.)

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. —(Major Conant.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 29th April, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D, and the Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee C.
Supplies and Services (Food). Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th April 1954, entitled the Oils and Fats (Amendment and Revocation) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th April 1954, entitled the Gas (United Kingdom Gas Corporation Limited) (Transfer) Order, 1954.

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:


Schedules containing Lists and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the undermentioned offices which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office:

(1) Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations, and
(2) Ministry of Labour and National Service.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the appointment by the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Agriculture of a committee to investigate the marketing of home-grown timber; and urges them to invite the committee to do everything in its power to submit an early report.—(Lieutenant-Commander Baldock.)

And Notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after One of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker at fourteen minutes after One of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

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No. 101.

Monday, 3rd May, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE following Paper, presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of a Report on the Fisheries of Scotland for 1953.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on Children in the care of Local Authorities in England and Wales, November 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence exchanged at Luxembourg on the 24th day of December 1953 and the 29th and 30th days of April 1954 regarding the relations between the United Kingdom and the European Coal and Steel Community.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gamman's presented, pursuant to the Telegrams, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 27th April 1954, entitled—

(1) the Wireless Telegraphy (Colonial Ships and Aircraft) Regulations, 1954, and
(2) the Wireless Telegraphy (Foreign Ships and Aircraft) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, Finance Bill, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Kaberry);—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, being then twenty-six minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 3rd May, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Leonard Ropner Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords].
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SIR David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Clare College, Cambridge, on the 11th day of February 1954, amending the Statutes of the College.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th April 1954, entitled the Veterinary Surgeons (Agreement with Republic of Ireland) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1954, entitled the Fats and Cheese (Rationing) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of a Scheme for authorising the taking down and sale of the site and materials of the Church of St. Michael in Bedwardine, in the Parish of Worcester St. Andrew and All Saints with St. Helen, in the diocese of Worcester.

Mr. Hoy reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, Long Leases (Scotland) Bill, Bill 103.

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. Hobson reported from the Select Committee on the Post Office (Site and Railway) 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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Speeches delivered by Counsel do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Fletcher 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.

Major Conant reported from the Committee on Television [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for television broadcasting services in addition to those provided by the British Broadcasting Corporation, and to set up a special authority for that purpose, and to make certain other provision, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment to the said authority out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums not exceeding seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds in any one financial year;

(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses incurred by the Postmaster General for the purposes of the said Act;

(c) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required to enable the Postmaster General to make advances to the said authority of not more than two million pounds in all;

(d) the raising under the National Loans Act, 1939, of any money required for the purpose of providing any sums to be issued as aforesaid or for the replacement thereof;

(e) the payment into the Exchequer of sums received by the Postmaster General from the said authority 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;

(f) the payment into the Exchequer of the whole or any part of any excess of the revenues of the said authority for any financial year over the sums properly chargeable by the said authority to revenue account for that year, including in such sums sums credited to the reserve fund of the said authority.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved Television Bill itself into a Committee on the Television Bill.

Clause No. 1 (The Independent Television Authority).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, at the beginning, to insert the words "On the appointed day."—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)
Question put. That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \( \begin{align*} &\text{Mr. Wilkins,} \\
&\text{Mr. Wallace:} \end{align*} \) 246.

Tellers for the \( \begin{align*} &\text{Mr. Vesper,} \\
&\text{Mr. Allan;} \end{align*} \) 270.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the word "Independent," and insert the word "Commercial."—(Mr. Shackleton.)

Question put. That the word "Independent" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \( \begin{align*} &\text{Mr. Redmayne,} \\
&\text{Mr. Legh:} \end{align*} \) 248.

Tellers for the \( \begin{align*} &\text{Mr. Bowden,} \\
&\text{Mr. Holmes:} \end{align*} \) 234.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word "provide," to insert the word "now."—(Mr. Mitchison.)

Question, That the word "now" be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out from the word "Act" to the word "or" in l. 9, and insert the words "until the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and sixty-two."—(Mr. Wedgwood Benn.)

Question proposed, That the words "and for the period of" stand part of the Clause:

Mr. Herbert Morrison moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, pursuant to the Standing Order (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules of House) declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Question put:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \( \begin{align*} &\text{Sir Cedric Drewe,} \\
&\text{Mr. Studholme:} \end{align*} \) 253.

Tellers for the \( \begin{align*} &\text{Mr. Pearson,} \\
&\text{Mr. Arthur Allen:} \end{align*} \) 235.

And it being after Ten o'clock, 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 Bill; 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. Kaberry reported from the Committee on Slaughterhouses on behalf of the Committee, 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 charges of certain undertakings connected with transport and to provide for certain other matters, it is expedient to authorize—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) any administrative expenses incurred by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in the execution of the said Act of the present Session (including any charges and expenses of licensing authorities for public service vehicles attributable to the provisions of the said Act); and

(ii) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums required under any other enactment to be paid out of moneys so provided;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of—

(i) any fees received by licensing authorities for public service vehicles by virtue of regulations made under the said Act of the present Session; and

(ii) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums required under any other enactment to be paid into the Exchequer.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. (Mr. Kaberry.)

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 half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order made upon the 8th day of April last, That the Paper relating to National Service do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Orderd, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Twenty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Racecourse Betting Control Board, for 1953.

Orderd, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st March 1954.

Orderd, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th April 1954, entitled 'Ships' Stores (Amendment) Order, 1954.

Orderd, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 31st March 1954.

Public Health.

Mr. Harold Macmillan also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 28th April 1954, entitled—(1) the Acton (Repeal and Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, and (2) the Radcliffe (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, with Certificates by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Copy of the First Annual Report of the East Suffolk and Norfolk River Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

Orderd, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thomas Brown reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Marriage Act, 1949 (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Orderd, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into considera-
tion upon Friday the 21st day of this instant May; and be printed.

Orderd, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Popplewell reported from the Committee on the British Transport Commission Bill, That they had examined the Bill, and 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.

Orderd, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Orderd, That the Report be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee C (in respect of the Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Mr. Champion, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Hargreaves, Mr. Harrison, Air Commodore Harvey, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Mr. Hirst, Mr. Holt, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Mr. McInnes, Mr. McLeavy, Mr. Molson, Mr. Morris, Mr. Neave, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Rees-Davies, Mr. Renton, Mr. Steele, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Storey, Mr. Teeling, Mr. Willis and Mr. Wills.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D: Squadron Leader Cooper, Mr. Morris, Mr. Russell, Mr. Skeffington and Mr. Turner-Samuels; and had appointed in substitution Mr. George Craddock, Sir Hugh Linstead, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Ivor Thomas and Mr. Richard Winterbottom.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee D (in respect of the Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords]): Mr. Black, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bowen, Major Conant, Mr. Darling, Captain Duncan, Mr. Fisher, Major Lloyd George, Mr. Godber, Mr. Gooch, Dr. Hill, Mr. Greville Howard, Mr. Irving, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Moyle, Mr. Joseph Price, Mr. Pryde, Brigadier Rayner, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Robens, Mr. Snadden, Sir Harold Sutcliffe, Colonel Thornton-Kemsley, Mr. Willey and Mr. William Thomas Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D added in respect of the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill: Mr. Bowder; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Janner.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Standing Orders from the Standing Orders Committee, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Kent Water Bill, Kent Water Bill. Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.
2. That, in the case of the London County Council (Holland House) Amendment [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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Television Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Captain Crookshank);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Yeas, [Major Conant: 242.

Tellers for the [Mr. Bowden, Noes, [Mr. Rogers: 233.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Television Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (The Independent Television Authority).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, after the word “of,” to insert the words “no less.”—(Sir Leslie Plummer.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Wilkins, Yeas, [Mr. John Taylor: 239.

Tellers for the [Major Conant, Noes, [Mr. Galbraith: 258.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the words “so much of.”—(Mr. Thomson.)

Question put, That the words “so much of” stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Cedric Drew, Yeas, [Mr. Redmayne: 252.

Tellers for the [Mr. Holmes, Noes, [Mr. Joseph Price: 242.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that within six months after the Authority shall first have provided a programme from a station situated in England, they shall provide a programme for Wales or some part of Wales from a station situated in Wales.”—(Mr. Gordon Walker.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Holmes, Yeas, [Mr. Joseph Price: 242.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Noes, [Mr. Allan: 252.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that within six months after the Authority shall first have provided a programme from a station situated in England, they shall provide a programme for Scotland or some part of Scotland from a station situated in Scotland.”—(Mr. McNeill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. James Griffiths):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out from the word “qualified” to the word “and” in l. 9, and insert the words “for the office.”—(Mr. Gammans.)

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. Rogers: 234.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Noes, [Mr. Legh: 240.

Proposed words there inserted.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Herbert Morrison):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, after the word “Pastmaster-General,” to insert the words “after consultation with the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Minister for Welsh Affairs and (in relation to Northern Ireland) the Secretary of State for the Home Department.”—(Mr. McNeill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Thursday, 6th May, 1954:

Question put:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. James Johnson, Yeas, [Mr. Wilkins: 161.

Tellers for the [Mr. Galbraith, Noes, [Mr. Vosper: 164.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

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.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—Mr. Vosper:—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 before One of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 104.]

Thursday, 6th May, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington between the 12th and 20th days of January 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America, regarding Technical Assistance for the Caribbean Area.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1949, Supplement on Hospital In-Patient Statistics.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd 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 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Walsall 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 authorise the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Walsall to provide and work trolley vehicles on further routes, and to make further provision with regard to the transport undertaking of the Corporation; to authorise the Corporation to purchase lands compulsorily; to make further provision for the health local government improvement and finances of the borough; 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 Caernarvon 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 Gordon Touche reported from the Committee on the Caernarvon Corporation Bill [Lords], That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Mr. Robson-Brown; and had appointed in substitution Captain Ryder.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in in respect of the Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords]: Mr. Blackburn; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Porter.

Ordered, That this day Business other than 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.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1954-55.

Class III.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £23,673,310 be granted to Her 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 1955, for expenses in connection with the police services in England and Wales, including the cost of inspection and training; grants in respect of expenditure incurred by police authorities; a contribution to the International Criminal Police Commission; and fees to deputy metropolitan magistrates.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and
ask leave to sit again—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson),—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 proposed, That this House calls upon Her Majesty's Government to ensure, in the interests of the consumer, the effective enforcement of the provisions of the Merchandise Marks Acts and to utilise and promote other measures to protect consumers against any tendency on the part of a minority of manufacturers and traders to debase the quality of goods supplied to the public—(Miss Burton);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in 1, 1, by leaving out from the word “House” to the end of the Question, and adding the words “while recognising the improving standard of goods now available to the public in competitive conditions welcomes the increased protection afforded to consumers by the Merchandise Marks Act, 1953”—(Mr. Assheton)—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. Wallace, Mr. Arthur Allen: 149.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Cedric Drew, Mr. Allan: 180.
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added after the word “House” in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House, while recognising the improving standard of goods now available to the public in competitive conditions welcomes the increased protection afforded to consumers by the Merchandise Marks Act, 1953.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Studholme.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 29th April 1954, relative to the Gift of a 33 MeV Synchrotron to the Commonwealth of Australia.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of a Warrant dated 3rd May 1954, entitled the Post Office (Execution of Documents) Warrant, 1954.

Copy of a Report by the Government Actuary under the Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1925, relating to the Teachers Superannuation (Accepted Schools) Scheme, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Teachers (Superannuation) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Regulations, dated 30th April 1954, entitled—

(1) the Local Government (Grants and Payments) (Calculation of Population) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954, and
(2) the Local Government (Payment of Grants, &c.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Lincoln College, Oxford, on the 22nd day of February 1954, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thornycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy and Companies (Winding-up) Proceedings during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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 Third Report of the Law Commission on the Operation and Finance of Part I of the Legal Aid and Advice Act, 1949, with the comments and recommendations made by the Advisory Committee, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

The Prime Minister, supported by Captain Crookshank, Mr. Attorney General and Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, presented a Bill to indemnify Niall Macpherson, Esquire, from any penal consequences which he may have incurred by sitting or voting as a member of the House of Commons while holding the office of member of the London agency of the Dried Fruits Control Board of the Commonwealth of Australia, and to remove any disqualification for membership of that House by reason of his having held that office: 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 Law Reform (Limitation of Actions, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Transitional provisions)—(Mr. Peyton)—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;

Captain Crookshank, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit. 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 Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 5, by leaving out from the word "make" to the word "for" in l. 6, and inserting the word "regulations"—(Mr. Simon)—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.

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 Pool Betting 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. 10, l. 18, by leaving out Clause No. 10 (Legalisation of ready money pool betting carried on by post).—(Mr. Reader Harris.)

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, Sir Charles Taylor: 69.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hollis: 6.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of February last, That the Licensing (Airports) Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Langford-Holt rose in his place, and Closure claimed, 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.

Sir Herbert Williams rose in his place, and Closure claimed, 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 it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday the 25th day of June next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Galbraith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
[No. 106.]

Monday, 10th May, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The following Paper, presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), was ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of the Text of a Note, dated 7th May 1954, from Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Soviet Government in reply to their Note of the 31st day of March 1954 regarding Collective Security.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Accounts of the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also 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 1954, in respect of the Old Sinking Fund and of the New Sinking Fund (1928).

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and that the Account relating to Sinking Funds be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Fire Services for 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of Hertfordshire.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 4th May 1954, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 8) Regulations, 1954, and
(2) the London Traffic (Fenny Slade Hill, Potters Bar) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th May 1954, entitled the National Insurance (Classification) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

Report by the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the National Insurance (Classification) Amendment Regulations, 1954, in accordance with subsection (4) of Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance in accordance with that Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D: Mr. Fletcher-Cooke and Mr. Nicholls; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Renton and Mr. Wakefield.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply (15th allotted Day) itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1954-55.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £400, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with the National Health Service, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1954-55.

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Kaberry),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Ships’ Stores (Charges) Supplies and Services (Control Schemes) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954, dated 14th April 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of April last, be approved.—(Dr. Hill.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Studdholme.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 11th May, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

London County Council (Money) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Church Estates Commission.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the One Hundred and Third Report from the Church Estates Commissioners, for the year preceding the 1st day of March 1954. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol to co-ordinate and rationalise European Inland Transport of international importance, signed at Brussels on the 17th day of October 1953 (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 1st day of March 1954).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Treaty Series (No. 34, 1954).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Rio de Janeiro on the 31st day of March 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of Brazil prolonging certain Articles of the Trade and Payments Agreement of the 21st day of May 1948.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Criminal Statistics (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Criminal Statistics for Scotland for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Forestry.

No. 174.

Sir Thomas Dougald presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

National Health Service.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th May 1954, entitled the National Health Service (Traveling Allowances, etc.) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Nurses.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th May 1954, entitled the Nurses (Area Nurse-Training Committees) Amendment Order, 1954.

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 Marriages Validity (All Saints Church, West Ham) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

General Report and Accounts of the Conservators of the River Thames for 1953.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question Television Bill being put, That the following provisions shall (Allocation of Time).

1. The remaining Proceedings in Committee shall be completed in five allotted days.

2. The Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in two allotted days and shall be brought to a conclusion at half an hour after Ten of the clock on the second of those days.

3. The Business Committee shall report to the House their recommendations—

(a) as to the remaining Proceedings in Committee, not later than the seventeenth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-four;

(b) as to the Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading, not later than the fourth day on which the House sits after Whit Sunday, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

4. No Motion shall be made to postpone any Clause, Schedule, new Clause or new Schedule, but the recommendations of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which Clauses, new Clauses, Schedules and new Schedules are to be taken in Committee.

5. On an allotted day the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) shall have effect with the substitution of references to half an hour after Ten of the clock for references to Ten of the clock, and Procedings which under this Order or the Resolution of the Business Committee are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall not be interrupted under the provisions of the said Standing Order.

6. If, on any allotted day, a Motion is made under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance) the last foregoing paragraph of this Order shall not apply, but—

(a) any Proceedings on the Bill exemuted under paragraph (2) of that Standing Order shall be so exempted for the period mentioned in that paragraph and a further half-hour; and
(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any Proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or under the Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day after Seven of the clock shall be deferred for a period equal to the duration of the Proceedings under the said Motion under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance).

7. If, at Seven of the clock on an allotted day, any Proceedings on the Bill which, under the Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time have not been concluded, any Motion for the Adjournment of the House under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance) which, apart from this Order, would stand over to that time, shall stand over until those Proceedings have been concluded.

8. Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration at Seven of the clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the Proceedings on the Bill on that day, and shall be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for a period of three-and-a-half hours, or, if the Proceedings on the Bill are concluded before half an hour after Ten of the clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven of the clock and the conclusion of the Proceedings on the Bill; and paragraph (5) of the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business) shall not apply.

9. The Standing Order (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business) shall not apply to any allotted day.

10. On an allotted day no dilatory Motion with respect to Proceedings on the Bill shall be made except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith without any debate.

11. When the order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into Committee on the Bill, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question, notwithstanding that notice of an Instruction has been given.

12. On the conclusion of Proceedings in any Committee on the Bill, including a Committee to which the Bill has been re-committed (whether as a whole or otherwise), the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

13. For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any Proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by the Resolution of the Business Committee or by this Order and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall, at the time so appointed, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and, in the case of a new Clause which has been read a second time, also the Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, and subject thereto shall proceed to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules moved by a member of 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 any Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules moved by a member of the Government, he shall put only the Question that the Amendment be made or that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

14. (a) The Proceedings on any Motion moved by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order or of the Resolution of the Business Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion two hours after they have been commenced, and the last foregoing paragraph of this Order shall, so far as applicable, apply as if the Proceedings were Proceedings on the Bill:

Provided that if the Proceedings are interrupted by a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance), the time at which they are to be brought to a conclusion shall be deferred for a period equal to the duration of the Proceedings upon the Motion for the Adjournment.

(b) If any Motion moved by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order or of the Resolution of the Business Committee is under consideration at Seven of the clock, or on a day on which any Private Business has been set down for consideration at Seven of the clock, the Private Business shall stand over and be considered when the Proceedings on the Motion have been concluded.

15. Nothing in this Order or in the Resolution of the Business Committee shall—

(a) prevent any Proceedings to which the Order or Resolution applies from being entered upon or completed earlier than is required by the Order or Resolution; or

(b) prevent any Business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day, in accordance with the Standing Orders, if the Proceedings which under this Order or the Resolution are to be completed on that day have already been completed.

16. In this Order “allotted day” means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as the first Government order of the day, “the Resolution of the Business Committee” means the Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House, and references to the Proceedings on Consideration or the Proceedings on Third Reading include references to any Proceedings at those stages respectively, for, on or in consequence of re-commital.—(Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Bowden; Yeas be added to the Bill.

Tellers for the [Mr. Bowden, Mr. Pearson; Noes.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining Proceedings on the Television Bill:

1. The remaining Proceedings in Committee shall be completed in five allotted days.

2. The Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in two allotted days and shall be brought to a conclusion at half an hour after Ten of the clock on the second of those days.

3. The Business Committee shall report to the House their recommendations—
   (a) as to the remaining Proceedings in Committee, not later than the seventeenth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-four; and
   (b) as to the Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading, not later than the fourth day on which the House sits after Whit Sunday, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

4. No Motion shall be made to postpone any Clause, Schedule, new Clause or new Schedule, but the recommendations of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which Clauses, new Clauses, Schedules and new Schedules are to be taken in Committee.

5. On an allotted day the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) shall have effect with the substitution of references to half an hour after Ten of the clock for references to Ten of the clock, and Proceedings which under this Order or the Resolution of the Business Committee are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall not be interrupted under the provisions of the said Standing Order.

6. If, on any allotted day, a Motion is made under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance) the last foregoing paragraph of this Order shall not apply, but—
   (a) any Proceedings on the Bill exempted under paragraph (2) of that Standing Order shall be so exempted for the period mentioned in that paragraph and a further half-hour; and
   (b) the bringing to a conclusion of any Proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or the Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day after Seven of the clock shall be deferred for a period equal to the duration of the Proceedings upon the said Motion under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance).

7. If, at Seven of the clock on an allotted day, any Proceedings on the Bill which, under the Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time have not been concluded, any Motion for the Adjournment of the House under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance) which, apart from this Order, would stand over to that time, shall stand over until those Proceedings have been concluded.

8. Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration before Seven of the clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the Proceedings on the Bill on that day, and shall be exempted by this paragraph from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for a period of three-and-a-half hours or, if the Proceedings on the Bill are concluded before half an hour after Ten of the clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven of the clock and the conclusion of the Proceedings on the Bill; and paragraph (5) of the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business) shall not apply.

9. The Standing Order (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business) shall not apply to any allotted day.

10. On an allotted day no dilatory Motion with respect to Proceedings on the Bill shall be made except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith without any debate.

11. When the order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into Committee on the Bill, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question, notwithstanding that notice of an Instruction has been given.

12. On the conclusion of Proceedings in any Committee on the Bill, including a Committee to which the Bill has been re-committed (whether as a whole or otherwise), the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

13. For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any Proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by the Resolution of the Business Committee or by this Order and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall, at the time so appointed, put forthwith the Question on any Amendment or Motion already proposed from the Chair, and, in the case of a new Clause which has been read a second time, also the Question that the Clause be added to the Bill, and subject thereto shall proceed to put forthwith the Question on any Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules moved by a member of 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 any Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules moved by a member of the Government, he shall not only the Question that the Amendment be made or that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

14. (a) The Proceedings on any Motion moved by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order or of the Resolution of the Business Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion two hours after they have been commenced, and the last foregoing paragraph of this Order shall, so far as applicable, apply as if the Proceedings were Proceedings on the Bill:

Provided that if the Proceedings are interrupted by a Motion for the Adjournment of the House at Seven of the clock on an allotted day, the provisions of the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance), the time at which they are to be brought to a conclusion shall be deferred for
a period equal to the duration of the Proceedings upon the Motion for the Adjournment.

13. Nothing in this Order or in the Resolution of the Business Committee shall—
(a) prevent any Proceedings to which the Order or Resolution applies from being entered upon or completed earlier than is required by the Order or Resolution;
or
(b) prevent any Business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day, in accordance with the Standing Orders, and provided the Provisions of this Order or the Resolution are to be completed on that day have already been completed.

14. In this Order “allotted day” means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as the first Government order of the day, “the Resolution of the Business Committee” means the Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House, and references to the Proceedings on Consideration or the Proceedings on Third Reading include references to any Proceedings at those stages respectively, for, on or in consequence of re-committal.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Niall Macpherson Indemnity 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 is of opinion that a committee should be set up to inquire into the whole question of offices of profit under the Crown, with a view to preparing a short schedule of such offices which would be ineligible to be held by Members of Parliament, and would remove all other disqualifications”—(Mr. Parker)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Galbraith.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

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(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Indemnity for and removal of disqualification of Niall Macpherson, Esquire).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:

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Question put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

A Motion was made, and the Question adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Vosper):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Tuesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 11th May, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Business Committee) Mr. Speaker this day nominated Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Gammans, Sir Robert Grims,ton, Mr. Shackleton and Mr. Whiteley members of the Business Committee in respect of the Television Bill.

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Wednesday, 12th May, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Dundee Corporation (Water Transport Finance &c.): And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

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Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the Forth Road Bridge: 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 Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Glasgow Corporation: 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 Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Rutherglen 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. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Orders in Council entitled—  
(1) the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Council of Europe) (Amendment) Order, 1954,  
(2) the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Customs Co-operation Council) Order, 1954,  
(3) the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the European Payments Union) Order, 1954,  
(4) the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the International Civil Aviation Organisation) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954,  
(5) the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) Order, 1954,  
(6) the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Universal Postal Union) Order, 1954, and  

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the National Service (Adaptation of Enactments) (Navy, Army and Air Force Reserve) Order, 1954.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 4th May 1954, entitled—  
(1) the East Ham (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1954, and

(2) the Tottenham (Repeal and Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, with Certificates by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Captain Waterhouse 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 5th and 13th days of April last: And the Report was brought up, and read.  
Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Captain Waterhouse reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.  
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Steward 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 said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A (added in respect of the Charitable Trusts (Validation) Bill [Lords]): Colonel Stoddart-Scott; and had appointed in substitution Sir Patrick Spens.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee C, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Air Commodore Harvey; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Turner.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee D, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill): Mr. Oakshott; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Legh.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee D, That they had discharged the following Eleven Members from the Scottish Standing Committee (in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill): Mr. Cove, Mr. Deedes, Mr. John Eden, Mr. Walter Hudson, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Shurmer, Colonel Stoddart-Scott, Mr. William Taylor, Mr. Osborne and Mr. Vaughan-Morgan.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the House be not adjourned until the House is sitting, from the provisions of the Standing
Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which throws the cost of compensation for loss of betterment in land values on the community and fails to safeguard the public interest by providing for the recovery of betterment created by public and industrial developments by leaving these to be appropriated as unearned increment by landowners; and which further militates against essential planning by local authorities.

Mr. Johnston,—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Galbraith, Yeas, 232. Lieutenant — Commander Thompson:]

Tellers for the [Mr. James Johnson, Noes, 209. John Taylor:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Mr. Secretary Stuart, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Town and Country Planning (Scotland) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to Scotland for compensation and other payments by reference to claims for payments under section fifty-five of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947, and to amend certain provisions of that Act, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

A. The issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums for the making by the Secretary of State and the Central Land Board (in this resolution referred to as "the Board") of such payments by reference to such claims as aforesaid as are authorised to be made under the Act in respect of acts done or events taking place before the commencement of the Act.

B. The raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing sums to be issued as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued.

C. The repayment of sums issued as mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution, together with interest thereon

(1) by the payment into the Exchequer by the Secretary of State, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of annual instalments, of principal and interest combined, and

(2) by the payment into the Exchequer of any sums recovered by the Secretary of State or the Board under the Act in respect of such payments as are mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution.

D. The issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph, 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.

E. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(1) of sums for the making by the Secretary of State of payments under the Act in respect of restrictions on development of land taking effect after the commencement of the Act;

(2) of the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State and the Board under the Act;

(3) of any sums repayable by the Board under the Act in respect of development charges relating to the winning and working of minerals;

(4) of any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums which under any other enactment are payable out of moneys so provided.

F. The cancellation or reduction, by virtue of the Act, of liabilities in respect of—

(1) a development charge where an equivalent deduction is made by reference to that charge either from any payment such as is mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution which would otherwise become payable, or from such a claim as aforesaid;

(2) development charges in respect of the provision of accommodation for agricultural workers.

G. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums other than those mentioned in paragraph A, C or E of this resolution received by the Secretary of State or the Board under the Act and not required by the Act to be dealt with in any other way.—(Mr. Secretary Stuart.)

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. Redmayne reported from the Committee on Electricity Reorganisation (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to transfer the functions of the Minister of Fuel and Power in Scotland in relation to electricity to the Secretary of State, to establish the South of Scotland Electricity Board and to transfer the functions of the British Electricity Authority in the south of Scotland and of the Scottish Area Boards to that Board, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums which may be required by the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantees given by them under section fourteen of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Act, 1943, as read with section forty-seven of the Electricity Act, 1947, in respect of loans raised or to be raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board, so, however, that the aggregate of the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of any stock issued for the purpose of raising any such loan and of any moneys temporarily borrowed by the said Board (other than any loan from the British Electricity Authority to the said Board by virtue of any financial adjustment made under the said Act of the present Session between the Authority and the Board, or any loan raised for the purpose of the said adjustment) do not at any time exceed the sum of seventy-five million pounds, excluding stock issued and moneys temporarily borrowed for the purpose of redeeming stock or repaying moneys temporarily borrowed;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums paid in or towards the repayment of any sum issued out of the Consolidated Fund by virtue of the said Act of the present Session; and

(c) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses incurred in consequence of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session by any Minister of the Crown or Government Department.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Electricity Reorganisation (Scotland) Bill.

Clause No. 3 (Termination of the functions of the Central Authority in the North of Scotland District and dissolution of the Scottish Area Boards).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 40, to leave out from the second word "Board" to the word "shall" in l. 42.—(Mr. McNeil.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 to 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Financial adjustment between the South of Scotland Board and the Central Authority).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 18, after the word "District," to insert the words "the South of Scotland Board shall issue stock to the Central Authority in respect of."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 23, at the end, to insert the words "under an order to be laid before Parliament."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 10 to 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Compensation to officers and members of Boards in connection with transfers).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) For the purpose of any regulations made under subsection (1) of this section the period of employment necessary to qualify for the payment of a compensation thereunder shall not exceed seven years immediately preceding the vesting date."—(Mr. John Edwards.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 15 amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 16 to 19 agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. McNeil):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—(Mr. Vosper);

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 this House do now adjourn.
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDUM.
Wednesday, 12th May, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Business Committee) Mr. Speaker this day nominated Mr. Ness Edwards a member of the Business Committee in respect of the Television Bill, in place of Mr. Whiteley.

[No. 109.]

Thursday, 13th May, 1954.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dundee Corporation (Water Transport Finance &c.) Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Forth Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order made yesterday, That the Draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Customs Co-operation Council) Order, 1954, do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Royd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 5th May 1954, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of ordinary shares in Guest Keen Baldwins Iron and Steel Company Limited.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Convention signed at London on the 15th day of December 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Denmark regarding payment of compensation or benefit in respect of industrial injuries (including occupational diseases) (Ratifications exchanged at London on the 26th day of April 1954).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the future of the Overseas Food Corporation.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on Prisons in Scotland, for 1953.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme entitled the Agriculture (Provision of Goods) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to Agriculture, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme entitled the Ploughing Grants Scheme, 1954.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th May 1954, Animals made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries authorising the landing at Harwich of one Goat.

Copy of the Third Annual Report on Smallholdings in England and Wales, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the First Annual Reports, for 1953—

(1) of the Historic Buildings Council for England,

(2) of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland, and

(3) of the Historic Buildings Council for Wales.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Major Legge-Bourke reported from the Committee on the Bedfordshire County Council (Superannuation) Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same not having been proved to their satisfaction, they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Falmouth Docks 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
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 an Amendment 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 Newport Corporation Bill, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D (added in respect of the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill): Mr. Thomson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Awbery.

Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Business Committee, That they had agreed to the following Recommendation, which they had directed him to report to the House:

That—
(a) the remaining Proceedings in Committee on the Television Bill be divided into the parts specified in the second column of the table set out below;
(b) the days which under the Order of the 11th day of this instant May are given to the said Proceedings and portions of those days shall be allotted in the manner shown in that table; and
(c) subject to the provisions of the Order of the 11th day of this instant May, each part of the Proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of that table.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Telegraph Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Niall Macpherson Indemnity Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Protection of Birds Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Protection of Birds Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday the 21st day of this instant May; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn [Mr. Buchan-Hepburn];

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 Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her 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 Her 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 again proposed, Adjournment, That this House do now adjourn:

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Kaberry.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The Dundee Corporation (Water Transport Finance &c.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Forth Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Newport (Isle of Wight): 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. Lennox-Boyd presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Whitehaven: 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. Lennox-Boyd presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Wolverhampton Corporation trolley vehicles: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Resolved, That this House, whilst appreciating the considerable improvement that has been made in connecting new subscribers, urges the Government to recognise the importance of a comprehensive and efficient telephone service to the trade and industry of the country; and, consistent with other demands for capital expenditure, to take every possible step to reduce the delay in obtaining calls and to improve the facilities given.—(Mr. Gerald Williams.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, whilst recognising the complexity of the problem of derelict common land, calls the attention of the Government to the pressing need for securing greater production from common land which is cultivable, whilst at the same time protecting the rights of the commoners to enjoy their present right of access.—(Mr. Baldwin):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Kaberry):—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. 1111]

Monday, 17th May, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Falmouth Docks Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the British Transport Commission Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Customs Co-operation Council) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the Census, 1951, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of Lancashire.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection (Standing Committee).—That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Mrs. Ford; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Thompson.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be expeditious, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, assuring Her Majesty, on the occasion of Her return from Her historic Commonwealth Tour, of the loyal and affectionate welcome of this House to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) 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. 2, p. 2, l. 45; Clause No. 3, p. 4, l. 5; Clause No. 5, p. 5, l. 45; and of the proposed Clause (Limitation of liability of trustees, etc., for expenses of local authorities in certain cases) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Stuart,—(Mr. Secretary Stuart):

—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Heath 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 Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Legh; Mr. Allen; Mr. John Taylor:—227.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilkins; Mr. John Taylor:—196.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 2, p. 2, l. 45; Clause No. 3, p. 4, l. 5; Clause No. 5, p. 5, l. 45; and of
the proposed Clause (Limitation of liability of trustees, etc., for expenses of local authorities in certain cases) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Stuart:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Allan, Mr. Leugh;
Mr. Wilkins, Mr. John Taylor:

228.
202.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 2, p. 2, l. 45; Clause No. 3, p. 4, l. 5; Clause No. 5, p. 5, l. 45; and of the proposed Clause (Limitation of liability of trustees, etc., for expenses of local authorities in certain cases) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Stuart.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Clause No. 2 (Power of local authorities to retain for temporary occupation certain houses in clearance areas.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 45, to leave out the first word "may," and insert the words "where the demolition of such a building is so postponed, shall."—(Commander Galbraith.)

Question, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause, put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end, to add the words "without delay."—(Mr. Rankin.)

Question put, That those words be there added to the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Wilkins, Mr. John Taylor:
Mr. Vosper, Lieutenant-Commander Thompson:

199.
224.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 and 5 amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Limitation of liability of trustees, etc., for expenses of local authorities in certain cases)—(The Lord Advocate)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising:

Mr. McNeil moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again, but the Chairman, pursuant to the Standing Order (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn 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. Vosper, Mr. Kaberry:
Mr. Pearson, Mr. John Taylor:

206.
191.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Studholme, Mr. Leugh:
Mr. Pearson, Mr. John Taylor:

208.
187.

Clause 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 to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned—(Mr. Woodburn):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Clause (Application of foregoing provisions of Part II of Act to certain classes of dwelling-houses)—(Mr. Secretary Stuart)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exclusion from Rent Acts of dwelling-houses converted or erected after commencement of Act)—(Commander Galbraith):—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 the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 18th May, 1954:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the
Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Wills:
Mr. Wilkins, Mr. John Taylor:

151.
92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of meaning of expression "tenant" in Act of 1920)—(The Lord Advocate)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Chairman, pursuant to S.O. (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules of House), declines to propose Question.
Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Woodburn.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration this day.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Vosper):—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 before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[No. 112.]

Tuesday, 18th May, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th May 1954, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 2) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Herring Industry Board, for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th May 1954, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 1) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 13th May 1954, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Countries) (Various) (No. 2) Order, 1954, and

(2) the Merchant Shipping (Republic of Ireland) (Certificates of Competency) Order, 1954.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Girton College, Cambridge, on the 15th day of February 1954, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Statistics relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the House of Lords, the Supreme Court of Judicature, County Courts and other Civil Courts for 1953.


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—

(1) the Radcliffe (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, and

(2) the Acton (Repeal and Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1954.

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:

One Hundred and First Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, for 1953.

Mr. Fletcher 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.

Sir Leonard Ropner reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Slaughterhouses 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. Bowles reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Mines and Quarries Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A; Wing Commander Bullus; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Astor.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D: Mr. Leslie Lever, Sir Leslie Plummer, Mr. Renton, Mr. Ionwerth Thomas, Mr. Ivor Thomas, Mr. Wakefield and Mrs. White; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Herbert Butler, Mr. Albert Evans, Mr. Keenan, Dr King, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Nicholls.
Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from the Scottish Standing Committee (added in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill): Mr. Walter Hudson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Fisher.

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 Crewe Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report, which upon the 13th day of this instant May was made from the Business Committee, relating to the Allocation of Time to the Television Bill, be now taken into consideration.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Reduction of entertainments duty).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Entertainment duty shall not be charged in respect of admission to a cinematograph film exhibition given in premises the seating capacity of which does not exceed two hundred and fifty persons;

Provided that such premises are used for the giving of cinematograph film exhibitions for which but for the provisions of this subsection entertainment duty would have been chargeable, not more often than one day in any one week."—(Sir Leonard Roper.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) As from the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, all entertainment duty shall be payable in respect of admissions to a horticultural show merely by reason of the fact that it includes sports, games, displays or any other entertainments."—(Mr. Crosland.)

Question, That those words be there added, put, and negatived.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Studholme.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Studholme reported from the Committee on Town and Country Planning (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to Scotland for compensation and other payments by reference to claims for payments under section fifty-five of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947, and to amend certain provisions of that Act, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid (in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

A. The issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums for the making by the Secretary of State and the Central Land Board (in this resolution referred to as "the Board") of such payments by reference to such claims as aforesaid as are authorised to be made under the Act in respect of acts done or events taking place before the commencement of the Act.
B. The raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing sums to be issued as mentioned in the preceding paragraph, or of providing for the replacement of sums so issued.

C. The repayment of sums issued as mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution, together with interest thereon—

(1) by the payment into the Exchequer by the Secretary of State, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of annual instalments, of principal and interest combined, and

(2) by the payment into the Exchequer of any sums recovered by the Secretary of State or the Board under the Act in respect of such payments as are mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution.

D. The issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph, 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.

E. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(1) of sums for the making by the Secretary of State of payments under the Act in respect of restrictions on development of land taking effect after the commencement of the Act;

(2) of the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State and the Board under the Act;

(3) of any sums repayable by the Board under the Act in respect of development charges relating to the winning and working of minerals;

(4) of any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums which under any other enactment are payable out of moneys so provided.

F. The cancellation or reduction, by virtue of the Act, of liabilities in respect of—

(1) a development charge where an equivalent deduction is made by reference to that charge either from any payment such as is mentioned in paragraph A of this resolution which would otherwise become payable, or from such a claim as aforesaid;

(2) development charges in respect of the provision of accommodation for agricultural workers.

G. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums other than those mentioned in paragraph A, C or E of this resolution received by the Secretary of State or the Board under the Act and not required by the Act to be dealt with in any other way.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Pedestrian Crossings Regulations, 1954, dated 22nd March 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of March last, be annulled—(Mr. Brooke);

And it being half an hour after Eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Order made upon the 31st day of March last, relating to Statutory Instruments, &c. (Procedure)—And it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Major Conant);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 19th May, 1954:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 18th May, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Wing Commander Hulbert Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill.

[No. 113.]

Wednesday, 19th May, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 17th day of this instant May, relating to Her Majesty's Return from Her Commonwealth Tour had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I thank you sincerely for your Address and for your loyal and affectionate greetings on My return from My tour in the course of which I and My husband have visited many parts of the Commonwealth, including several of My Colonies and countries under My protection.

It has been a great joy to Me during the past six months to be able to meet so many of My Peoples and I and My Husband will always remember the lively and inspiring welcome which we have everywhere received.

HE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household Her Majesty's Return from Her Commonwealth Tour.
I have been greatly moved by the warmth with which My Husband and I and our children have been welcomed on our return.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Ninety-first Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, for 1953.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th May 1954, entitled—

1. the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (Amersham) Regulations, 1954, and

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd 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 1953.

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:

Copy of a Return 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 during the six months ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Memorandum by the Lord Chancellor proposing corrections and minor improvements in certain enactments relating to Pharmacy.

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 Return 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 during the six months ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Colonel Banks; and had appointed in substitution Viscount Lambton.

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 Rhodesian Selection Trust Limited and Associated Companies Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Wankie Colliery Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order for resuming, upon Friday next, Equal Pay Bill.

Mr. Speaker repeated the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of April last, That the Equal Pay Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved Television Bill itself into a Committee on the Television Bill. (in the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (The Independent Television Authority).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Ninety-first Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Memorandum by the Lord Chancellor proposing corrections and minor improvements in certain enactments relating to Pharmacy.

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 Return 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 during the six months ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Supplementary Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of West Hackney and Saint Barnabas, Shacklewell, in the diocese of London.

Ordered. That the Paper relating to Pharmacy (Consolidation of Enactments) be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Member from the Scottish Standing Committee (added in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill: Mr. Ramsden; and had appointed in substitution Viscount Lambton.
The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the Business to be concluded at half-past Six o'clock.

Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Schedule No. 1.

Question, That this Schedule be the first Schedule to the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Powers of Authority).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 35, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Hirst.)

Question proposed, That the word "to" stand part of the Clause.

And it being half-past Seven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders [11th and 18th May] to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the word "to" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on an Amendment, moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to that part of the Clause to be concluded at half-past Seven o'clock.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 35, after the word "to," to insert the words "arrange for the provision and equipment of, if need be, themselves to."—(Mr. Gammons.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Redmayne: 258.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Johnson: 233.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 1, to leave out the word "not."—(Mr. Gordon Walker.)

Question proposed, That the word "not" stand part of the Clause.

And it being Nine o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders [11th and 18th May] to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the word "not" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Major Conant: 256.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson: 232.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on an Amendment, moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to that part of the Clause to be concluded at Nine o'clock.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 3, to leave out from the beginning to the word "but," and insert the words "who, under contracts with the Authority, have, in consideration of payments to the Authority and subject to the provisions of this Act, the right and the duty to provide programmes or parts of programmes to be broadcast by the Authority, which may include advertisements."—(Mr. Gammons.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wills: 254.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Allen: 228.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words "shall (a) themselves provide in the programmes all items of current news, and,"

—(Sir Leslie Plummer.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

And it being half-past 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 Bill, 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 an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, under subsection (3) of section thirty-two of the National Service Act, 1948, praying that the National Service (Adaptation of Enactments) (Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 12th day of this instant May.—(Mr. Birch.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the National Parks and Access to the Countryside (Grants) Regulations, 1954, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 31st day of March last, be annulled.—(Mr. Blenkinsop):—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—(Sir Cedric Drew):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 19th May, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Major Anstruther-Gray Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

**A** MOTION being made, That the British Transport Commission Bill be now read the third time:

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her 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 Rutherfurd Burgh Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time ; and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement signed at Copenhagen on the 22nd day of February 1954 between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, India and Pakistan of the one part and the Government of Denmark of the other part regarding British Commonwealth War Graves in Danish Territory.

**Ordered,** That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th May 1954, made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries authorising the landing at Liverpool of one Duiker.

**Ordered,** That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Measures, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

- Copy of a Scheme for uniting the benefits and parishes of Nottingham, Saint Matthew and Nottingham, Holy Trinity with Saint Mark, and for authorising the taking down and sale of the site of the church of Saint Matthew, Nottingham, in the diocese of Southwell.

- Copy of a Supplementary Scheme for amending the provisions of the reorganisation Scheme relating to the parish of Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green, in the diocese of London.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords].

**Ordered,** That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the London County Council (General Powers) 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.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Shrewsbury Estate 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. The Lords have agreed to the Forth Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

**Ordered,** That the Bill be read the third time.

**Ordered,** That the Bill be read the third time; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Shrewsbury Estate 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. The Lords have agreed to the Forth Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

**Ordered,** That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, 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 Dundee Corporation (Water Transport Finance &c.) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

**Ordered,** That the Lords have agreed to the Forth Road Bridge Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

- The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

**Ordered,** That the Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the closing for navigation of the Stroudwater Navigation: to provide for the transfer of part of the Navigation to the

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**[No. 114.]**

**Thursday, 20th May, 1954.**

**The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.**
British Transport Commission; to amend the Acts relating to the Company of Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Television Bill.

Clause No. 2 (Powers of Authority).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words "shall (a) themselves provide in the programmes all items of current news, and."—(Mr. James Hudson.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Rogers: 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Allan: 232.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 3, at the end, to insert the words "shall (a) themselves provide in the programmes all items intended for the entertainment or education of children under the age of sixteen, and."—(Dr. Summerskill.)

Question put. That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Rogers: 207.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Vosper, Mr. Wills: 226.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words "in particular (and so that such items shall not be provided by programme contractors) items of a religious character, and."—(Mr. James Hudson.)

Question put. That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Joseph Price: 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Redmayne, Mr. Allan: 203.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words "in particular (and so that such items shall not be provided by programme contractors) items dealing with matters of political or industrial controversy or relating to current public policy, and."—(Mr. Darling.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 21, after the word "and," to insert the words "notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this subsection—(c) the Authority shall themselves provide any item showing or reporting a Rival occasion, and the Authority."—(Mr. Mayhew.)

Resolution.

Ordered, That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question Education being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Teachers' Salaries (Scotland) Regulations, 1954, dated 26th March 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 31st day of March last, be annulled—(Mr. Grimond):—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—(Major Conant):—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 five minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.
Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Consular Convention, signed at Mexico City on the 20th day of March 1954, between Her Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom, and the President of the United States of Mexico (with Agreed Minutes, Protocols of Signature and Notes exchanged) (this Convention has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty).

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Protection of Birds Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Protection of Birds Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 15, l. 13, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 15, l. 13, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 15, l. 14, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 15, l. 20, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 15, l. 22, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 15, l. 31, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill:

And a Committee was nominated of Colonel Clarke, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Hayman, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth and Lady Tweedsmuir.

Ordered. That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Lady Tweedsmuir):—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Juries Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Juries 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.

Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Protection of Animals (Amendment) 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.

Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered. That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Hire-Purchase to take into consideration the Hire-Purchase 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 Lords Amendment in D. 15, 1. 22, the 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 to take into consideration the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) 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.

Lady Tweedsmuir 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 Protection of Birds Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed her to report to the House: And the same were read, as follow:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 15, l. 13, for the following Reason:

Because they are not satisfied that the little owl is sufficiently harmful to be proscribed throughout the country.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 15, l. 14, and in p. 15, l. 22, for the following Reason:

Because they are not satisfied that the moorhen is sufficiently harmful to be proscribed throughout the year.

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. Adjournment.

(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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Rhodesian Selection Trust Limited and Associated Companies Bill.

Wankie Colliery Bill.

Caernarvon Corporation Bill [Lords].

Tyne Improvement Bill [Lords].

Rutherglen Burgh Order Confirmation Bill.

Colonial Territories.


National Health Service (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report on the Colonial Territories for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Colonial Development and Welfare be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 10th May 1954, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Aberdeen General Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and

(2) the National Health Service (Aberdeen Special Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to Census, 1951,—the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of Cheshire.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Walter Monckton presented, pursuant to Catering Wages, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 21st May 1954, entitled—

(1) the Stopping up of Highways (Malvern, Worcestershire) (Revocation) Order, 1954, and

(2) the Stopping up of Highways (Whickham, Durham) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

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 showing the Nature and Nominal Ironstone Restoration Fund.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood reported Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Post Business of the House (Site and Railway)Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

(Captain Crookshank.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [16th allotted Day].

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1954-55.

Class I.

Vote 2. House of Commons.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £633,466, be granted to Her 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 1955, for the salaries and expenses of the House of Commons, including a grant in aid to the Kitchen Committee.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn),—put, and agreed to.
Members' Debate).

Closure of pursuant to S. Question put again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, having considered the Report of the Select Committee on Members' Expenses, &c., is of opinion that the recommendations in respect of pensions should be referred to the trustees of the Members' Fund for further consideration and report; that the Members' Allowances should be raised by £500 per annum; and that Her Majesty's Government should at an early date introduce legislation to improve the financial position of Junior Ministers.—Mr. George Thomas.

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 "in the opinion of this House it is expedient to make provision for the reimbursement to honourable Members within a limit calculated at the rate of five hundred pounds for each financial year, of expenses wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties as such".—(Mr. Deedes), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Lewis rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Robert Boothby, Yeas, Mr. Lewis: 276. Tellers for the [Mr. Deedes, Noes, Mr. Henry Price: 205.]

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 [Sir Robert Boothby, Yeas, Mr. Lewis: 280. Tellers for the [Major Anstruther-Gray, Noes, Mr. Arbuthnot: 166.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House, having considered the Report of the Select Committee on Members' Expenses, &c., is of opinion that the recommendations in respect of pensions should be referred to the trustees of the Members' Fund for further consideration and report; that the Members' Allowances should be raised by £500 per annum; and that Her Majesty's Government should at an early date introduce legislation to improve the financial position of Junior Ministers.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office (Site and Railway) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 17 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved Army and Air Force (Annual) 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 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 it is expedient that a Joint Private Bill Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider what alterations, if any, are desirable in the practice and the Standing Orders of the two Houses relating to private legislation, having special regard to the desirability of lessening the expense at present incurred.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated to the Lords: And that the Clerk do communicate the same, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 25th May, 1954.

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 Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

1. Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords].

Stroudwater Navigation 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 Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Hartlepool Port and Harbour Commission.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, entitled the Marriages Validity (The Church of St. Catherine, Selby) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Convention on Social Insurance, signed at Berne on the 16th day of January 1953, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Switzerland (with Protocol) (Ratifications exchanged at London on the 28th day of April 1954).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th May 1954, entitled the Hill Farming (Cottages) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary of State for the Home Department under Standing Order (Special of Housing and Local Government) Amendment Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government 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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Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

1. Volume 9, Trade E, Starch, and
Leathercloth and Allied Trades.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

1. Volume 9, Trade E, Starch, and

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. J. A. Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th May 1954, entitled the Wallasey (Repeal of Local enactments) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Standing Order relating to Private Business (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations) to the Standing Order Committee of the House of Lords and the London County Council (Holland House) Amendment Bill [Lords].

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—

(1) the East Ham (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1954, and
(2) the Tottenham (Repeal and Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Fletcher 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: 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. Benson 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. Stokes reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons Accommodation, &c., That they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords accommodating the House of Commons, &c., for the following purposes:

1. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate and confer powers upon the Institution called "The Royal Warehousemen Clerks and Drapers' Schools": and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with respect to the deposit of material by the Tees Conservancy; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Royal Warehousemen Clerks and Drapers' Schools Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered. That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Tees Conservancy (Deposit of Dredged Material) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered. That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
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.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
—(Mr. Galbraith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 118.]

Wednesday, 26th May, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S .

The London County Council (Money) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of April, 1954, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 10th May 1954, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (West Aberdeenshire Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
(2) the National Health Service (Upper Banffshire Hospital Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th May 1954, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Immature Sea-Fish) Amendment Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th May 1954, entitled—
(1) the Public Health (Aircraft) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954, and
(2) the Public Health (Ships) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Copy of the Thirty-second Annual Report of the Transport Tribunal, for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the city of Coventry with regard to their markets undertaking; to make further provision in reference to the improvement health local government and finances of the city; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Customs and Excise Act, 1952, so as to provide that beer shall not be offered for sale unless the original gravity thereof has been made known to the purchaser and the minimum quantity contained in any receptacle in which the beer is sold is declared; and for purposes connected therewith—(Mr. Bing):

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Standing Order (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yea.

Mr. Ewbank Jones, Mr. Royle;
Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Erroll;

182.
158.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Bing, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Delargy, Mr. Blyton, Commander Pursey, Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Snow and Mr. Thomas Hall do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Bing accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Customs and Excise Act, 1952, so as to provide that beer shall not be offered for sale unless the original gravity thereof has been made known to the purchaser and the minimum quantity contained in any receptacle in which the beer is sold is declared; and
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

Clause No. 6 (Charge of tax on cessation of registration).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 18, after the word "ceases," to insert the words "otherwise than by virtue of the powers conferred on the Commissioners by section twelve of the Finance Act, 1944."—(Mrs. Castle.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Arthur Allen;
Mr. Legh;
Mr. John Taylor;
Mr. Wills;
Mr. Holmes;
Mr. Studholme;
Mr. Rogers;
Mr. Vosper.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Arthur Allen;
Mr. Legh;
Mr. John Taylor;
Mr. Wills;
Mr. Holmes;
Mr. Studholme;
Mr. Rogers;
Mr. Vosper.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Rogers;
Mr. Vosper.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Rogers;
Mr. Vosper.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 9, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Jay.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Major Conant;
Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Rogers;
Mr. Vosper.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 15, to leave out from the word "merchants" to the word "or" in l. 17.—(Mr. Jay.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 17, to leave out from the word "general" to the end of l. 19.—(Mr. Albu.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment,

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Thursday, 27th May, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,— Provisional Order Bills
Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order is applicable thereto, viz.:—

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Brighton) Bill.
Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Cowes) Bill.
Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Llanelli) Bill.
Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Newport (Isle of Wight)) Bill.
Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Whitehaven) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That the Caernarvon Corporation Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;
The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her 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 Tyne Improvement 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.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1954, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 4) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventy-first Report of the Controller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1954, entitled the Horses (Landing from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th May 1954, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood reported from the Standing Committee on the Kent Water Bill, (Adjournment of Committee).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Message from a Message had been brought from the Lords the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Coroners Trust Bill.

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.

Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Two of the clock.

Wing Commander Hulbert reported from Standing Committee D, They they had gone through the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Atomic Energy Authority Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Protection of Birds Bill, to which this House hath disagreed.

The Lords concur with the Commons in the Resolution communicated to them on the 25th day of this instant May, viz.: That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider what alterations, if any, are desirable in the practice and the Standing Orders of the two Houses relating to Private Legislation, having special regard to the desirability of lessening the expense at present incurred.
Ordered. That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Atomic Energy Authority Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Television Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 3 (General provisions as to programmes and publications of Authority).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 4, after the first word "the" to insert the word "contents."—(Mrs. White.)

Question proposed, That the word "contents" be there inserted.

And it being Five o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders [11th and 18th May], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the words "contents" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wilkins: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Legh: 217.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on an Amendment, moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to that part of the Clause to be concluded at Five o'clock.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 24, at the end, to insert the words "and

(h) that on Sundays, Good Friday and Christmas Day certain hours shall be devoted to religious services that is to say, one hour between nine o'clock a.m. and one o'clock p.m. and one hour between five o'clock p.m. and ten o'clock p.m."

(Mr. Hoy.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 27, to leave out from the second word "of" to the word "a" in l. 28.—(Sir Robert Grimston.)

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. 3, after the word "of," to insert the words "and conform generally to the recommendations of."—(Mr. Warbey.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 4, to leave out the words "the main streams of religious thought," and insert the words "religious belief."—(Mr. Simon.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 9, at the end, to add the words "and an educational representative of parents, teachers and other persons with experience of and special interest in the welfare and education of young persons and children to advise the programme contractors and the Authority on any matter intended for young persons or children included in the said programmes or publications and on the suitability or unsuitability for young persons and children of any other matter included or submitted for inclusion in the said programmes or publications."—(Mr. Blackburn.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.

And it being Eight o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders [11th and 18th May], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Price: 195.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on an Amendment, moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to that part of the Clause to be concluded at Eight o'clock.

Another Amendment made.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

And it being Nine o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders [11th and 18th May], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholme: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Allen: 170.

Clause No. 4 (Advertisements). An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 17, to leave out the words "advertising or other agents," and insert the words "such advertising or other agents as may be accredited by the Authority."—(Mr. Hirst.)

Question, That the words "advertising or other agents," stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 38, to leave out from the word "Authority" to the second word "the" in l. 39, and insert the words "from time to time to determine and publish."—(Mr. Elliot.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

And it being half-past Ten o'clock, the Questions put pursuant to Orders.

The Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders [11th and 18th May], to put forthwith the Question on an Amendment, moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to Clause No. 4, and the further Question necessary to complete the Proceedings on that Clause.

Another Amendment made.
Adjournment.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, 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—(Sir Cedric Drewe):—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 ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 27th May, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Colegate Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Charitable Trusts (Validation) Bill [Lords].

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Friday, 28th May, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Salcombe) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Newport (Isle of Wight)) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Cowes) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Llanelli) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Whitehaven) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Newport (Isle of Wight)) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 10th May 1954, entitled the National Health Service (Orkney Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954,

(2) dated 10th May 1954, entitled the National Health Service (Shetland Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954,

(3) dated 17th May 1954, entitled the National Health Service (Angus Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954,

(4) dated 17th May 1954, entitled the National Health Service (Dundee General Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and

(5) dated 17th May 1954, entitled the National Health Service (County and City of Perth General Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, on the 17th day of March 1954, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House, whilst it appreciates the Government's action in trebling the expenditure on major road improvement and development compared with the past years, further urges, in the interest of road safety and industrial efficiency, that an even more extensive road programme be inaugurated than is envisaged in the Ministerial statement of the 8th day of December 1953.—(Mr. Nicholls.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Customs and Excise (Amendment) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of June next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Vosper.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Newport Corporation Bill.

Shrewsbury Estate Bill [Lords].

Walsall Corporation Bill.

Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords].

Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords].

Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill. Bill 126.

New Trials in Criminal Cases.

Constabulary (Ireland).

Army (Territorial Army).

Education (Scotland).

Post Office.

[No. 121.]


The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Newport Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shrewsbury Estate Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Walsall Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Departmental Committee on New Trials in Criminal Cases.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th May 1954, entitled the Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on Education in Scotland in 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gammans presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th April 1954, entitled the Postmaster General (Westminster) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1953, with a Certificate by the Postmaster General under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account showing the Nature and Nominal Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1954 as Investments for Moneys, forming part of the Industrial Injuries Fund, paid over to them under subsection (3) of Section 58 of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946.

Account showing the Nature and Nominal Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1954, as Investments for Moneys, forming part of (a) the National Insurance Fund and (b) the National Insurance (Reserve) Fund.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account showing the Nature and Nominal Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1954, as Investments for Moneys, forming part of the National Insurance (Existing Pensioners) Fund, transferred to the Fund under the National Insurance and Civil Service (Superannuation) Rules, 1948.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Atomic Energy Authority Bill, on the Supreme Court Officers (Pensions) Bill and on the Superannuation (President of Industrial Court) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Orders (Sittings of the House).—Captain Crookshank.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Television Bill.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Galbraith: 226.

Mr. John Taylor: 194.

Mr. Wilkins,

Mr. Cedric Drewe,

Mr. Gammans: 226.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words—

"1. There shall be no advertisements on any Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday."

—(Mr. Ross.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. John Taylor: 194.

Mr. Galbraith: 226.

Mr. Summerskill.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words—

"1. No advertisement shall be permitted which is directed (whether or not in conjunction with any other purpose) towards promoting or calculated to promote the sale or consumption of intoxicating liquor or any kind of intoxicating liquor; and in this rule 'intoxicating liquor' has the same meaning as in the Customs and Excise Act, 1952."—(Mr. James Hudson.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Wallace, Mr. James Johnson: 201.
Tellers for the Noes, {Lieutenant-Commander Thompson: 229.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words—

"1. No advertisement shall be permitted which promotes or is directed or calculated to promote any form of gaming or wagering, to which section eighteen of the Gaming Act, 1845, applies, or any unlawful lottery."—(Mr. Chapman.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Holmes, Mr. Allan, 191.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Joseph Price, Mr. Redmayne: 220.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words—

"1. No testimonial or other commendation founded or purporting to be founded on professional or other special knowledge or experience or on personal experience shall be included in any advertisement, unless the person on whose knowledge or experience the testimonial or other commendation is or purports to be founded has verified the testimonial or commendation by affidavit deposited with the Authority at least one week before the testimonial or commendation is included in the advertisement."—(Sir Leslie Plummer.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words—

"1. No advertisement shall be permitted of any tobacco, smoking mixture, cigars or cigarettes."—(Dr. Stross.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 36, at the end, to insert the words—

"Any such tariffs may make provision for different circumstances and, in particular, may provide, in such detail as the Authority may determine, for the making, in special circumstances, of additional special charges."—(Mr. Gammans.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

And it being Nine o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders [11th and 18th May], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Allen, Mr. Legh: 222.
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Pearson, Mr. Arthur Allen: 200.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question on an Amendment, moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to Schedule No. 2, and the further Question necessary to complete the Proceedings on that Schedule.

Another Amendment made.

Question, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Second Schedule to the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Contracts for programmes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words "or of which a disqualified person is a director, officer, employee, shareholder or member, in which a disqualified person has directly or indirectly any financial interest."—(Mr. Shackleton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 32, at the end, to insert the words "or—

(iv) whether an individual or a body corporate, advertises or has advertised in any programme broadcast by the Authority or is in the employment of any person who so advertises or has advertised or is a director, officer, shareholder or member otherwise directly or indirectly financially interested in or in any relevant matter an agent, nominee or trustee of any body corporate who so advertises or has advertised."—(Mr. Herbert Morrison.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Arthur Allen, Mr. Rogers: 197.
Tellers for the Noes, {Sir Cedric Drew, Mr. Studholme: 220.

And it being after half-past 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 Bill; 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.
Orders. 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. Oakshott reported from the Committee on Supreme Court Officers (Pensions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any such increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1950, or the Administration of Justice (Pensions) Act, 1950, or in the sums payable into the Exchequer under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1950; and

(b) any such increase in the salaries payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925; as may be attributable to provisions dealing (with effect from the beginning of 1954 or any later date) with any of the following matters, that is to say—

(i) pension rights of persons who, after not less than five years pensionable service, retire from or die while serving in the office of official referee, and the service which an official referee may count as pensionable service;

(ii) salary or pension rights of secretaries and clerks of the Judges of the Supreme Court in England; and

(iii) pension rights of tipstaves attached to Judges of the Supreme Court in Northern Ireland or of persons employed in the lunacy office in Northern Ireland;

or as may be attributable to any modification of existing enactments in so far as they make the salary or pension rights of an officer of either of those courts dependent on his appointment with a certificate from the Civil Service Commissioners.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court Officers (Pensions) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Judges' secretaries and clerks in England).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 3, l. 9, to leave out subsection (4).—[Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomson.]

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. 3 (Provision for payment of salaries and gratuities to unestablished officers of Supreme Court in England).

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Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 16, to leave out from the word "made" to the end of l. 17.—[Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomson.]

Question proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 to 6 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made 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. Oakshott reported from the Committee on Superannuation (President of Industrial Court) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for pensions and other superannuation benefits in respect of service as president of the Industrial Court, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the amount of any superannuation allowances under that Act and of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under paragraph 1 of the Third Schedule to the Administration of Justice (Pensions) Act, 1950.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Superannuation (President of Industrial Court) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the 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.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON, Speaker.)
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Sir Cedric Drew.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 122.]  
Tuesday, 1st June, 1954.

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 Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords].
Royal Warehousemen Clerks and Drapers’ Schools Bill [Lords].
Tees Conservancy (Deposit of Dredged Material) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Walsall Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Prime Minister presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant instituting the Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th May 1954, entitled the Exchange Control (Prescribed Securities) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas leading to admission to Universities, signed at Paris on the 11th day of December 1953 (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 22nd day of March 1954).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Census of the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume 1, Part 21, County of Lanark.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, by Her Cinematograph Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Film Finance Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to Agriculture, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Schemes, entitled—

(1) the Fertilisers (England, Wales and Scotland) Scheme, 1954, and
(2) the Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 30th April 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Rutherglen Burgh Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Common Scheme (Ham) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

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 Amendment made by this House to the Tyne Improvement Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Caernarvon Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the Urban District Council of Orpington in regard to lands and streets; to make further and better provision for the health local government finance and improvement of the urban district of the said Council; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the London County Council (Holland House) Act 1952; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Orpington Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The London County Council (Holland House) Amendment Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Television Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 5 (Contracts for Programmes).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 34, after the word “secure,” to insert the words “the most efficient and economical use of stations for the purpose of providing television broadcasting services, and subject to that duty to secure.”—(Sir Robert Grimston.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 38, to leave out from the word “as” to the word “it” in l. 40, and insert the words “are specified in the Fourth Schedule to this Act.”—(Sir Robert Grimston.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 13, to leave out from the word “aforesaid” to the end of l. 32.—(Mr. Philip Bell.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of l. 24, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Questions put pursuant to Orders.

And it being after half-past Six o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders [11th and 18th May], to put forthwith the Questions necessary to bring the Proceedings.
in Committee to a conclusion, including the Question on an Amendment, moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to Clause No. 12.

Clause No. 10 (Application of revenues).
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Reserve Fund).
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Accounts and audit).
An Amendment made.
Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Machinery for settling terms and conditions of employment of Authority's staff, etc.).
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Wages and conditions of employment of persons employed by programme contractors).
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Expenses of Postmaster-General).
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Interpretation).
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Short title and extent).
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put, and agreed to.

Then the Chairman left the Chair, to report the Bill, as amended, to the House, pursuant to Order.

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 127.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow; and be printed.

Agriculture.
Resolved, That the Draft Ploughing Grants Scheme, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 13th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Agriculture (Scotland).
Resolved, That the Draft Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) (Scotland) Scheme, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 13th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Snadden.)

Adjournment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Major Conant):—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 four minutes before Twelve 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 .

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st June 1954, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Rate of Interest) Order, 1954.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Walter Monckton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th May 1954, entitled the Flour Mills (Hours, Safety and Welfare) Revocation Order, 1954.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee C: Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Beresford Craddock, Mr. Lindsay, Sir Hugh Linstead, Mr. Maude, Mr. Nicholls, Brigadier Peto and Captain Pilkington: and had appointed in substitution Mr. Atten, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Fell, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Hay, Mr. Howard Johnson, Mr. Leslie Thomas and Mr. Tilney.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee D: Mr. Sargent, Mr. Beresford Craddock, Mr. Lindsay, Sir Hugh Linstead, Mr. Maude, Mr. Nicholls, Brigadier Peto and Captain Pilkington; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Atten, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Fell, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Hay, Mr. Howard Johnson, Mr. Leslie Thomas and Mr. Tilney.

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Committee D (in respect of the Transport Charges, &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill): Mr. Champion, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Hannan, Mr. Hargreaves, Mr. Harrison, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Mr. Hirst, Mr. Holt, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Mr. McNiess, Mr. McLeavy, Mr. Molson, Mr. Morris, Mr. Neave, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Rees-Davies, Mr. Renton, Mr. Steele, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Storey, Mr. Teeling, Mr. Turner, Mr. Willis and Mr. Wills.

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 Hartlepool Port and Harbour Commission, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that no British subject or protectorate person shall be deported from, or rusticated in, British Colonies, Protectorates or Trusteeship Territories without a preceding trial.—(Mr. Brockway);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Standing Order (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business);

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Galbraith, Yes, Mr. Wills; 211. Mr. Wilkins, Noes, Mr. John Taylor; 178.]

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. 12, l. 38, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(c) if the landlord has given to the local authority an undertaking in writing that he is prepared to make an agreement with them which will provide for the exchange of tenancies between a tenant of the landlord and a tenant of the local authority in appropriate cases and at the joint request of the tenants."—(Mr. Hannan.)

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. Arthur Allen, Yes, Mr. John Taylor; 187. Mr. Cedric Dreeve, Noes, Mr. Oakshott; 218.]

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 21, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"A local authority shall not be precluded from issuing a certificate that the house is unfit for human habitation because they have been unable due to the housing shortage in their area to provide alternative accommodation."—(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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 21, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) Where a landlord has been refused a certificate from the local authority that both the conditions justifying an increase of rent are fulfilled in accordance with the provisions of Schedule (Modifications of Part II of the Act in Application to Certain Classes of Dwellinghouse) the local authority shall issue a certificate to the tenant and the landlord in like manner as in the foregoing subsection."—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

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 other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 27, by leaving out l. 39, and inserting the words “ending on the fifteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, or in the case of a local authority with respect to which special provision is made in a local Act for the corresponding financial year”—(The Lord Advocate), 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. Wallace, Mr. John Taylor: 186.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Redmayne: 212.

So it passed in the Negative.

The proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 40, by inserting, after the second word “tenant,” the words “as defined in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section twelve of the Act of 1920.”—(The Lord Advocate).

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.

A Schedule was offered to be added to the Bill (Modifications of Part II of Act in application to certain classes of dwellinghouse)—(Mr. Secretary Stuart); and the said Schedule was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Schedule, in l. 12, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

“Provided that in considering any such application an appropriate officer of the local authority shall visit each dwelling-house in respect of which an application is made and shall consider any representations made by the tenant of the dwelling-house and shall issue to the tenant a copy of any certificate issued to the landlord.”—(Mr. Thomas Fraser).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Schedule:—It passed in the Negative.

And the said Schedule was made part of the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Legh: 239.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Rogers: 205.

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 Summary Jurisdiction (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. Studholme).

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. Studholme):—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-one minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 2nd June, 1954.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees Constitution and Powers) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (transferred from Standing Committee O) to Standing Committee D.

[No. 124.]

Thursday, 3rd June, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household National Service reported to the House, That their Address of the 19th day of May last relating to National Service had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her 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) (Navy, Army and Air Force Reserves) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the Draft which was laid before your House on 12th May.

I will comply with your request.

A Motion being made, That the Newport Corporation Bill be now read the third time; The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her
Consent, as far as Her 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 Shrewsbury Estate Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Walsall Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Bill to authorise the Hartlepool Port and Harbour Commissioners to borrow further money; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th May 1954, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of securities in Arthur Lee and Sons (Hot Rolling Mills) Limited.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 31st May 1954, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Bank Notes be printed.

Mr. Foster presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Phosphate Commission for the year ended the 30th day of June 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland. 1951—Volume I, Part 22, County of Midlothian.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd June 1954, entitled the Air Navigation (Seventh Amendment) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Second Report of the Road Haulage Disposal Board, for the six months ended the 28th day of May 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (No. 2) Order, 1954.

Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (Scotland) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood reported from the Committee on the Kent Water Bill. That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 15th day of this instant June, at Eleven of the clock.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D: Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Albert Evans, Mr. Hayman and Mr. Lee: and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Hynd, Mr. Monslow, Mr. Slater and Mr. David Williams.

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 (President of Industrial Court) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Supreme Court Officers (Pensions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pool Betting Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Law Reform (Enforcement of Contracts) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Army and Air Force (Annual) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Law Reform (Limitation of Actions, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Shrewsbury Estate Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the Derbyshire County Council and local authorities in the county of Derby in relation to lands and highways and the local government improvement health and finances of the county; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Derbyshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, supported by Mr. Boyd-Carpenter and Mr. Joynson-Hicks, presented a Bill to increase the limits imposed by section thirty-nine of the Electricity Act, 1947, on the amount outstanding in respect of borrowings of the British Electricity Authority and Area Electricity Boards and by section
forty-two of the Gas Act, 1948, on the amount outstanding in respect of borrowings of the Gas Council and Area Gas Boards; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 15th day of this instant June, and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 15th day of this instant June.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, a Copy of a Memorandum by the Minister of Fuel and Power on the Gas and Electricity (Borrowing Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Studholme):—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 eleven minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 3rd June, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Leonard Ropner Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords Amendment in the Title, 1. 9, be postponed till after the consideration of the subsequent Amendments.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Heath);

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 Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her 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 Her 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:

8. Superannuation (President of Industrial Court) Act, 1954.
15. Metropolitan Common Scheme (Ham) Amending Scheme Confirmation Act, 1954.

And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment. That this House do now adjourn:

And, it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Resolved, That this House do now Adjourn.—(Mr. Allan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 15th day of this instant June, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[No. 126.]

Tuesday, 15th June, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of the Right Honourable Arthur Greenwood, C.H., Member for Wakefield, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the Right Honourable Member.

Mr. 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 Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:

Derbyshire County Council Bill [Lords].
London County Council (Holland House) Amendment Bill [Lords].
Orpington Urban District Council Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Walsall Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Ordered, That the Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The following Papers, presented by Her 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 Notes exchanged at Rangoon between the 1st and 19th days of February 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Burma regarding outstanding financial questions arising out of Article 6 of the Anglo-Burmese Treaty of the 17th day of October 1947.


The following Papers, required by several Acts 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:

- 9th June 1954:—

The following Papers, presented by Her 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:

- 10th June 1954:—
  - Copy of an Order, dated 4th June 1954, entitled the Control of Explosives Order, 1954.

- 11th June 1954:—
  - Copies of Regulations, dated 4th June 1954, Public Health (Scotland). Entitled—
    1. the Public Health (Ships) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1954, and
    2. the Public Health (Aircraft) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

- Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd June 1954, National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations, 1954.

Copy of Rules, dated 8th June 1954, Supreme Court entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Summons for Directions, etc.) 1954.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Iron and Steel Majesty's Command,—Copies of Treasury Minutes—

- 1) dated 10th June 1954, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of ordinary shares in Stewarts and Lloyds Limited, and
- 2) dated 11th June 1954, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of ordinary shares in English Steel Corporation Limited.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant Crown's Nominee Account, to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—

- Abstract Account of Receipts of, and Payments by, the Treasury Solicitor in 1953, in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown; and an Alphabetical List of Intestates' Estates in respect of which Letters of Administration were granted to the Treasury Solicitor as Crown's Nominee, and of other cases (partial Intestacies, &c.) in which Accounts were opened in the Books of the Treasury Solicitor in the same year in respect of Moneys received by him as Crown's Nominee.

Copy of the Fourth Interim Report by the Government Actuary under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) be printed.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, Coroners, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th June 1954, entitled the County of Norfolk (Coroners' Districts) Order, 1954.

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 Newark-on-Trent,
- 2) the Urban District of Denby Dale, and
- 3) the Rural District of Newent.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ward presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

- 1) dated 14th April 1954, and
- 2) dated 13th May 1954,
amending the Regulations appended to Her Majesty's Order, dated 13th November 1953, and included in a volume entitled the Queen's Regulations and Air Council Instructions for the Royal Air Force (Third Edition).

Copy of an Order, dated 19th May 1954, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to the Order, dated 22nd December 1948, of His late Majesty, providing for the Government, Discipline, Pay and Allowances of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copies of Orders in Council, dated 3rd June 1954, approving Admiralty Memorials praying sanction to—

(1) revised rates of half pay for Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, and

(2) an increase in certain Naval Pensions and other awards, including awards administered by the Ministry of Pensions.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, on the 13th day of March 1954, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

(1) Volume 6, Trade K, Carpets,

(2) Volume 7, Trade K, Umbrellas and Walking Sticks, and

(3) Volume 11, Trade F, Sports Requisites.

Copies of Draft Orders, entitled—

(1) the Wool Textile Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954, and

(2) the Wool Textile Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954.

Copy of the Income and Expenditure Account of the Lace Research Association, for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report on the Public Inquiry ordered by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries into the disposal of land at Crichel Down.

Sir Thomas Dugdale also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th June 1954, entitled the Non-Indigenous Rabbits (Prohibition of Importation and Keeping) Order, 1954.

Copy of an Order, dated 14th June 1954, entitled the Importation of Raw Cherries (General Licence) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Central Health Services Council for 1953, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of Health.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Agreement, dated 18th May 1954, between the Norwegian Shipowners' Mutual War Risks Insurance Association and the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation for the re-insurance of Norwegian ships.

Account of the Receipts and Payments Merchant under the Seamen's Fund Winding-up Act, Seamen's Fund, 1851, for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 28th May 1954, entitled the Bridlington (Repeal and Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, and

(2) dated 8th June 1954, entitled the Harrogate (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1954, with Certificates by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument,—Copy of a Report on War Pensioners for the period from the 1st day of April to the 31st day of December 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and 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—

(1) the Marriages Validity (The Church of St. Catherine, Sleetburn) Order, 1954,

(2) the Wallasey (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, and

(3) the Postmaster General (Westminster) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Accounts of the Receipts and Expenses of the Law Society paid into and out of the Legal Aid Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.
Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee A: Mr. John Hall, Mr. Robert Taylor and Mr. White ; and had appointed in substitution Sir David Campbell, Mr. Osborne and Group Captain Wilcock.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D: Mr. Hay and Mr. Howard Johnson ; and had appointed in substitution Sir Albert Braithwaite and Mr. Gough.

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 Housing Repairs and Rents Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Further provision for repayment of post-war credits).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 8, to leave out the words "or become bankrupt:" —(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question, That the words "or become bankrupt" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 10, to leave out the words "nine day of August" and insert the words "thirty-first day of December." —(Mr. Houghton.)

Question proposed, That the words "nine day of August" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

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 the Additional Import Duties (No. 2) Order, 1954, dated 14th May 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent;)

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Mariners) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

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:

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of Saint Andrew with Saint Catherine, Plymouth; Saint Augustine, Plymouth; Charles; Emmanuel, Compton Gifford; Saint Gabriel, Peverell Park, Plymouth; Saint Luke, Plymouth; Saint Peter, Plymouth; Saint Jude, Plymouth; Saint Mary, Cattedown; Saint Pancras, Penycross; Saint Matthias, Plymouth; Saint Peter, Plymouth; Saint Simon, Plymouth; Saint Barnabas, Devonport; Saint Mark, Ford, Devonport; Saint Michael, Devonport; Saint Thomas, North Keyham; Saint Boniface, Devonport; Saint Budeaux; Saint Philip, Weston Mill; Saint George, East Stonehouse; Saint Paul, East Stonehouse; Saint Matthew, Stonehouse; Saint James, Plymouth; Holy Trinity with Saint Saviour, Plymouth; Tamerton Foliot; Saint Mary the Virgin, Laira; Stoke Damerel; Egg Buckland; Saint James the Great, Devonport; Saint Chad, Devonport; Saint Paul, Devonport; Saint John the Baptist, Devonport; Saint Aubyn, Devonport; Saint Mary, Devonport; Saint Stephen, Devonport; All Saints, Plymouth; Christ Church, Plymouth; Saint Christopher, Crownhill, Devonport; Saint Francis, Honicknowle, Devonport, in the diocese of Exeter.

Captain Waterhouse 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, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection. That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee A: Captain Ryder; and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Ford.

Wing Commander Hulbert reported from the Committee on the Tees Conservancy Bill, That Captain Orr, 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 15 (New provision for "investment allowances").

Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 21, after the word "to", to insert the words "one-fifth of the first ten thousand pounds (or less) of the expenditure and thereafter to."—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the yeas, (Mr. John Taylor: 219.

Tellers for the noes, (Mr. Allan: 239.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 21, to leave out the word "one-tenth", and insert the word "one-fifth."—(Mr. Rhodes.)

Question, That the word "one-tenth" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 22, to leave out the words "instead of", and insert the words "in addition to."—(Mr. Gatiskell.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the yeas, (Mr. Studholme, 246.

Tellers for the noes, (Mr. Wilkins: 234.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 40, after the word "one-fifth", to insert the words "or, in the case of machinery or plant intended for use in the manufacture of machine tools, one-quarter."—(Mr. Albu.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the yeas, (Mr. Arthur Allen: 229.

Tellers for the noes, (Mr. Kaberry, 252.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 25, to leave out the words "no investment", and insert the words "an initial allowance equal to two-fifths of the expenditure may be made, at the option of the person entitled, and not an investment allowance:

Provided also that no investment or initial."—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

Question put, That the words "no investment" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the yeas, (Mr. Studholme, 225.

Tellers for the noes, (Mr. Rogers: 211.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words "(b) furniture or furnishings."—(Mr. Jay.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Bowden, Mr. Roy Jenkins; Yeas, Mr. Rogers; Noes, Mr. Allan;] 170.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Joseph Price; Yeas, Mr. Galbraith; Noes, Mr. Vosper;] 125.

Tellers for the [Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Vosper; Yeas, Mr. Joseph Price; Noes, Mr. James Johnson;] 152.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 44, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) An investment allowance equal to one-fifth of the expenditure shall be made in respect of expenditure on exploration in the case of which an allowance may be made under Chapter III of the said Part X or under section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1952, except that—

(a) an investment allowance in respect of any expenditure under Chapter III of the said Part X shall be made only for the first year of assessment for which the allowance under section three hundred and seven of the Income Tax Act, 1952, falls to be made; and

(b) where the expenditure falls to be dealt with under section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1952, it shall nevertheless be treated for the purpose of this sub-section as capital expenditure falling within Chapter III of the said Part X."—(Mr. Erroll.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 35, at the end, to add the words—

"(13) The amount of an investment allowance shall not be deducted in computing the profits of a trade or business for the purposes of surtax."—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

Question put, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Wallace, Mr. John Taylor; Yeas, Mr. Joseph Price; Noes, Mr. Kaberry;] 111.

Tellers for the [Sir Cedric Drew, Mr. Kaberry; Yeas, Mr. John Taylor; Noes, Mr. Allan;] 133.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Legh; Yeas, Mr. Joseph Price; Noes, Mr. Oakshott;] 104.

Tellers for the [Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Legh; Yeas, Mr. Wilkins; Noes, Mr. Wills;] 128.

Consideration of Clauses Nos. 16 to 31, of proposed Clauses and of Schedule No. 1 postponed till after the consideration of Schedule No. 2.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Schedule No. 2.

Amendment proposed, in p. 39, l. 8, to leave out the words “three years”, and insert the words “relevant period.”—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question proposed, That the words “three years” stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 39, l. 27, to leave out from the word “his” to the word “where” in l. 28.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 40, l. 11, to leave out from the word “allowance” to the end of l. 13.—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Wills; Yeas, Mr. Wilkins; Noes, Mr. Holmes;] 127.

Tellers for the [Mr. James Johnson, Mr. John Taylor; Yeas, Mr. Vosper; Noes, Mr. Allan;] 125.

Postponed Clause No. 16 (Company reconstructions etc. without change of ownership).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 40, to leave out “1954-55” and insert “1953-54.”—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question put, That “1954-55” stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Mr. Vosper; Yeas, Mr. Rogers; Noes, Mr. Wilkins;] 122.

Tellers for the [Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Rogers; Yeas, Mr. Vosper; Noes, Mr. Allan;] 87.

Clause agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Redmayne.)

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 do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Redmayne.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Seven of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.
Prayers.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords]:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ferguson Bequest Fund Order Confirmation Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of all Deposits received and paid during 1953, 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 1953, and the Nature and nominal Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners to meet those Liabilities at that date.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Thirsk.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board Constructional Scheme No. 72 (Shin-Caithness Transmission Lines).

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order dated 14th June 1954, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 72) Confirmation Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Civil Defence (Casualty Collection) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th June 1954, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Mariner's (Insurability) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood reported from the Committee on the Kent Water Bill, that, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members from Standing Committee D: Sir Albert Braithwaite and Commander Maitland; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Cole and Mr. Gower.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added the following Eleven Members to the Scottish Standing Committee (in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee): Sir Beverley Baxter, Mr. Brockway, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Air Commodore Harvey, Sir George Harvie-Watt, Mr. Hard, Lieutenant-Colonel Hyde, Mr. McAdden, Sir Peter Macdonald, Commander Pursey and Mr. Norman Smith.

Wing Commander Hulbert reported from the Committee on the Tees Conservancy Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Colegate reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Charitable Trusts (Validation) 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.
Sir Charles MacAndrew reported from the Business Committee, That they had agreed to a second Recommendation in respect of the Television Bill, which Recommendation they had directed him to report to the House:

That—

(a) the Proceedings on Consideration of the Television Bill be divided into the parts specified in the second column of the Table set out below;

(b) the two days which, under the Order [11th May], are given to the Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading, and portions of those days, shall be allotted in the manner shown in that Table; and

(c) subject to the provisions of the Order [11th May], each part of the Proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of that Table.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to the water undertaking of the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Manchester; to revive certain powers for the acquisition of lands and to confer further powers on the Corporation with regard to lands; to make further provision in reference to the Manchester (Ringway) Airport of the Corporation and the transport and markets undertakings of the Corporation and for the improvement health local government and finances of the City; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the city of Birmingham to construct a subway in the city; to make further provision in reference to lands; to make further provision in reference to the improvement of health local government and finances of the city; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Birmingham 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 Landlord and Tenant Bill be exempted, at this day's Sittings 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 V, Vote 10, Department of Health for Scotland.

Class V, Vote 12, Housing, Scotland.—(Captain Crookshank.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Landlord and Tenant 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. 23, p. 19, l. 28, 33 and 35, and Clause No. 37, p. 27, l. 42 and p. 28, l. 2, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.—(Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe.)

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. 23 and 37 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 (Compensation for possession obtained by misrepresentation)—(Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 13, by leaving out from the word "tenancy" to the word "the" in l. 3 on p. 2, and inserting the words "as respects which for the time being the following condition (hereinafter referred to as "the qualifying condition") is fulfilled, that is to say that":—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes; Mr. John Taylor: 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Vosper; Mr. Kaberry: 230.

So it passed in the Negative.
The proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "matters", the words "other than the limits of the Rent Acts."—(Mr. William Wells.)

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 Price; Mr. Vosper; 205.
Tellers for the Noes, Lieutenant-Commander Thompson; 223.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 14, by leaving out subsection (3).—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

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. Holmes, Mr. John Taylor; 194.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Redmayne; 213.

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. 22, by leaving out from the word "defined" to the end of the subsection.—(Sir Frank Soskice.)

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. Holmes, Mr. Rogers; 144.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Legh; 179.

So it passed in the Negative.

The proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 32, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(7) Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained the rent payable under the statutory tenancy together with the amount of any instalments payable in respect of repairs shall not in respect of any period of a year exceed twice the gross rateable value of the dwelling-house on the first day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, or when it was first assessed, whichever first happens."—(Sir Frank Soskice.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 32, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(7) Notwithstanding any agreement or statutory or other provision the landlord shall not be entitled to recover possession of the dwelling-house on the ground of breach by the tenant of any repairing obligation during his long tenancy or of any non-payment by the tenant in respect of any accrued tenant's repairs or any obligation under his statutory tenancy in respect of any disrepair that had occurred before the statutory tenancy."—(Mr. Cledwyn Hughes.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 35, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(5) For the purposes of this section premises shall be deemed to be occupied by the tenant for the purposes of a business carried on by him when the tenant is an individual and the premises are occupied by a company in which the tenant holds not less
than one half in value of the issued share capital and are so occupied for the purposes of a business carried on by the company.”—(Mr. William Wells.)

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. 26, l. 7, by leaving out the words “there being disregarded,” and inserting the words—

“Provided that the county court judge in fixing the rent may take into consideration whether or not, and to what extent, the sitting tenant is reasonably entitled in all the circumstances to the benefit of”—(Mr. Turner-Samuels),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words “ where being disregarded ” stand part of the Bill;—the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. 

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

—(Captain Crookshank.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Oakshott.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes before Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 17th June, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Malcolm MacPherson Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee.

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The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Ferguson Bequest 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.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th June 1954, entitled the Food Rationing (Amendment and Revocation) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed yesterday on consideration of the Landlord and Tenant Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal;

Which Amendment was, in p. 26, l. 7, to leave out the words “ there being disregarded,” and insert the words—

“Provided that the county court judge in fixing the rent may take into consideration whether or not, and to what extent, the sitting tenant is reasonably entitled in all the circumstances to the benefit of”—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words “ there being disregarded ” 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. Studholme, Yeas, 
[Mr. Vosper, ] 136.

Tellers for the [Mr. Holness, Noes, ] 99.

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. 29, l. 16, by inserting, at the beginning thereof, the words “ Subject to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section.”—(Mr. Hay.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 16, by leaving out from the beginning thereof to the second word “ any ” in l. 21, and inserting the words “ Subject to subsection (3) hereof”—(Sir Frank Soskice),—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. Oakshott, Yeas, ] 147.

Tellers for the [Mr. Arthur Allen, Noes, ] 125.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 16, by leaving out paragraph (d).—(Mr. Turner-Samuels)

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. Vosper, Yeas, ] 149.

Tellers for the [Mr. Allen, Noes, ] 127.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill. A Motion was made, That the Bill be read the third time; and passed.

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 and to report from time to time, to be joined with a Committee to be appointed by their Lordships on Private Bill Procedure, and to request them to appoint an equal number of Lords to join with the Committee appointed by this House; and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House now adjourn—(Mr. Allan): And as 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. Allan):—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.

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 David Emlyn Thomas, Esquire, Member for Aberdare, 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 London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A verbal Amendment was made to the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords]: And the Bill 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.
Ordered, That the Derbyshire County Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time tomorrow.

The London County Council (Holland House) Amendment Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

The Orpington Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relative to the position on the 31st day of March 1954 of certain Funds left in Trust for the Reduction of the National Debt.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951, Volume 11, Trade C, Brushes and Brooms.

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 15th June 1954, entitled the Non-Contentious Probate Rules, 1954.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. Tilney; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Geoffrey Wilson.

Ordered, That the Report which, upon the 17th day of this instant June, was made from the Business Committee relating to the Television Bill be now taken into consideration. (Captain Crookshank.)

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:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Television Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Advisory Committees)—(Mr. Gammon); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 16, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and to prepare and submit to the Authority a code of such standards of conduct as aforesaid."—(Sir Leslie Plummer.)

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, Mr. John Taylor; Mr. Vosper; 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Cedric Drewe, Mr. Vosper; 241.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 13, by leaving out the words "made with the Authority" and inserting the words "made with the Authority and approved by the Postmaster-General"—(Mr. Shackleton);—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "with the Authority" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Kaberry, Lieutenant-Commander Thompson; 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Taylor; 240.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 3, by leaving out the word "proper," and inserting the words "prescribed"—(Mrs. White);—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "proper" 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. 9, l. 26, by leaving out the second word "and," and inserting the words—

"(b) if the Authority are not satisfied as regards any one or more programmes that there is not such adequate competition as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Authority themselves to provide or to secure the provision of the programme or programmes; and
(c)"—(Mr. Darling);—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "and" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Allan; 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wallace; 244.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "provisions," the words "including provisions for the purposes set out in the Third Schedule to this Act."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

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. Allen, } 263.
{ Mr. Legh; } 245.
Tellers for the Noes,
{ Mr. Popplewell, } 263.
{ Mr. Arthur Allen; }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 7, by leaving out from the word "contractor" to the end of l. 10, and inserting the words—

"Provided that the Authority shall not be enabled by any such contract to exercise any such power as is referred to in the said Third Schedule unless they are satisfied that it is necessary to do so having regard to a breach which they apprehend on the part of the programme contractor of any provision included in the contract in pursuance of this subsection"—(Mr. Solicitor General.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in l. 2, by inserting, after the word "in," the words "paragraphs 1 and 2 of."—(Mr. Mitchison.)

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,
{ Mr. Pearson, } 253.
{ Mr. Arthur Allen: }
Tellers for the Noes,
{ Mr. Kaberry, } 258.
{ Lieutenant-Commander Thompson; }

So it passed in the Negative.

The proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, by leaving out ll. 12 to 17.—(Mr. Mitchison.)

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. 14, l. 42, by inserting, after the word "include," the words "a copy of any notice in writing given under section sixth of this Act (save in so far as the Postmaster General may certify that it is not in the national interest to disclose the contents of any such notice)" and."—(Mr. Ernest Davies.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

And it being half an hour after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business Committee) and the Orders made upon the 11th day of May last and this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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. Popplewell, } 263.
{ Mr. Rogers: }
Tellers for the Noes,
{ Sir Cedric Drewe, } 263.
{ Mr. Studholme: }

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Food Standards (Margarine) Order, 1954, dated 12th May 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of May last, be annulled—(Mr. Willey):—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. Wills):—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 one minute before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
Private Bills
[Lords] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with).

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Birmingham 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 following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:

Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Derbyshire County Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Documents relating to the discussion of Korea and Indo-China at the Geneva Conference between the 27th day of April and the 15th day of June 1954.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made by the University of Durham on the 16th day of March 1954, amending the Statutes of the University.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Duveydale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Byelaws with respect to the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th June 1954, entitled the Coast Protection (Rate of interest) Regulations, 1954.

Copy of an Order, dated 2nd June 1954, Public Health, entitled the Ebbw Vale (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hector Hughes 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.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Member from Standing Committee D: Mr. Fell; and had appointed in substitution Sir Albert Braithwaite.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. George Thomas reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Town and Country Planning 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.

Major Anstruther-Grey reported from the Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Long Leases (Scotland) 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 further consideration the Television Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 18, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the proportion of time so given shall not exceed five per cent. of the time taken by any one programme (including any advertisements at the beginning and end of that programme) or five per cent. of the time taken by any number of programmes reckoned together."—(Mr. Hobson.)
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. 19, l. 20, by leaving out the words "or in natural breaks therein."—(Mr. Reeves.)

And the Question being put, That the words "or in natural breaks therein" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
{Mr. Galbraith; 275.
Mr. Legh;
Mr. Wilkins;
Mr. John Taylor;

Soo it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 19, l. 35, by inserting, after the word "time," the words "and approved by the Authority."—(Sir Leslie Plummer.)

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. 19, l. 40, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that, save in special circumstances, charges shall not be related to the contents of any programme."—(Mr. Mayhew.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,
{Mr. Wallace, 263.
Mr. James Johnson: 292.
Sir Cedric Drewe;
Lieutenant-Commander Thompson;
Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn; 291.
Mr. Bowden; 265.
Mr. Rogers;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Studholme.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the City of London (Various Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Seven Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as a Joint Committee on Private Bill Procedure, pursuant to the Commons' Message yesterday.

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 IV, Vote 13, Public Education, Scotland.
Class V, Vote 11, National Health Service, Scotland.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Supply (18th allotted Day).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1954-55.

Class II.
Vote 1, Foreign Service.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £10,087,290, be granted to Her 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 1955, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State for Foreign Affairs, including Her Majesty's Missions and Consulates abroad, control services in Germany and the salaries of two Ministers of State.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Kaberry)—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.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Kaberry):—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. 133.]

Thursday, 24th June, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at Seven of the clock.

The Dunoon Burgh Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Treaty Series Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Convention, signed at Geneva on the 28th day of July 1951, relating to the Status of Refugees (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 11th day of March 1954);

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 300 (No. 102 of the University of Edinburgh (Foundation of the Chair of Chemical Technology)),—Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Miss Horsbrugh presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st June 1954, entitled—

(1) the Education (Local Education Authorities) Grant Amending Regulations No. 1, 1954, and
(2) the Local Education Authorities Recoupment (Further Education) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the supplies and the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd June 1954, entitled the Meat (Prices) (Amendment and Revocation) Order, 1954.

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:

Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Medway Conservators of the River Medway for the Conservancy year ended the 31st day of March 1954.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) 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 Wolverhampton Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) 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 (Brighton) 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 (Cowes) 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 (Isle of Wight) 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 (Salcombe) 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 Hartlepool Port and Harbour Commission 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 authorise the Hartlepool Port and Harbour Commissioners to borrow further money and to make further provision in reference thereto; 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 Teess Conservancy (Deposit of Dredged Material) 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 Warehousemen Clerks and Drapers' Schools 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.
Standing Committee D, Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

Bill 136.

No. 201.

Finance Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee)

Postponed Clause No. 17 (Right to carry back loss sustained in last year of business).

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 30, after the word "trade," to insert the words "profession or vocation."—(Mr. Stevens.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 22, after the word "sustained," to insert the words "or profit earned."—(Mr. Croftland.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted. — Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Clauses Nos. 18 to 21 agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 22 amended, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 23 (Consular officers and employees).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Dalton moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, pursuant to the Standing Order (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Question put and agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 24 agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 25 (Reduced rate of duty on certain business assets).

Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 38, to leave out from the beginning to the word "shall" in l. 39, and insert the words "the assets used in or occupied for the purpose of the business."—(Sir Patrick Spens.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 42, to leave out the word "forty-five," and insert the word "twenty."—(Mr. Dalton.)

Question put, That the word "forty-five" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the ) Mr. Galbraith,
Yeas, ) Mr. Allan:
) 229.
Tellers for the ) Mr. Holmes,
Noes, ) Mr. Wallace:
) 210.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words—

"(a) to a business the net assets of which exceed fifty thousand pounds or to the business of a company where the relevant proportion of the net value of the shares or debentures as defined in subsection (3) of this section exceed fifty thousand pounds."—(Mr. Jay.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the ) Mr. Arthur Allen,
Yeas, ) Mr. Joseph Price:
) 214.
Tellers for the ) Mr. Studholme,
Noes, ) Mr. Vosper:
) 233.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 37, after the word "into", to insert the words "before or entered into within three years after the death."—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the ) Mr. Arthur Allen,
Yeas, ) Mr. Rogers:
) 192.
Tellers for the ) Sir Cedric Drewre,
Noes, ) Mr. Studholme:
) 221.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the ) Mr. Studholme,
Yeas, ) Mr. Wills:
) 203.
Tellers for the ) Mr. Holmes,
Noes, ) Mr. Rogers:
) 148.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)

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, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Galbraith)

And the House having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 25th June, 1954:

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
PRAYERS.

THE Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Wolverhampton Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Brighton) 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 (Cowes) 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 (Llanelly) 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 (Salcombe) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Newport (Isle of Wight)) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dunoon Burgh Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing estimated Expenditure on Government Information Services for 1954-55.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st June 1954, entitled the National Service (Military Forces) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 21st June 1954, entitled the Food (Licensing of Establishments) (Revocation) Order, 1954,
(2) dated 21st June 1954, entitled the Food (Seasonal Allowances) (Revocation) Order, 1954,
(3) dated 23rd June 1954, entitled the Livestock (Restriction on Slaughtering) (Amendment and Revocation) Order, 1954,
(4) dated 23rd June 1954, entitled the Pigs (Sales) (Amendment and Revocation) Order, 1954, and
(5) dated 23rd June 1954, entitled the Pigs (Sales) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment and Revocation) Order, 1954.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1954, entitled the Food Control Committees (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Ministers of the Crown (Fisheries) 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 Theatrical Companies 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. Wyatt rose in his place, and claimed the right to move, That the Question be now put:—Assent withheld.

but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

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 re-Licensing the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of February last, That the Licensing (Airports) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Legh.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Newport (Isle of Wight) 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 Dunoon 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. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—Yorkshire, West Riding.

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.—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 Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 27th day of March 1954, namely the Bank of Scotland Order, the Churches and Universities (Scotland) Widows' and Orphans' Fund Order, and the Dunoon Burgh (Pavilion Expenditure) 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.

Ordered, That the Committee of Supply be discharged from considering the Estimate set out hereunder, and that the said Estimate be referred to the Scottish Standing Committee:

Class III, Vote 18, Approved Schools, Scotland.—(Captain Crookshank.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(Postponed Clause No. 26 amended, and agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 27 (Other amendments of, or affecting Finance Act, 1940, s. 55).

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 46, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Major Hicks-Beach.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 31, l. 13, at the end, to insert the words “and in so far as may be just in the circumstances for the value of any remaining shares of the same class not sold.”—(Mr. Erroll.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Cedric Drew, Mr. Oakshott; Noes, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Rogers;

Postponed Clause No. 28 (Interpretation of and provisions supplementary to ss. 25 to 27).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Allan; Noes, Mr. Rogers;

Postponed Clause No. 29 (Aggregation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 15, to leave out from the second word “property” to the end of l. 22, and insert the words “settled by the will of the deceased.”—(Sir Patrick Spens.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “on” in l. 16, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 16, to leave out the words “on his behalf or.”—(Sir Patrick Spens.)

Question proposed, That the words “on his behalf or” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 25, after the word “life,” to insert the words “entered into on or after the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.”—(Mr. Black.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 28, to leave out the word “included,” and insert the words “passing to any separate beneficiary.”—(Sir Ian Fraser.)
Question, That the word "included" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Galbraith);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 29th June, 1954:

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

PRAYERS.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

THE Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow, at Seven of the clock.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Import Duties to the directions of an Act of Parliament, (No. 3), Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Census the directions of several Acts of Parliament,


Copy of University of St. Andrews Commissioners Ordinance No. 4 (Election and Appointment of Members of College Councils under the University of St. Andrews Act, 1953).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 24th June 1954, entitled—

(1) the Colonial Civil Aviation (Application of Act) (Amendment) Order, 1954, and

(2) the Colonial Air Navigation (Amendment) Order, 1954.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th Civil Aviation, June 1954, entitled the Air Navigation Order, 1954.


Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th June 1954, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 3) Order, 1954.  
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Thomas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st June 1954, entitled the National Service (Naval and Marine Forces) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd June 1954, entitled the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations, 1954.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 25th June 1954, entitled—  
(1) the Knacker's Yard (Revocation) Order, 1954,  
(2) the Livestock (Sales) (Amendment and Revocation) Order, 1954, and  
(3) the Ships' Stores (Revocation) Order, 1954.  
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report under subsection (5) of Section 16 of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946, in respect of the year ending the 30th day of June 1955.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and 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—  
(1) the Bridlington (Repeal and Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, and  
(2) the Harrogate (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1954.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Ministers of the Crown (Fisheries) Bill, now standing committed to a Standing Committee, be withdrawn.

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)—(Captain Crookshank):

The House divided.  
The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noes to the Left;  
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Oakshott:  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Rogers:  
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill, into a Committee on the Finance Bill.  
(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Child Allowance)—(Mr. Tay)—brought up, and read the first time.  
Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.  
The Committee divided.  
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Arthur Allen:  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Taylor:  
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Clause (Child allowance (apprentices)—(Mr. Gaitskell)—brought up, and read the first time.  
Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.  
The Committee divided.  
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Wallace:  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Redmayne:  
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Clause (Personal allowance—100 per cent. disablement)—(Mr. Willey)—brought up, and read the first time.  
Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.  
The Committee divided.  
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Wallace:  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Redmayne:  
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Clause (Relief for accountancy expenses)—(Mr. Black)—brought up, and read the first time.  
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Allowance for capital expenditure on farmhouses)—(Mr. Motting)—brought up, and read the first time.  
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put, and negatived.

Another Clause (Expenses allowances, &c.)—(Mr. Houghton)—brought up, and read the first time.
Ordered, that the Bill, as amended, be reported to 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 (Charges in respect of public slaughterhouses)—(Dr. Hill); 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. 4, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "including services of meat inspection."—(Mr. Hayman.)

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.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned—(Mr. Robens):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 30th June, 1954:

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn 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 pursuant to the S.O. (Closure of Debate).

And the Question being accordingly put, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 18, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "In section sixty-five, paragraph (b) of subsection (2)."—(Dr. Hill.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The House proceeded to a Division.

Sir Cedric Drewe and Mr. Oakshott were Division (No Teller for the Yeas, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Yeas had it.

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:—That this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Housing Repairs into consideration the Amendments made by and Rents Bill, the Lords to the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, to be reported to the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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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:—That this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Housing Repairs into consideration the Amendments made by and Rents Bill, the Lords to the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill:

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration this day.
Resolved, That the Draft Fertilisers (England, Wales and Scotland) Scheme, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Resolved, That the Draft Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes before Three of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventy-ninth Annual Report of the Public Works Loan Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Consular Convention signed at Rome on the 1st day of June 1954 between Her Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and the President of the Italian Republic (with Protocols of Signature and Notes exchanged) (This Convention has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Sixteenth Report of the Cinematograph Films Council, relating to the year ended the 31st day of March 1954. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fifth Annual Report of the Furniture Development Council, for 1953. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Cinematograph Films be printed.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1954, entitled the Fatstock (Guaranteed Prices) (Marketing) Order, 1954. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd June 1954, entitled the Family Allowances (Jersey Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations, 1954. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Storey reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports, That they had made Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ferguson Bequest Fund Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Private Bill Procedure do meet in Committee Room C on Wednesday the 14th day of July next, at Eleven of the clock.

The House proceeded to take so much of the said Message as relates to Private Bill Procedure into consideration.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee, as proposed by their Lordships.—(Sir Cedric Drew.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith; and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business and on any Private Business set down for consideration at Seven of the clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

Ordered, That any Private Business set down for consideration at Seven of the clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means may be taken after Nine of the clock, though opposed.—(Captain Crookshank.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Succession to the Crown Act, 1707, and other Acts, to provide that the receipt by Members of Parliament of income other than their Parliamentary or Ministerial salaries in excess of such a sum and from such other sources as shall be decided by resolution of the House of Commons shall be deemed to be income derived from an office of profit under the Crown and shall disqualify from

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The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords to acquaint them therewith; and that the said Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That any Private Business set down for consideration at Seven of the clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business and on any Private Business set down for consideration at Seven of the clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)
membship of the House of Commons as though the Member held an office of profit under the Crown; and for other purposes connected therewith—(Mr. Parker);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Standing Order (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business):—And it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of an humble Address to be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will give directions that there be presented, on behalf of this House, a Mace to the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and assuring Her Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.—(Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Mines and Quarries Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Meaning of "mine" and "quarry")—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was to be added to the Bill (Relationship of Factories Acts and this Act in the case of certain premises)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd); and the said Clause was brought up and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was to be made to the proposed Clause, in line 34, by inserting, after the word "operations," the words "and the said section one hundred and eight shall not apply to any works of engineering construction."—(Mr. Finch.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Clause:—It passed in the Negative.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was to be added to the Bill (Provisions as to references notices served by inspectors)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was to be made to the proposed Clause, in line 9, by inserting, after the word "to," the words "a person or persons selected in a manner to be prescribed from amongst the members of that one of the panels of persons appointed by the Minister under this section which is appropriate to the circumstances of the case."—(Mr. Blyton.)

And the Question being put, 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 (Height and width of travelling facilities)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Training mines)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Prevention of fall of articles down shafts and staple-pits)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Provision of refuge holes)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Avoidance of danger from gas in waste)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Provisions for introduction of compulsory use of approved brattice sheeting and conveyer belting)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd)—twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power of inspector to require improvement of ventilation)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (First-aid)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

The proposed Clause was amended, in line 11, by inserting, after the word "conveyance," the words "from the place where they were injured or became ill"—(Mr. Neal), and, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power of inspector to require provision of additional ways out from working faces in coal mines)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to require provision of travelling facilities)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to require provision of additional ways out from working faces in coal mines)—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 3, line 38, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(c) all such written instructions shall be kept in the official records of the mine or quarry;

(d) where the manager of a mine or quarry is of opinion that the written instructions would or might be likely to prejudice the safety or health of the persons employed at the mine or quarry he shall, pending consultation with the inspector, decline to execute them."—(Mr. Grenfell)

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. Wallace; Mr. Holmes:
Tellers for the Noses, Sir Cedric Drew, Mr. Redmayne:
So it passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered. That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Redmayne.)

Ordered. That the Bill, as amended, in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stroudwater Navigation 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 the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Parkin.)

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 Sir Herbert Williams, 144.
Mr. Crouch.
Tellers for the Mr. Baird,
Mr. Blackburn:
112.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and committed.

The Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords] 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 Clause No. 11 (Restriction on wholesale sales)—(Sir Herbert Williams):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] 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 Clause No. 60 (Licensing of premises used for slaughtering or dressing poultry), Clause No. 61 (Byelaws as to slaughtering and dressing of poultry) and Clause No. 62 (Saving for certain premises)—(Sir Charles Taylor):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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 Thirsk, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 17th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Studholme.)

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.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance (with Protocol), signed at Paris on the 11th day of December 1953 (the Convention and Protocol have not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninetieth Annual Report by the Chief Inspectors under the Alkali, &c., Works Regulation Act, 1906, for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th June 1954, entitled the Bacon (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st May 1954.

Mr. Harold Macmillan also presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Pensions, Local Government Superannuation (Benefits) Regulations, 1954.

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:

Copies of Orders made by the Governor in the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, dated 23rd June 1954, entitled—

(1) the Supreme Court Rules (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order in Council, 1954, and

(2) the Supreme Court Rules (Northern Ireland) (No. 3) Order in Council, 1954.

Mr. Oliver reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, that they had considered the Pharmacy 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, together with the said Minutes, 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, &c., Bills, that they had considered the Post Office Savings Bank 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, together with the said Minutes, 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, &c., Bills, that they had considered the Trustee Savings Banks 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, together with 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 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Juries Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dunoon Burgh Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Sir Cedric Drew,

Sir Cedric Drew, 

Mr. Galbraith;

Mr. Galbraith,

Mr. Wilkins;

Mr. Wilkins;

Mr. Rogers;

Mr. Rogers,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Mines and Quarries Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 2, by leaving out the words " (if any)."—(Mr. Blyton.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words " (if any) " 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. 9, l. 31, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"The persons appointed shall not perform any duties which in their opinion may interfere with the efficient performance of the duties imposed upon them under paragraph (a) hereof."—(Mr. Blyton.)

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. 9, l. 32, by inserting, after the word " manager," the words " or owner."—(Mr. Albert Roberts.)

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. 13, l. 27, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

" (5) Any person who causes or permits a plan to be in such a condition as to cause an inspector to make representations to the Minister pursuant to subsection (1) hereof shall be guilty of an offence under the Act."—(Mr. Neal.)

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. 18, l. 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that no such provision as aforesaid shall be made with respect to a mine by the Minister or an inspector unless the Minister of the inspector, as the case may be,
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 66, l. 41, by inserting, after the word "at," the words "or by a disease which may have resulted from his employment at." — (Mr. Finch.)

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. 67, l. 32, by inserting, after the first word "or," the words "that the non-compliance has been approved by the inspector and that compliance therewith." — (Mr. Blyton.)

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. 75, l. 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "or seeking employment." — (Mr. Finch.)

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. 76, l. 26, by inserting, after the word "regulations," the words "and any exemptions granted and requirements imposed by the inspector." — (Mr. Blyton.)

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. 82, l. 11, by inserting, at the beginning thereof, the words "Notwithstanding the provisions of Part XV of this Act." — (Mr. Blyton.)

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. 96, l. 14, by inserting, after the word "may," the words "after consultation with an association or body of persons representative, in the case of a coal mine, of the majority of persons employed at the mines concerned and, in the case of any other mine or quarry, of a substantial proportion of the persons employed at the mines or quarries concerned." — (Mr. Grenfell.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill. A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.  
(Mr. Redmayne.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

Resolved, That the Draft Wool Textile Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Resolved, That the Draft Wool Textile Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Redmayne):—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 two minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to pensions, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th June 1954, entitled—
(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 1) Regulations, 1954, and
(2) the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (Woodbridge, Guildford) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the London Traffic, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th June 1954, entitled—
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to pensions, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1954, entitled the Seizure of Food (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to pensions, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Food Documents (Fees) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

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:

Scheme for dealing with the Church of Saint Augustine, Margate, in the parish of Saint John the Baptist, Margate, in the diocese of Canterbury.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood reported from the Committee on the Kent Water Bill, 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 Mines and Quarries Bill be now read the third time;

And the Question being again proposed:

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 Baking Industry (Hours of Work) 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. 10, 1, 31, by leaving out the word "fifty-seven," and inserting the word "fifty-six,"—(Mr. Willey),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "fifty-seven" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Kaberry);

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. Kaberry.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 140.]

Monday, 5th July, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Royal Warehousemen Clerks and Drapers' Schools Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tees Conservancy (Deposit of Dredged Material) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hartlepool Port and Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the British Transport Commission:—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. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Revised Estimate of the Sums required in the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955 for Atomic Energy.

Estimate of further Sums required to be voted for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts in respect of—

(1) the Post Office Savings Banks Fund for 1953, and
(2) the Savings Banks Fund for the year ended the 20th day of November 1953.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the Accounts relating to Savings Banks do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lyttelton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Tanganyika Ordinance relating to the Future of the Overseas Food Corporation.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 28th June 1954, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Surrender of Superannuation Allowance) (Scotland) Rules, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peake presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the Accounts relating to Savings Banks do lie upon the Table.

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 Ebbw Vale (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954.

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 Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with respect to the registration of premises in the county borough of Brighton used for the conduct of sales by auction; to empower the Brighton Extra-mural Cemetery Company Limited to transfer to the said parliamentary authority the undertaking of the said Company; to make further provision with respect to the health local government improvement and finances of the borough; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surpluses and deficits upon Army and Air grants for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, and the application of surpluses to meet Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.

Ordered, That the Appropriation Accounts for the Army and Air Departments, which were presented upon the 25th day of January last, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1954-55.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £70, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Civil Defence for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1954-55.

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Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

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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.

Civil Defence.

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Casualty Collection) Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 17th day of June last, be approved. (Mr. Turton.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Industrial Injuries) (Mariners) Amendment Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 16th day of June last, be approved. (Miss Hornsby-Smith.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — (Sir Cedric Drew.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 141.]

Tuesday, 6th July, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the British Transport Commission Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of the Seventeenth Report on Operations under the Economic Co-operation Agreement between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States of America, covering the third and fourth calendar quarters of 1953.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Papers relating to Air Navigation, Electricity and Gas be printed.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of an Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, signed at Lake Success on the 22nd day of November 1950 (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 11th day of March 1954). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951— Volume I, Part 24, County of Orkney.

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 Scarborough (Repeal of Local Enactment) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the London County Council (Holland House) Amendment 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour 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 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, 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 Orpington Urban District Council 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. Fletcher 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. Secretary Lyttelton, supported by Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, presented a Bill to provide for the transfer to a statutory corporation constituted under the law of Tanganyika of the undertaking of the Overseas Food Corporation, and the dissolution of the last-mentioned Corporation; for the provision of funds under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, in connection with the carrying on of the said undertaking; for the conclusion of fresh arrangements as to the obligations and rights of the last-mentioned Corporation in connection with the Southern Province port and railway; for the remission of interest on certain advances made under the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1948, to the Colonial Development 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 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.—(Captain Crookshank.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1954-55.

Class IX.

Vote 1. Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £4,793,000, be granted to Her 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 1955, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, including the salaries and expenses of the Coastguard, the Transport and Transport Arbitration Tribunals, and the Air Transport Advisory Council, and sundry other services.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House, in view of the facts disclosed in the First and Second Reports of the Road Haulage Disposal Board and of the continued financial and operating success of British Road Services, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to abandon further sales of the vehicles and premises under the Transport Act, 1953 (Mr. Callaghan):—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Wallace:—264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Sir Cedric Drew:—294.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House regrets that Her Majesty's Government has failed to formulate and provide adequate finance for a long-term and coordinated plan for the Overseas Information Services.—(Mr. Ernest Davies):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Arthur Allen:—264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Vosper, Mr. Oakshott:—280.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Studholme):—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-one minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Agriculture. Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th June 1954, entitled the Temporary Workers in Agriculture (Minimum Wages) (Scotland) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Broadcasting. Mr. Gammans presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd July 1954, entitled the Fire Services (Auxiliary Firemen) (Sick Pay) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Education. Miss Horsbrugh presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Regulations, dated 5th July 1954, entitled—
(1) the Education (Local Education Authorities) Grant Amending Regulations No. 2, 1954, and
(2) the Milk and Meals (Amending) Regulations, dated 3rd July 1954.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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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 effecting the union of the benefits and parishes of Keighley; St. Peter, Keighley and Eastwood; and for altering the boundaries of these parishes and the parishes of Ingrow with Hainworth and Holy Trinity, Lawkholme, in the diocese of Bradford.

Kent Water Bill. Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood reported from the Committee on the Kent Water 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. Boyd-Carpenter 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 tomorrow, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Finance Bill, as amended, may be considered immediately after the recommitment 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. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking 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 Amendments to Schedule No. 2, p. 43, ll. 30, 31, 32, 21, 33, 34, 35, 36, and p. 44, l. 39, 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.) Schedule No. 2.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 43, l. 30, at the end, to insert the words—
"(e) any sale, transfer or other dealing with the property representing the expenditure by the person incurring the expenditure or an associate of his, being a case where it appears either—"
(i) that the expenditure was incurred in contemplation of the property being so dealt with; or
(ii) that the sole or main benefit which accrued from that person's incurring the expenditure and the property being so dealt with was or derived from the investment and other allowances in respect of the property;
and not being a case where it is shown either that the purpose of obtaining tax allowances was not the sole or main purpose of that person's incurring the expenditure or of the property being so dealt with or that his incurring the expenditure and the property being so dealt with were bona fide business transactions and were not designed for the purpose of obtaining tax allowances."—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out ll. 15 to 24.—(Mr. Fletcher.)
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Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Galbraith,
Yea,    Mr. Legh;    269.
Tellers for the Mr. Wilkins,
Noo,    Mr. John Taylor;
Proposed words there inserted.

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had 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 (Salaries of employees of International Wheat Council) (Mr. Boyd-Carpenter)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Pool betting duty (exemption))—(Mr. Mulley); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Bowden,
Yea,    Mr. Joseph Price;    238.
Tellers for the Mr. Studholme,
Noo,    Mr. Albu;
Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Reduction of stamp duties on certain conveyances or transfers on sale)—(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:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Allan,

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of Part VIII of Income Tax Act, 1952 (Personal allowances)) (Mr. Mitchison); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
Yea,    Mr. Arthur Allen;    231.
Tellers for the Mr. Kaherry,
Noo,    Mr. Wills;
Another Clause (Estate duty (extension of certain exemptions))—(Mr. Asheton)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 143.]

Thursday, 8th July, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S .

R. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills (Lords) (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).

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 Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
The Hartlepoo Port and Harbour Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Royal Warehousemen, Clerks and Drapers' Schools Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Tees Conservancy (Deposit of Dredged Material) Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her 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. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Departmental Records.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 5th July 1954, relative to a gift of Vehicles, Testing Instruments and Equipment to the National Industrial Fuel Efficiency Service.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 7th July 1954, relative to a gift of redundant Military Equipment to North Atlantic Treaty Countries.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on the Proceedings of the Sub-Committee of the United Nations Disarmament Commission, held at Lancaster House, London, between the 13th day of May and the 22nd day of June 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th July 1954, entitled the Agriculture Act (Part I) Extension of Period Order, 1954.

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 Clergy Pensions Measure, 1954, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

Church of England (National Assembly) (Measures). No. 213.

One hundred and twenty-first Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee (upon the Clergy Pensions Measure, 1954).

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Mr. Storey reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Coleman reported from the Committee on the Birmingham 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.

Mr. Malcolm MacPherson reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had considered certain of the Estimates to them referred, viz.:—

Class IV., Vote 13, Public Education, Scotland.

Class V., Vote 10, Department of Health for Scotland.

Class V., Vote 11, National Health Service, Scotland, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Beit Trust Bill Act to incorporate the trustees in the Will of the late Alfred Beit called the Railway Trustees; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Beit Trust 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 Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Supply be discharged from considering the Estimate set out hereunder and that the said Estimate be
Finance Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and on recommittal.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 19, by leaving out the words "instead of," and inserting the words "in addition to"—(Mr. Gaitskell)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "instead of" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the [ Mr. Bowder ]
[ Mr. Wallace ]

Yees,

Tellers for the [ Mr. Galbraith ]
[ Mr. Wilkins ]

263.

Noes,

Tellers for the [ Mr. John Taylor ]
[ Mr. Studholme ]

230.

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. Bowder ]
[ Mr. Wallace ]

217.

Yees,

Tellers for the [ Lieutenant-Commander ]
[ Mr. Allan ]

249.

Noes,

And the Question being proposed, That the words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the [ Mr. Bowder ]
[ Mr. Wallace ]

217.

Yees,

Tellers for the [ Lieutenant-Commander ]
[ Mr. Allan ]

249.

Noes,

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. 38, l. 36, by leaving out from the word "then" to the end of l. 42, and inserting the words "the rate of estate duty to be paid on any such policy, money or interest so included (hereinafter referred to as 'a life insurance') shall be determined as follows:"—

(a) in respect of the value of any life insurance or interest in a life insurance to which immediately after the death any one person is absolutely and indefeasibly entitled for his own benefit otherwise than by virtue of a purchase for consideration in money or money's worth (whether of that life insurance or interest or of the policy or otherwise), the rate shall be that appropriate to the value or aggregate value of that life insurance or interest and of any other life insurance or interest in a life insurance to which he is so entitled;

(b) subject to the foregoing paragraph, the rate shall be that appropriate to the aggregate value of all the life insurances or, if there is only one, to the value of that life insurance:

Provided that for the purposes of this subsection

(i) there shall be left out of account any life insurance in respect of which estate duty neither is payable on the death nor would be if the duty were payable on estates of however small a principal value; and

(ii) where any life insurance or interest in a life insurance is immediately after the death subject to a mortgage or charge, the mortgage or charge shall be disregarded and the life insurance or interest shall be valued accordingly; and

(iii) in relation to life insurances and interests therein which then form part of the unadministered estate of a deceased person this subsection shall have effect as if that person had been then living and entitled to those life insurances and interests.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of the last foregoing subsection the value of any interest in a policy of assurance or moneys received under such a policy shall be arrived at by apportioning the total value of the policy or moneys according to the respective values of the interest in question and of the interest a person would have if, except for the interest in question, he were absolutely and indefeasibly entitled to the policy or moneys"—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter)—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 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; 251. 

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Holmes; 214.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow; and be printed.

Housing Repairs and Rents Bill.

The Lords Amendment in p. 3, l. 34, leave out “as aforesaid” and insert “of providing such accommodation as is mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, or in the case of which it appears to them desirable that it should be retained for either of the purposes mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the last foregoing subsection,” the first 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. 31, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 12, l. 10, at end insert Clause A (Further provisions about overcrowding), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 42, leave out “ten” and insert “fifteen,” the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 14, l. 4, leave out “a period equal to the period” and insert “whichver is the shorter of the following two periods, that is to say—

(a) thirty years; or

(b) a period equal to that,” 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. 35, l. 35, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was amended, in subsection (5), l. 9, by adding, at the end thereof, the words—

“(6) Where for any period for which a rate is demanded (hereinafter referred to as ‘the rating period’) the amount of the rate is increased, and by virtue of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section the amount of any consequent permitted increase for rates includes an amount in respect of a period preceding that mentioned in paragraph (a) of that subsection, paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of that section of twelve of the Act of 1920 (which provides that any increase in rates payable by a landlord shall be deemed to be payable by him until the rate is next demanded) shall not so extend the period for which the increase is recoverable as to make it longer than the rating period”—(Mr. de Freitas),—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 the Amendments made by their Lordships, with an Amendment, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Non-Indigenous Rabbits Animals. (Prohibition of Importation and Keeping) Order, 1954, dated 10th June 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned.

Proposed, That this House do now adjourn; Mr. Stockholme;—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Friday, 9th July, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

M R. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Draft Directions proposed to be issued by the Treasury on the 26th day of July 1954, to the Administrator of Roumanian Property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, under Article 1 of the Treaty of Peace (Roumania) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Treaty Series
(No. 45, 1954).

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Luxembourg on the 18th day of June, 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Luxembourg regarding Compensation for War Damage.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on the 27th day of April 1954, amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd July 1954, entitled the Open-Cast Coal (Highway) Orders (Revocation) (No. 2) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Probation Officers and Clerks (Superannuation) Regulations, 1954.

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 Health (National Health Service) which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Beit Trust Bill [Lords] relates to the estate of an individual, and is, in his opinion, such that the Standing Orders compliance with which is to be inquired into by the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills should not apply thereto.

The Order made yesterday, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read and discharged, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Personal Bills).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Gift of Mace).

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will give directions that there be presented on behalf of this House a Mace to the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and assuring Her Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gas and Electricity (Borrowing Powers) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, while approving liberal provision of capital for the development of the country's industrial assets, declines to give a second reading to a Bill which gives further borrowing powers to electricity and gas undertakings while restrictions continue on the development of many other projects of equal importance, and which is presented in advance of a White Paper on the Capital Expenditure Programme of Her Majesty's Government"—(Sir Gurney Braithwaite),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Studholme.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Captain Crookshank, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Gas and Electricity (Borrowing Powers) [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 increase the limits imposed by section thirty-nine of the Electricity Act, 1947, on the amount outstanding in respect of borrowings of the British Electricity Authority and Area Electricity Boards and by section forty-two of the Gas Act, 1948, on the amount outstanding in respect of borrowings of the Gas Council and Area Gas Boards, it is expedient to authorise such increased charges on the Consolidated Fund and payments into the Exchequer under the said Acts of 1947 and 1948 as may, by reason of the Treasury's power under those Acts to give guarantees in connection with the borrowings in question, result from increasing the said limits in the case of the said Act of 1947 from seven hundred million pounds to fourteen hundred million pounds, and in the case of...
the said Act of 1948 from two hundred and fifty million pounds to four hundred and fifty million pounds.—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd.)

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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pests Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Studholme);

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. Studholme.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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[No. 145.]

Monday, 12th July, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

London County Council (Holland House) Amendment Bill [Lords].

T HE London County Council (Holland House) Amendment 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.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Housing (Review of Contributions) Order, 1954.

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:—


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 Wesleyan and General Assurance Society 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 Royal Warehousemen Clerks and Drapers' Schools Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tees Conservancy (Deposit of Dredged Material) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee on the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland (Gift of Mace), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will give directions that there be presented on behalf of this House a Mace to the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and assuring Her 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 Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

The Finance Bill was, according to Order, Finance Bill, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate):—

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill, within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON,
Speaker.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electricity Reorganisation (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Rural electrification fund)—(Mr. Woodburn); 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 an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill (Lords).

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 77 agreed to.

Clause No. 78 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 79 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered. That the Bill 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 Army and Air Expenditure, 1952-53.

(In the Committee.)

I. Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, 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 £6,237,443 6s. 3d., viz.:

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I. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the application of such sums be sanctioned—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter): — Debate arising;

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Mr. Swingler moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, pursuant to the Standing Order (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Mr. Wigg moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, pursuant to the Standing Order (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Mr. Heath rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, Debate.

Question, That the application of such sums be sanctioned, put accordingly, and agreed to.

II. Whereas it appears by the Air Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, that the aggregate Expenditure on Air 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 Air Services over the net Expenditure is £24,597,032 12s. 11d., viz.:

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necessary to make good the remainder of the said total deficits on other Grants for Air Services.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the application of such sums be sanctioned (Mr. Boyd-Carpenter).—Debate arising:

Tuesday, 13th July, 1954: Mr. Heath 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.

Mr. Heath replied, That the Question be now put, put, and agreed to.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum, dated 12th July 1954, relating to the comparative strengths and armaments of the police forces in East and West Germany, and to preparatory planning for German membership of the European Defence Community.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at Rome on the 1st day of June 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Italy concerning Insurance and Reinsurance (the Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London Treaty Series between the 11th and 15th days of June 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Poland, further prolonging the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 2nd day of March 1948.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London Treaty Series between the 17th and 22nd days of June 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Finland further prolonging the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 7th day of July 1950.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Insurance Contracts (War Settlement) (Finland) Order, 1954, and
(2) the Insurance Contracts (War Settlement) (Italy) Order, 1954.

Copy of an Order, dated 12th July 1954, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) (Revocation) Order, 1954,

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Reorganisation of the Railways and a Draft Scheme relating thereto.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

PRAYERS.

THE Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

[No. 146.]

Tuesday, 13th July, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.
Mr. Malcolm MacPherson reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had considered the remaining Estimates to them referred, viz.:—

Class VIII, Vote 12, Department of Agriculture for Scotland,
Class V, Vote 12, Housing, Scotland,
Class III, Vote 18, Approved Schools, Scotland,
and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

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 Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Marriage Act, 1949 (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office (Site and Railway) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be suspended, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries with special responsibility for fishery; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Edward Evans, Mr. Ede, Mr. Bing, Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Hector Hughes do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Edward Evans accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries with special responsibility for fishery; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Town and Country Planning 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. 6, p. 8, l. 14 and 18, and p. 9, l. 15; Clause No. 8, p. 11, l. 44; Clause No. 10, p. 13, l. 25; Clause No. 18, p. 22, l. 33; Clause No. 23, p. 27, l. 5; and the proposed Clause (Associated companies), standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Harold Macmillan.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 6, 8, 10 and 18 amended, and agreed to.

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Clause No. 23 (Compensation excluded in certain cases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 5, to leave out from the word "operations" to the end of l. 7.—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. J. Taylor; Mr. Galbraith; Mr. Kaberry; 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilkins; Mr. Galbraith; Mr. Kaberry; 268.

 Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause (Associated companies)—(Mr. Harold Macmillan)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-commital, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Provision of information as to unexpended balance, etc.)—(Mr. Harold Macmillan) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 19 of principal Act)—(Mr. Harold Macmillan)—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. 22, l. 20, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and for the purposes of this Act, new development shall be taken to be initiated—

(a) if the development consists of the carrying out of operations, at the time when those operations are begun;

(b) if the development consists of a change in use, at the time when the new use is instituted;

(c) if the development consists both of the carrying out of operations and of a change in use, at the earlier of the times aforesaid."—(Mr. Harold Macmillan.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in l. 5, by inserting, after the word "time," the words "after the commencement of this Act."—(Mr. Irvine.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 27, 1. 7, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

“(c) for any development on land adjacent to or contiguous with land on which is situate any building listed under section thirty of the principal Act or any ancient monument or any building or land in the ownership or in the trust of the National Trust;

(d) for any development in a National Park designated under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949;

(e) for any development on land shown on a development plan as an area of natural beauty or scientific interest.”—(Mr. Irvine.)

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. Wallace, Mr. James Johnson: 218.

Mr. Redmayne, Mr. Galbraith: 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Commander Thompson: 270.

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. 27, 1. 33, by leaving out the words “the stages indicated, in.”—(Mr. Lindgren.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words “the stages indicated, in” 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, 1. 21, by leaving out from the word “applicant” to the second word “whether” in l. 22, and inserting the words “within twenty-eight days of the receipt of the application, stating whether or not the Council propose to acquire within the next five years”—(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.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

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(e) for any development on land shown on a development plan as an area of natural beauty or scientific interest.”—(Mr. Irvine.)

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 other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 46, by leaving out ll. 23 to 27.—(Mr. Irvine.)

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. 46, by leaving out ll. 23 to 27. (Mr. Irvine.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 59, 1. 30, by leaving out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Skeffington.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 96, 1. 14, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

“Provided that any building works or use in so far as the same might be subject to enforcement proceedings under the principal Act shall not hereby be brought within the said Schedule.”—(Mr. Irvine.)

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.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Harold Macmillan, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of Her Majesty, in right of Her Duchy of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. Harold Macmillan, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Duke of Cornwall is concerned therein;

Mr. Harold Macmillan, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport
Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final Act of Conference and Text of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, signed at London on the 12th day of May 1954 (the Convention has not yet been accepted by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 2nd July 1954, entitled the Jarrow (Repeal and Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, and

(2) dated 6th July 1954, entitled the Jarrow (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1954

with Certificates by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Yates 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 15th and 22nd days of February last, the 9th day of March last and subsequent dates, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Austin Hudson reported from the Committee on the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and verbally 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: An Act to make further provision with respect to the water undertaking of the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Manchester; to revive certain powers for the acquisition of lands and to confer further powers on the Corporation with regard to lands; to make further provision in reference to the Manchester Airport and the transport and markets undertakings of the Corporation and for the improvement health local government and finances of the City; and for other purposes; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.
Mr. Bing moved, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned; but Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order (Dilatory Motion in abuse of the rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

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.

Mr. Galbraith reported from the Committee on Army and Air Expenditure, 1952-53, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, 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 £6,237,443 6s. 3d. viz:

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised:

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Total Surplus: £24,597,032 12s. 1d.

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorized:

1. The application of so much of the realised surplus on Vote 8 for Air Services as is necessary to meet the net deficit of £4,915,092 11s. 10d. on Vote 11 that would otherwise have been met by issues out of the Consolidated Fund under the Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Act, 1949;

2. The application of so much of the remainder of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Air Services as is necessary to make good the remainder of the said total deficits on other Grants for Air Services.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Faber.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wigg, Mr. Bing.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Second Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Buchan-Hepburn rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Oakshott.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes after One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 148.]

Thursday, 15th July, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M R. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Universal Postal Convention, with final Protocol, and Provisions for Letters by Air Mail, with final Protocol, signed at Brussels on the 11th day of July 1952 (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 1st day of March 1954).

Copy of an Agreement concerning Insured Treaty Series Letters and Boxes (with final Protocol) signed (No. 29, 1954), at Brussels on the 11th day of July 1952 (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 1st day of March 1954).


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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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 Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [22nd allotted Day] into itself the Committee of Supply.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £160, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Industry and Employment in Scotland for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, namely:


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And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question Supreme Court (Scotland) Bill [Lords], dated 8th June 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on
the 14th day of June last, be annulled—(Mr. William Wells):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Adjournment.

Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Wills.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 149.]

Friday, 16th July, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wesleyan and General Assurance Society Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Order, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Beit Trust Bill [Lords] was read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 12th July 1954, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Home Guard, 1952.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 12th July 1954, entitled:

(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954,
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954, and
(3) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1954, entitled the Imported Canned Fish (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account of the Cunard Insurance Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Customs) 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 providing the greater part of the revenues of the Isle of Man, does not permit Parliamentary control over the expenditure of the sums voted by Parliament"—(Mr. Bing), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Heath 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 Yea Side:

Mr. Allen, 146.

Mr. James Johnson, 40.

Tellers for the Noe Side:

Mr. Legh:

Mr. Wallace:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—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. Redmayne.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Redmayne reported from the Committee on Gas and Electricity (Borrowing Powers) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the limits imposed by section thirty-nine of the Electricity Act, 1947, on the amount outstanding in respect of borrowings of the British Electricity Authority and Area Electricity Boards and by section forty-two of the Gas Act, 1948, on the amount outstanding in respect of borrowings of the Gas Council and Area Gas Boards, it is expedient to authorise such increased charges on the Consolidated Fund and payments into the Exchequer under the said Acts.
of 1947 and 1948 as may, by reason of the Treasury's power under those Acts to give guarantees in connection with the borrowings in question, result from increasing the said limits in the case of the said Act of 1947 from seven hundred million pounds to fourteen hundred million pounds, and in the case of the said Act of 1948 from two hundred and fifty million pounds to four hundred and fifty million pounds.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Gas and Electricity (Borrowing Powers) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pests 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 Charitable Trusts (Validation) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 9, by leaving out the word "also," and inserting the word "nevertheless"—(Mr. Attorney-General),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "also" stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Allan):—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.

[No. 150.]


The House met at half past One o'clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of the Right Honourable Robert John Taylor, C.B.E., Member for Morpeth, 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kent Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Orpington Urban District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Kent Water Bill shall have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereon in order to proceed with the same in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be given in the Private Bill Office not later than Five of the clock on the day before the day on which the House adjourns for the Summer Adjournment and that all Fees due on the Bill up to that period be paid.

Ordered, That not later than Five of the clock on the third day on which the House sits in the next Session of Parliament the Bill shall be presented to the House.

Ordered, That there shall be deposited with the Bill a Declaration signed by the Agent for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill at the last stage of its proceeding in this House in the present Session.

Ordered, That the Bill when laid upon the Table shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time; and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having been so
The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [2nd allotted Day].

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £160, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Industry and Employment in Scotland for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, namely:


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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. 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 the Clergy Pensions Church of England (National Assembly) Measure, 1954, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Sir John Crowder.)

A Motion being made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Air Navigation (Seventh Amendment) Order, 1954, dated 3rd June 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 3rd day of June last, be annulled.—(Mr. Beswick):—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Wills):—And a Debate arising there-upon;

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 ten minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of a Committee appointed by the Prime Minister to consider whether certain Civil Servants named in the Report of an Inquiry into the disposal of land at Crichtle Down should be transferred to other duties.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Civil Judicial Statistics for Scotland for 1953.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1954, entitled the Nurses (Regional Nurse-Training Committees) (Scotland) Amendment Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Audited Accounts of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, of March 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that one of their Clerks, as followeth

Sir Patrick Spens reported from the Select Committee on the Army Act and Air Force Act, That they had considered the matters 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, together with the said Minutes and Appendix, do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Fletcher 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 Long Leases (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on the East Suffolk and Norfolk River Board (Appeal against Precept) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1954, entitled the Retail Prices (Notices) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of an Inquiry into the proposed development of Gatwick Airport.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Accounts showing the Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund and the Advances therefrom to the Development Corporations in England and Wales and in Scotland under the New Towns Act, 1946, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and Copies of the Audited Accounts of the Corporations for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953.

Schedules containing Lists and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Health (National Health Service) which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That the Accounts relating to New Towns be printed.

Sir Patrick Spens reported from the Select Committee on the Army Act and Air Force Act, That they had considered the matters to them referred and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix : And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendix, do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendix, do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House do now adjourn;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Bowden, Mr. Pearson):
Yea, 266.

Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn, Sir Cedric Drewe):
No, 297.

So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.
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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn 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 the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Bing moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn 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;

Resolved, That the Agriculture Act (Part I) Extension of Period Order, 1954, dated 6th July 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant July, be approved.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. (Mr. Galbraith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 152.]

Wednesday, 21st July, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Thomas Dugdale presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 16th July 1954, entitled the Wool (Guaranteed Average Price) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Miss Horsbrugh presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 15th July 1954, entitled the State Scholarships Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Beit Trust 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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 Landlord and Tenant Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Birkenhead Corporation Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Landlord and Tenant Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Baking Industry (Hours of Work) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Business of the House.

Transfer of Houses.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the transfer, ten years after the coming into force of the Education Act, 1944, of the schools and other services, including certain expenses in connection with the running of academies, to local authorities other than the London County Council or other local authority outside its own area to the local authority for the area in which the houses, buildings or land are situated—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn); and the Question being put, That the words "Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Noes, Sir Cedric Driew," were put, and agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman asked leave to proceed, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved. That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its deep concern at the failure of Her Majesty's Government to increase the rates of benefit of old-age pensions and other National Insurance and war-disabled benefits, and calls upon the Government to take immediate action to raise these benefits—(Dr. Summerskill);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in l. 1, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "while taking note of the action of Her Majesty's Government in 1952 in increasing pensions and national insurance benefits and of its success in stabilizing the cost of living since that date, pledges its support for further improvements as soon as the current review of all the financial and other problems involved has been completed"—(Mr. Peake), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Pearson, Sir Cedric Driew.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added after the word "House" in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved. That this House, while taking note of the action of Her Majesty's Government in 1952 in increasing pensions and national insurance benefits and of its success in stabilizing the cost of living since that date, pledges its support for further improvements as soon as the current review of all the financial and other problems involved has been completed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Resolved. That the Draft Local Government Pensions and Benefits Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Marples.)
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Draft Local Government Superannuation (Benefits) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Commander Galbraith);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 22nd July, 1954:
And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Draft Local Government Superannuation (Benefits) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Marples.)

Resolved, That the Draft Justices' Clerks and Assistants (Superannuation) Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 2nd day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Galbraith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 153.]

Thursday, 22nd July, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

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 the Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords] be read the third time upon Monday next, at Seven of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Housing, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Money issued out of the Consolidated Fund, the Capital Expenditure, and the Money borrowed and repaid by the Department of Housing for Scotland and the Ministry of Works, respectively, under the Housing Act, 1914, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her United States Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at Washington on the 25th day of May 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America, amending the Convention of the 16th day of April 1945, for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, as modified by the Supplementary Protocol of the 6th day of June 1946 (the Protocol has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Copy of Regulations, dated 15th July 1954, entitled the Brakes on Pedal Cycles Regulations, 1954.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1954, Supplies and Services (Railways).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the Public Health, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1954, entitled the Rotherham (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Account showing the Receipts and Payments of the Cinematograph Fund during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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 year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Czecho-Slovak Refugee Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, 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 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of Her 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 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

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 Television Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to trustee savings banks; 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 post office savings banks; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate that, with reference to the Commons' Message of yesterday, they have come to the following Resolution, viz.:

That the promoters of the Bill have leave to suspend any further Proceedings thereon, in order to proceed with the Bill, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three of the clock on the day before the close of the present Session, and that all fees due thereon up to that period be paid;

That such Bill shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three of the clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the Proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the Proceedings on such Bill shall be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the Proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Television Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The Trustees Savings Bank Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

The Post Office Savings Bank Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock; and that if the first three Resolutions proposed shall have been agreed to by the Committee of Supply before half an hour after Nine of the clock, the Chairman shall proceed to put forthwith the Questions which he is directed to put at half an hour after Nine of the clock by paragraph (6) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply).—(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).—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply [25th allotted Day].

(In the Committee.)

1. £179,079,578 for the following services connected with Education in England and Wales, namely:—

Civil Estimates, 1954-55

Class IV, Vote 1, Ministry of Education 164,497,078
Class IV, Vote 11, Universities and Colleges, &c., Great Britain 14,582,500

Total ... £179,079,578

2. £47,080,588 for the following services connected with Kenya, namely:—


Class II, Vote 8, Colonial Office 714,660
Class II, Vote 9, Colonial Services (including a Supplementary sum of £227,000) 26,475,928
Class II, Vote 11, Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) 12,500,000
Army Estimates, Vote 3, War Office 3,200,000
Air Estimates, Vote 3, Air Ministry 4,190,000

Total ... £47,080,588

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £7,763,558, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with House of Commons Accommodation, &c., for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, namely:—

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1954-55

Class VII, Vote 2, Houses of Parliament Buildings (including a Supplementary sum of £34,000) 283,000
Class VII, Vote 1, Ministry of Works 4,676,960
Class I, Vote 4, Treasury and Subordinate Departments 2,044,132
Class I, Vote 2, House of Commons (including a Supplementary sum of £126,000) 759,466

Total ... £7,763,558

And it being half-past Nine o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business of Supply), to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration.

Question put, and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded forthwith to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes of the Civil Estimates, including a Revised Estimate and Supplementary Estimates, and the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for Revenue Departments and the Ministry of Defence Estimate, and in the Navy, the Army, and the Air Estimates, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates.

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1954-55.

Class I.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £10,365,176, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

£

1. House of Lords ... 79,919
2. Registration of Electors ... 260,000
3. Privy Council Office ... 18,875
4. Privy Seal Office ... 4,690
5. Charity Commission ... 58,760
6. Civil Service Commission ... 248,820
7. Exchequer and Audit Department ... 288,735
8. Friendly Societies Registry ... 48,300
9. Government Actuary ... 9,481
10. Government Chemist ... 176,440
11. Government Hospitality ... 90
12. The Mint ... 3,055
13. National Debt Office ... 691,200
14. National Savings Committee ... 68,439
15. Government Actuary ... 3,300,000
16. Public Record Office ... 3,012,000
17. Public Works Loan Commission ... 77,484
18. Royal Commissions, &c. ... 138,800
19. Secret Service ... 2,044,132
20. Silver ... 283,000
21. Tithe Redemption Commission ... 14,582,500
22. Flood and Tempest Distress Relief ... 250,000
23. Miscellaneous Expenses ... 79,919
24. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund ... 87,422
25. Scottish Home Department ... 1,480,744
26. Scottish Record Office ... 22,542

£10,365,176

Question put, and agreed to.

Class II.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £29,829,015, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

£

1. Foreign Service ... 10,087,290
2. Foreign Office Grants and Services 14,255,800
3. British Council ... 1,104,900
4. United Nations ... 450,000
5. Commonwealth Relations Office 1,278,50
6. Commonwealth Services ... 1,254,782
7. Oversea Settlement ... 134,300
8. Overseas Food Corporation ... 9,010
9. Development and Welfare (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and South African High Commission Territories) ... 341,300
10. Imperial War Graves Commission 913,263

£29,829,015

Question put, and agreed to.

Class III.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £61,174,808, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

£

1. Home Office ... 3,509,710
2. Home Office (Civil Defence Services) ... 11,256,375
3. Police, England and Wales 23,673,310
4. Prisons, England and Wales 5,134,971
5. Child Care, England and Wales 6,541,900
6. Fire Services, England and Wales 3,321,935
7. Carlisle State Management District 90
8. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. ... 244,200
9. County Courts ... 752,800
10. Legal Aid Fund ... 244,200
11. Land Registry ... 90
12. Public Trustee ... 90
13. Law Charges ... 312,761
14. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses ... 20,410

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Question put, and agreed to.

Class IV.
7. That a sum, not exceeding £38,948,212, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>£245,771</td>
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<td>Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>£26,125</td>
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<td>£13,520</td>
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<td>National Gallery</td>
<td>£33,771</td>
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<td>National Maritime Museum</td>
<td>£29,528</td>
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<td>National Portrait Gallery</td>
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<td>Wallace Collection</td>
<td>£21,468</td>
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<td>Grants for Science and the Arts</td>
<td>£60,823</td>
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<td>Broadcasting (including a Supplementary sum of £3,600,000)</td>
<td>£17,050,000</td>
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<td>Scottish Ministry</td>
<td>£38,948,212</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class V.
8. That a sum, not exceeding £414,358,720, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Housing, England and Wales</td>
<td>£55,794,450</td>
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<td>Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales</td>
<td>£45,100,000</td>
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<td>Ministry of Health</td>
<td>£2,283,280</td>
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<td>National Health Service (including a Supplementary sum of £1,074,594)</td>
<td>£966,000</td>
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<td>Medical Research Council</td>
<td>£1,147,109</td>
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<td>Registrar General's Office</td>
<td>£265,064</td>
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<td>Central Land Board</td>
<td>£308,000</td>
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<td>War Damage Commission</td>
<td>£679,000</td>
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<td>Department of Health</td>
<td>£2,535,500</td>
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<td>National Health Service</td>
<td>£33,417,800</td>
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<td>Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues</td>
<td>£6,140,000</td>
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<td>Registrar General's Office</td>
<td>£40,132</td>
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<td>£414,358,720</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class VI.
9. That a sum, not exceeding £188,990,110, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Board of Trade (including a Supplementary sum of £13,200,000)</td>
<td>£3,724,450</td>
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<td>Services in Development Areas</td>
<td>£3,210,050</td>
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<td>Financial Assistance in Development Areas</td>
<td>£1,014,100</td>
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<td>Export Credits</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>Export Credits (Special Guarantee)</td>
<td>£274,000</td>
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<td>Board of Trade (Strategic Reserves)</td>
<td>£40,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Labour and National Service</td>
<td>£12,960,000</td>
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<td>Ministry of Materials</td>
<td>£493,000</td>
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<td>Ministry of Supply (Purchasing (Repayment) Services)</td>
<td>£9,500,000</td>
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<td>Royal Ordnance Factories</td>
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<td>£55,000</td>
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<td>£188,990,110</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class VII.
10. That a sum, not exceeding £40,720,866, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Public Buildings, United Kingdom</td>
<td>£18,400,000</td>
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<td>Public Buildings Overseas</td>
<td>£3,290,000</td>
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<td>Royal Palaces</td>
<td>£3,366,000</td>
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<td>Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
<td>£583,000</td>
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<td>Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments</td>
<td>£456,450</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Works Services</td>
<td>£2,165,250</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rates on Government Property</td>
<td>£9,097,000</td>
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<td>Other Rating</td>
<td>£7,974,366</td>
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<tr>
<td>Central Office of Information</td>
<td>£880,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Peterhead Harbour</td>
<td>£30,000</td>
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<td>Scottish Ministry</td>
<td>£40,720,866</td>
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Question put, and agreed to.

Class VIII.
11. That a sum, not exceeding £243,444,973, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
<td>£7,115,934</td>
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<tr>
<td>Farming Grants and Subsidies</td>
<td>£26,098,640</td>
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<td>Services to Agriculture</td>
<td>£7,014,810</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fishery Grants and Services</td>
<td>£2,032,200</td>
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<td>Surveys of Great Britain, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£1,798,410</td>
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<tr>
<td>Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>£57,060</td>
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<td>Agricultural Research Council and Nature Conservancy</td>
<td>£951,500</td>
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### Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1954-55

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<tr>
<td>Customs and Excise</td>
<td>8,487,600</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inland Revenue</td>
<td>22,502,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Post Office (Including a Supplementary sum of £100,000)</td>
<td>158,240,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£189,229,600</strong></td>
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### Question put, and agreed to.

To report Resolutions, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Wills.)

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### Ministry of Defence Estimate, 1954-55

15. That a sum, not exceeding £16,154,500, be granted to Her 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 1955, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence; expenses in connection with the International Defence Organisations, including a grant in aid; and a grant in aid of certain expenses incurred in the United Kingdom by the Government of the United States of America.

### Question put, and agreed to.

### Navy Estimates, 1954-55

16. That a sum, not exceeding £207,407,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
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<td><strong>£207,407,900</strong></td>
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### Question put, and agreed to.

### Army Estimates, 1954-55

17. That a sum, not exceeding £303,300,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:—

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### Question put, and agreed to.

### Air Estimates, 1954-55

18. That a sum, not exceeding £141,810,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
<th>Estimate (£)</th>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£141,810,000</strong></td>
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</table>

Question 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 he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, the sum of £2,479,769,524, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

To report Resolution, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Wills.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, That he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Draft Raw Cotton Commission (Dissolution) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 16th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Amory):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 23rd July, 1954:

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn 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;

Resolved, That the Draft Raw Cotton Commission (Dissolution) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 16th day of June last, be approved.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Vosper.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 154.]

Friday, 23rd July, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Walsall 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 Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Draft Directions proposed to be issued by the Treasury on the 6th day of August 1954 to the Administrator of Bulgarian Property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, under Article 1 of the Treaty of Peace (Bulgaria) Order, 1948.

Copy of Draft Directions proposed to be issued by the Treasury on the 6th day of August 1954 to the Administrator of Hungarian Property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, under Article 1 of the Treaty of Peace (Hungary) Order, 1948.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Cup of Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 5) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Miss Horsbrugh presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 20th July 1954, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Accepted Schools) Amending Scheme, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gammans presented, pursuant to the Telegraphs. directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th July 1954, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (National Service) Amending Rules, 1954.

Copy of a Draft Scheme entitled the Education. Teachers Superannuation (Accepted Schools) Amending Scheme, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gamman presented, pursuant to the Telegraphs. directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th July 1954, entitled the Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to Coal Industry. the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th July 1954, entitled
the Coal Industry (Superannuation Scheme) (Winding Up, No. 7) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of the Annual Report of the Board of Control to the Lord Chancellor for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Food and Drugs Amendment Bill [Lords].

The Food and Drugs Amendment Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Galbraith.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Major Lloyd George, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Food and Drugs 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 amend the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, and the Food and Drugs (Milk, Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown or Government department in consequence of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session, and

(b) any increase attributable to the said Act in the moneys to be so provided under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954.—(Dr. Hill.)

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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Hire-Purchase 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.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Galbraith);

And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Galbraith):—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.

MONDAY, 26TH JULY, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communique to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir Herbert Geraint Williams, Baronet, Member for Croydon, East, and I, desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Birkenhead Corporation Bill.

The Beit Trust 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Manchester 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, without Amendment.

The Derbyshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, 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 Derbyshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

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Ordered, That the Standing Order 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, 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 the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Notice of Consideration of Lords Amendments) be suspended until the Summer Adjournment.

Ordered, That, as regards Private Bills to be returned by the House of Lords with Amendments, such Amendments shall be considered at the next Sitting of the House after the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the Lords.

Ordered, That when Amendments thereto are intended to be proposed by the Promoters, a copy of such Amendments shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, and Notice thereof given not later than the day before that on which the Amendments made by the House of Lords are proposed to be taken into consideration.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services (Counties and County Boroughs, England and Wales) for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of an International Tin Agreement, signed at London on the 1st day of March 1954 (this Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th October 1952, entitled the Ross and Cromarty (Kyle of Lochalsh Housing Scheme) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1953, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Scotland under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Reports of the Aycliffe, Basildon, Bracknell, Corby, Crawley, Cwmbran, Harlow, Hemel Hempstead, Peterlee, Stevenage, Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Development Corporations for the period ended the 31st day of March 1954.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to New Towns 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 Merthyr Tydfil (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Gas and Electricity (Borrowing Powers) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, Finance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Newport (Isle of Wight)) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Newport Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Hartlepool Hartlepool Port 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 Birmingham Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Orpington Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the training in civil defence of persons serving terms of part-time service under the National Service Act, 1948, and other members of the armed forces of the Crown, and to remove doubts as to the civil defence functions of members of those forces; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to one of their Amendments to the Housing Repairs and Rents Bill, without any Amendment.

The Civil Defence (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next, and to be printed.

Order, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Newport (Isle of Wight)) Bill, be considered to-morrow.

Order, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock; and that if the first Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of this instant July shall have been agreed to before half an hour after Nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker shall proceed to put forthwith the Questions which he is directed to put at half an hour after Nine of the clock by paragraph (7) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply).—(Captain Brooke-shank.)

Mr. Wills reported from the Committee of Supply of the 22nd day of this instant July, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:


1. That a sum, not exceeding £179,079,578, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with Education in England and Wales for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1954-55

Class I. Vote 1, Ministry of Education

Class IV, Vote 11, Universities and Colleges, &c., Great Britain

Total

£179,079,578

2. That a sum, not exceeding £47,080,588, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with Kenya for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, namely:


Class II, Vote 8, Colonial Office

Class II, Vote 9, Colonial Services (including a Supplementary sum of £227,000)

Class II, Vote 11, Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.)

Armies Estimates, Vote 3, War Office

Air Estimates, Vote 3, Air Ministry

Total

£47,080,588

3. That a sum, not exceeding £7,763,558, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the sums necessary to defray the charges for the following services connected with House of Commons Accommodation, &c., for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, namely:

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1954-55

Class I, Vote 2, House of Commons

Total

£7,763,558

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1954-55.

Class I.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £10,365,176, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

£

1. House of Lords

2. Registration of Electors

3. Privy Council Office

4. Privy Seal Office

5. Charity Commission

6. Civil Service Commission

7. Exchequer and Audit Department

8. Friendly Societies Registry

9. Government Actuary

10. Government Chemist

11. Government Hospitality...

12. The Mint

13. National Debt Office

14. National Savings Committee

15. Public Record Office

16. Public Works Loan Commission

17. Royal Commissions, &c.

18. Secret Service

19. Silver

20. Trith Redemption Commission

21. Flood and Tempest Distress Relief

22. Government Buildings

23. Miscellaneous Expenses

24. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund

Scotland:

25. Scottish Home Department

26. Scottish Record Office

Total

£10,365,176

Class II.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £29,829,015, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

£

1. Foreign Service

2. Foreign Office Grants and Services

3. British Council

4. United Nations

5. Commonwealth Relations Office

6. Commonwealth Services...

7. Overseas Settlement

8. Overseas Food Corporation


10. Imperial War Graves Commission

Total

£29,829,015

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Class III.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £61,174,808, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>1. Home Office</td>
<td>3,509,710</td>
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<td>2. Home Office (Civil Defence Services)</td>
<td>11,256,375</td>
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<td>3. Police, England and Wales</td>
<td>23,673,310</td>
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<td>4. Prisons, England and Wales</td>
<td>5,134,971</td>
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<td>5. Child Care, England and Wales</td>
<td>6,541,900</td>
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<td>6. Fire Services, England and Wales</td>
<td>3,521,935</td>
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<td>7. Carlisle State Management District</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>8. Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>9. County Courts</td>
<td>244,200</td>
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<td>10. Legal Aid Fund</td>
<td>732,800</td>
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<td>11. Land Registry</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>12. Public Trustee</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>13. Law Charges</td>
<td>312,761</td>
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<td>14. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
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<td>15. Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services)</td>
<td>1,074,594</td>
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<td>16. Police</td>
<td>3,520,684</td>
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<td>17. Prisons</td>
<td>429,222</td>
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<td>18. Approved Schools</td>
<td>174,800</td>
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<tr>
<td>19. Fire Services</td>
<td>426,932</td>
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<tr>
<td>20. State Management Districts</td>
<td>90</td>
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<tr>
<td>21. Scottish Land Court</td>
<td>10,471</td>
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<tr>
<td>22. Law Charges and Courts of Law</td>
<td>143,179</td>
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<td>23. Department of the Registers of Scotland</td>
<td>90</td>
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Ireland—:

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<td>24. Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c., Northern Ireland</td>
<td>35,374</td>
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<td>25. Irish Land Purchase Services</td>
<td>588,640</td>
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Total: £61,174,808

Class IV.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £18,948,212, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>2. British Museum</td>
<td>245,771</td>
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<td>3. British Museum (Natural History)</td>
<td>206,421</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>26,125</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. London Museum</td>
<td>13,520</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. National Gallery</td>
<td>33,771</td>
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<tr>
<td>6a. Tate Gallery</td>
<td>23,512</td>
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<td>8. National Portrait Gallery</td>
<td>16,152</td>
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<td>9. Wallace Collection</td>
<td>21,468</td>
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<td>10. Grants for Science and the Arts</td>
<td>660,823</td>
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<td>12. Broadcasting (including a Supplementary sum of £3,600,000)</td>
<td>17,065,000</td>
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<td>13. Public Education (including a Supplementary sum of £6,885)</td>
<td>20,555,463</td>
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<td>14. National Galleries</td>
<td>18,308</td>
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<tr>
<td>14a. National Museum of Antiquities (including a Supplementary sum of £8,000)</td>
<td>15,669</td>
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<tr>
<td>15. National Library</td>
<td>16,680</td>
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Total: £38,948,212

Class V.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £414,358,720, be granted to Her 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 1955, for:

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<td>1. Ministry of Housing and Local Government (including a Supplementary sum of £29,900)</td>
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<td>2. Housing, England and Wales</td>
<td>55,794,450</td>
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<td>3. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues, England and Wales</td>
<td>45,100,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Ministry of Health</td>
<td>2,285,280</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. National Health Service, England and Wales</td>
<td>250,045,685</td>
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<td>6. Medical Research Council</td>
<td>1,147,109</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Registrar General’s Office</td>
<td>265,064</td>
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<td>8. Central Land Board</td>
<td>308,000</td>
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<td>9. War Damage Commission</td>
<td>679,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Department of Health</td>
<td>2,535,500</td>
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<td>11. National Health Service</td>
<td>33,417,800</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Housing</td>
<td>9,608,500</td>
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<td>13. Exchequer Contributions to Local Revenues</td>
<td>6,140,000</td>
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<td>14. Registrar General’s Office</td>
<td>40,132</td>
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Total: £414,358,720

Class VI.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £188,990,110, be granted to Her 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 1955, 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 (including a Supplementary sum of £120,000)</td>
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<td>2. Services in Development Areas</td>
<td>3,210,050</td>
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<td>3. Financial Assistance in Development Areas</td>
<td>1,012,510</td>
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<td>4. Export Credits</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>5. Export Credits (Special Guarantees)</td>
<td>274,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Board of Trade (Strategic Reserves)</td>
<td>40,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Ministry of Labour and National Service</td>
<td>12,960,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Ministry of Materials</td>
<td>493,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Ministry of Materials (Trading Services and Assistance to Industry)</td>
<td>432,010</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Ministry of Materials (Strategic Reserves)</td>
<td>19,591,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Ministry of Supply</td>
<td>132,000,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Ministry of Supply (Purchasing (Repayment) Services)</td>
<td>9,500,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. Royal Ordnance Factories</td>
<td>5,700,000</td>
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<td>14. Ministry of Supply (Strategic Reserves)</td>
<td>55,000</td>
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Total: £188,990,110

Class VII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £40,720,866, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>3. Public Buildings, United Kingdom</td>
<td>18,400,000</td>
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<td>4. Public Buildings Overseas</td>
<td>1,329,000</td>
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<td>5. Royal Palaces</td>
<td>336,800</td>
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<td>6. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
<td>348,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments</td>
<td>456,450</td>
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<td>8. Miscellaneous Works Services</td>
<td>2,165,250</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Rates on Government Property</td>
<td>9,479,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Stationery and Printing</td>
<td>7,478,366</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Central Office of Information</td>
<td>880,000</td>
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<td>12. Peterhead Harbour</td>
<td>30,000</td>
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Total: £40,720,866
### Class VIII.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £243,444,973, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</td>
<td>£7,115,934</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Farming Grants and Subsidies</td>
<td>£26,098,640</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Services to Agriculture</td>
<td>£7,014,810</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Fishery Grants and Services</td>
<td>£2,032,200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Surveys of Great Britain, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£1,798,410</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>£57,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Agricultural Research Council</td>
<td>£951,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>and Nature Conservancy</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Development Fund</td>
<td>£760,000</td>
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<td>9. Forestry Commission</td>
<td>£4,773,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Ministry of Food (Revised sum)</td>
<td>£178,583,902</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Ministry of Food (Strategic Reserves)</td>
<td>£6,034,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Scotland:—</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Department of Agriculture</td>
<td>£6,222,717</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. Fisheries (Scotland) and Herring Industry</td>
<td>£2,002,800</td>
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**£243,444,973**

### Class IX.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £90,428,420, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation</td>
<td>£4,793,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Roads, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£26,669,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Transport (Shipping and Special Services)</td>
<td>£2,771,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Civil Aviation</td>
<td>£5,592,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Ministry of Fuel and Power</td>
<td>£2,535,700</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Ministry of Fuel and Power (Special Services)</td>
<td>£10,215,010</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Atomic Energy</td>
<td>£33,675,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research</td>
<td>£4,177,210</td>
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**£90,428,420**

### Class X.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £269,683,500, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>£6,347,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance</td>
<td>£2,790,000</td>
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<td>3. War Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£52,048,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. National Insurance and Family Allowances</td>
<td>£120,839,000</td>
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<td>5. National Assistance Board</td>
<td>£86,936,000</td>
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<td>6. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£723,000</td>
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**£269,683,500**

### Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1954-55.

14. That a sum, not exceeding £189,229,600, be granted to Her 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 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Customs and Excise</td>
<td>£8,487,600</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£22,502,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Post Office (including a Supplementary sum of £100,000)</td>
<td>£158,240,000</td>
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**£189,229,600**

### Ministry of Defence Estimate, 1954-55.

15. That a sum, not exceeding £16,154,500, be granted to Her 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 1955, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence; expenses in connection with the International Defence Organisations, including a grant in aid; and a grant in aid of certain expenses incurred in the United Kingdom by the Government of the United States of America.

### Navy Estimates, 1954-55.

16. That a sum, not exceeding £207,407,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>3. Medical Establishments and Services</td>
<td>£1,437,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services</td>
<td>£7,738,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Educational Services</td>
<td>£1,000,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Royal Naval Reserves</td>
<td>£1,826,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c.:—</td>
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<tr>
<td>Section I.—Personnel</td>
<td>£35,128,000</td>
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<td>Section II.—Material</td>
<td>£64,870,000</td>
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<td>Section III.—Contract Work</td>
<td>£77,862,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£103,310,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Admiralty Office</td>
<td>£7,190,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>14. Merchant Shipbuilding and Repair</td>
<td>£23,800</td>
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**£207,407,900**

### Army Estimates, 1954-55.

17. That a sum, not exceeding £303,300,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:—

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<tr>
<td>4. Civilians</td>
<td>£62,740,000</td>
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<td>6. Supplies, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£53,040,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Stores</td>
<td>£184,000,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£5,520,000</td>
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**£303,300,000**

18. That a sum, not exceeding £141,810,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:—

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4. Civilians at Outstations ... ... 28,570,000
5. Movements ... ... 12,300,000
6. Supplies ... ... 95,840,000
10. Non-Effective Services ... ... 5,100,000

£141,810,000

The First Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

And it being 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 Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House resumed the postponed Proceeding on the Question, 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;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Cedric Drewe, Yeas, Mr. Legh: ] 258.
Tellers for the [Mr. Bowden, Noes, Mr. Pearson: ] 248.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Classes I—X of the Civil Estimates and of the Estimates for Revenue Departments, the Ministry of Defence Estimate, the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates and the Air Estimates.

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 1954-55.

Class I.

Central Government and Finance.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class I of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class II.

Commonwealth and Foreign.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class II of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III.

Home Department, Law and Justice.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class III of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IV.

Education and Broadcasting.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class IV of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class V.

Health, Housing and Local Government.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class V of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VI.

Trade, Labour, Materials and Supply.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class VI of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VII.

Common Services (Works, Stationery, &c.).

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class VII of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class VIII.

Agriculture and Food.

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.
Transport, Fuel, Power and Industrial Research.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class IX of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class X.
Pensions, National Insurance and National Assistance.
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class X of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Estimates for Revenue Departments:—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, 1954-55.
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.

Ways and Means [22nd July].
Report.
Mr. Heath reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 22nd day of this instant July, a Resolution; which was read as followeth:
That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, the sum of £2,479,769,524 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. Boyd-Carpenter do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter accordingly presented Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Transfer of Functions (Ministry of Materials) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 15th day of this instant July.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That the White Fish Subsidy (Fisheries) (United Kingdom) Scheme, 1954, dated 13th July 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment. proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Wills):—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 two minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was put, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Heath accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, 153.

Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions).

The House proceeded, pursuant to the Order made yesterday, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hartlepool Port and 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, pursuant to the Order made yesterday, to take into consideration the Corporation Bill. Amendments made by the Lords to the Newport 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 Brighton Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded, pursuant to the Hartlepool Port and Harbour Bill.
Ordered, That the Standing Order 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, 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Newport (Isle of Wight)) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Bank of England for the year ended the 28th day of February 1954.

Copy of Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Administration of Estates and Treasure Trove in Scotland on behalf of the Crown in 1953, and of an Alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Haeres in Scotland, administered by the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, in the same year.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe presented, by her Majesty's Command,—Copies (1) of Statistics relating to Crime and Criminal Proceedings for 1953, and (2) of Supplementary Statistics relating to Crime and Criminal Proceedings for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Scottish Affairs, 1952-54.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University of St. Andrews Commissioners Ordinance No. 5 (Titles of Heads of Colleges, and Precedence of the Principal of the University, the Masters, the Principal of St. Mary's College and the Professors).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Highway Code.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, pursuant Public Health, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd July 1954, entitled the Accrington (Repeat of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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—

(1) the Darwen (Repeal and Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, and
(2) the Jarrow (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Benson 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, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the British Transport Commission Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Derbyshire County Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Stroudwater Navigation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Television Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Amendments be now taken into consideration — (Mr. Gammons);

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. Herbert Morrison.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Heath 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, Sir Cedric Drew, Lieutenant-Commander Thompson; 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Joseph Price; 235.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to so much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert words, by leaving out the words "and other."—(Mr. Ernest Davies.)

And the Question being put, That the words "and other" stand part of so much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert words:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to so much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert words, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "(that is to say, performed and produced by British subjects)."—(Mr. Mitchison.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added to so much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert words:—It passed in the Negative.

So much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert words was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 3, at end, insert—

"(4) Except with the previous approval of the Authority, there shall not be included in any programme broadcast by the Authority—

(a) any religious service or any propaganda relating to matters of a religious nature;

(b) any item, whether an advertisement or not, which gives or is designed to give publicity to the needs or objects of any association or organisation conducted for charitable or benevolent purposes," the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Amendment, by inserting, after the word "for," the word "religious."—(Mr. Ness Edwards.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "religious" be there inserted in the Lords Amendment:—The said proposed Amendment to the Lords Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 11, l. 29, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 11, l. 29, after "contractors," insert "with a view to the exclusion of misleading advertisements from such programmes, and otherwise," the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Amendment, by inserting, after the word "misleading," the words "improper, or otherwise undesirable."—(Mr. Houghton.)

Ordered, That the said Amendments be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 3, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 3, leave out from "that" to end of l. 4, and insert "proper proportions of the recorded and other matter included in the programmes are of British origin and of British performance," the next Amendment, being read a second time;

The Lords Amendment was divided.

So much of the said Amendment as proposes to leave out words was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to so much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert words by leaving out the words "proper proportions," and inserting the words "at least four-fifths"—(Sir Leslie Plummer), instead thereof.

And the Question being put. That the words "proper proportions" stand part of so much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert words:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Cedric Drew, Lieutenant-Commander Thompson; 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Joseph Price; 235.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Arthur Allen: 245.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Kaberry: 265.
So it passed in the Negative.
And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.
The first Lords Amendment in p. 11, l. 31, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The second Lords Amendment in p. 11, l. 31, at end, insert " and to prepare and submit to the Authority a code of such standards of conduct as aforesaid; and
(a) a committee representative of organisations, authorities and persons having experience of and special interest in the welfare and education of children and young persons, to give advice to the Authority as to the principles to be followed in connection with the broadcasting in such programmes of matter intended for children or young persons," the next Amendment, being read a second time;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Amendment by inserting, after the first word "Authority," the words "and to the Postmaster-General (who shall lay a copy thereof before Parliament)."—(Mr. Shackleton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Lords Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gammons);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Vosper, Mr. Wills: 270.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Arthur Allen: 241.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 19, l. 21, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 19, leave out ll. 21 to 31, and insert "rules (to be agreed upon from time to time between the Authority and the Postmaster-General, or settled by the Postmaster-General in default of such agreement) shall be observed—
(a) as to the interval which must elapse between any two periods given over to advertisements;
(b) as to the classes of broadcasts (which shall in particular include the broadcast of any religious service) in which advertisements may not be inserted, and the interval which must elapse between any such broadcast and any previous or subsequent period given over to advertisements;"
the remaining Amendment, being read a second time;
The Lords Amendment was divided.
So much of the said Amendment as proposes to leave out words was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to so much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert words, by inserting, after the words "service," the words "or of any matter intended for children or young persons."—(Mr. Gordon Walker.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in so much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert words:—It passed in the Negative.

So much of the Lords Amendment as proposes to insert words 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, accordingly to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Landlord and Tenant Bill; And the same were read.
The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 24, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 24, l. 21, leave out paragraph (d), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons Special Entry, being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 32, l. 30, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 32, l. 30, at end, insert Clause A (Trusts) the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Special Entry, Amendment was to make provision for special cases not previously contemplated by the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 33, l. 18, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 33, l. 18, leave out from "the" to end of l. 19 and insert "restrictions on the obtaining of possession by the landlord imposed by section three of the Rent and Mortgage Restrictions (Amendment) Act, 1933, apply in relation to the tenant," the next Amendment, being read 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.

The Lords Amendment in p. 33, l. 21, leave out "that Act" and insert "the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1920:"
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. 38, l. 29, leave out "refuses" and insert "withholds," the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 41, l. 1, leave out from "corporation" to "then," in l. 5, and insert "the Minister or Board in charge of any Government department may certify that it is requisite for the purposes of the first-mentioned department, or, as the case may be, of the authority, undertakers or corporation, that the use or occupation of the property or a part thereof shall be changed by a specified date.
(2) A certificate under the last foregoing subsection shall not be given unless the owner of the interest belonging or held as mentioned in the last foregoing subsection has given to the tenant a notice stating:
(a) that the question of the giving of such a certificate is under consideration by the Minister or Board specified in the notice, and
(b) that if within twenty-one days of the giving of the notice the tenant makes to that Minister or Board representations in writing with respect to that question, they will be considered before the question is determined,
and if the tenant makes any such representations within the said twenty-one days the Minister or Board shall consider them before determining whether to give the certificate.
(3) Where a certificate has been given under subsection (1) of this section in relation to any tenancy," 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 (Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe):
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

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And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 47, l. 4, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 47, l. 4, after "assessor" insert "shall be at such rate as may be determined by the Lord Chancellor with the approval of the Treasury and," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.
Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.
Ordered, That 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 Mr. Amory, Mr. Frederic Bennett, Mr. Braine, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. James Griffiths, Mr. Heath, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Walker-Smith and Mrs. White do present the Mace to the Federal Assembly of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland on behalf of this House.—(Captain Crookshank.)
Ordered, That there be appropriated from the sums deducted from the salaries of Members of Parliament under the House of Commons Members' Fund Act, 1939, one-tenth of these deductions in the current year for the purposes of administering the provisions of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act, 1948, Section 4.—(Mr. Whiteley.)
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Kaberry.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 157.]

Wednesday, 28th July, 1954.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded, pursuant to the British Transport Commission Bill. Order made upon the 26th day of this instant July, 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 Coventry Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the several Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Private Business hereinafter stated in Schedule (A) be made, that the Standing Order hereinafter stated in Schedule (B) be repealed, and that the new Standing Order relating to Private Business hereinafter stated in Schedule (C) be made.

SCHEDULE (A)—AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS.

Standing Order 4, 1. 1, leave out from beginning to “a,” and insert “Whenever an application is intended to be made to bring in.”

Standing Order 39, 1. 27, leave out “Southern Rhodesia,” and insert “the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.”

Standing Order 64, 1. 24, after “acquisition,” insert “by.”

1. 25, leave out “by or.”

Standing Order 67, 1. 38, after “acquisition,” insert “by.”

1. 38, leave out “by or.”

Standing Order 99, 1. 1, leave out “conservancy,” and insert “river board.”

Standing Order 162, 1. 2, leave out “gas or.”

Standing Order 190, 1. 4, after first “the,” insert “short.”

Standing Order 220, 1. 69, at end, insert—

(h) notice of the day proposed for the second reading of the bill shall not be given for a day later than the seventh day after that on which the bill has been ordered to be read a second time; provided that when the House has resolved to adjourn to a day beyond the seventh day, notice may be given for the day to which the House has adjourned or the following day.

Standing Order 224, 1. 6, leave out from “shall” to “whether” in 1. 9, and insert “decide whether or not the Bill is of such a nature that Standing Orders 4 to 68 should apply to it and if he decides that those Standing Orders should so apply he shall report to the House.”

Standing Order 237, 1. 28, leave out from “person” to second “on” in 1. 29.

Standing Order 238, 1. 9, leave out “ten,” and insert “eleven.”

Standing Order 239, 1. 21, leave out paragraph (2), and add—

(2) The name and address of the applicant, if any, shall be endorsed on any order so laid and on all copies of the order so deposited and made available.

Standing Order 240, 1. 26, leave out “specified on the face of,” and insert “endorsed on.”

Standing Order 243, 1. 29, leave out “specified on the face of,” and insert “endorsed on.”

Standing Order 244, 1. 54, leave out “specified on the face of,” and insert “endorsed on.”

SCHEDULE (B)—REPEAL OF A STANDING ORDER

Standing Order 239A (Deposit of duplicate plans, &c., in the Private Bill Office).

SCHEDULE (C)—NEW STANDING ORDER

Deposit of duplicate plans, &c., in the Private Bill Office.

239A. If under a special procedure order it is proposed to authorise the compulsory acquisition or use of land, or if the order relates to any works or to any area of land or water, and the said works or area are described by reference to a map or plan, a copy of a map or plan of the said land or works or area shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office on the day on which the order is laid before this House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Roumanian Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Treasury Property in the United Kingdom, Directions to the Administrator of Roumanian Property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, given under Article 1 of the Treaty of Peace (Roumania) Order, 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Egypt (No. 1, Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Treaty of the Suez Canal Base, initialled at Cairo on the 27th day of July 1954.

Ordered, that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Agriculture the directions of several Acts of Parliament, (Scotland),—Copy of a Scheme, dated 23rd July 1954, entitled the Marginal Agricultural Production (Scotland) Scheme, 1954.


Copy of the Forty-seventh Report to the National Galleries of Scotland, 1951, Command,—Copy of the Report of the National Galleries of Scotland, for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Gammons presented, by Her Majesty’s Cable and Wireless Command,—Copy of the Accounts of Cable and Wireless Limited for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Directors.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Coventry Corporation Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a letter from Sir Frederic William Metcalfe, K.C.B., the Clerk of the House, which Mr. Speaker read to the House as followeth:

28th July 1954.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, after thirty-five years in the service of this House, I desire, as from the end of this month, to resign the patent of Clerk of the House of Commons, which it has been my proud privilege to hold for the last six years.

During my twenty-four years at the Table I have seen many events, memorable in the history of Parliament and of our country, and owing to the chances of war I have sat at no fewer than five different Tables of the House. I count myself fortunate to have been Clerk of the House at the first sitting in this new Chamber in 1950 when many Speakers and Officials from Parliaments overseas visited Westminster to take part in our ceremonies.

It is with great regret that I leave the service of the House and I wish to express to you, Sir, to all occupants of the Chair and to all Members of the House in this and previous Parliaments, my deep gratitude for the kindness and courtesy which I have always experienced. The friendship and loyalty of all my colleagues has made my work happy, and I am confident that they will continue to serve this honourable House with the devotion that we all feel for our ancient Parliamentary institutions.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

F. W. METCALFE.

The Right Honourable the Speaker.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Consideration of the Amendments made by the Lords to the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Wills);
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 29th July, 1954:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 158.]

Thursday, 29th July, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions).

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 26th day of this instant July relating to Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the Transfer of Functions (Ministry of Materials) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the Draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

Ocean Stations (Miscellaneous, No. 17, 1954).

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement on North Atlantic Ocean Weather Stations, signed at Paris on the 25th day of February 1954 (this Agreement has not yet been accepted by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).


Copy of a Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, signed at Paris on the 20th day of March 1952 (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 3rd day of November 1952).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Universities (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 301 (No. 79 of the University of Glasgow) (Amendment of University Court Ordinance No. 34 (Glasgow No. 10 Medical Chairs).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Atomic Energy.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement by the Lord President of the Council with regard to the remuneration, allowances and pensions payable to the members of the Atomic Energy Authority.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Miss Horsbrugh presented, pursuant to the Education, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd July 1954, entitled the Local Education Authorities (Recoupment) Amending Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the Electricity, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts, including the Reports of Electricity Consultative Councils, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, of—

(1) the British Electricity Authority,
(2) the London Electricity Board,
(3) the South Eastern Electricity Board,
(4) the Southern Electricity Board,
(5) the South Western Electricity Board,
(6) the Eastern Electricity Board,
(7) the East Midlands Electricity Board,
(8) the Midlands Electricity Board,
(9) the South Wales Electricity Board,
(10) the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board,
(11) the Yorkshire Electricity Board,
(12) the North Eastern Electricity Board,
(13) the North Western Electricity Board,
(14) the South East Scotland Electricity Board, and
(15) the South West Scotland Electricity Board.

Report of the Minister of Fuel and Power Electricity, with respect to the Exercise of his Functions under the Electricity Act, 1947, and the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Copies of the Reports and Statements of Gas Accounts, including the Reports of Gas Consultative Councils, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, of—

(1) the Scottish Gas Board,
(2) the Northern Gas Board,
(3) the North Western Gas Board,
(4) the North Eastern Gas Board,
(5) the East Midlands Gas Board,
(6) the West Midlands Gas Board,
(7) the Wales Gas Board,
(8) the Eastern Gas Board,
(9) the North Thames Gas Board,
(10) the South Eastern Gas Board,
(11) the Southern Gas Board, and
(12) the South Western Gas Board.

Copy of the Report and Statement of Gas Accounts of the Gas Council for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Report of the Minister of Fuel and Power Gas, with respect to the Exercise of his Functions under the Gas Act, 1948, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Air Navigation, Nos. 265 & 266.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of the Annual Reports and Statements of Accounts for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, of—

(1) British European Airways Corporation, and
(2) British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Civil Aviation, No. 267.

Report of the Air Transport Advisory Council for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with a Statement by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

Transport, No. 268.

Copy of the Sixth Annual Report of the British Transport Commission, for 1953—

(1) Volume 1, Report, and
(2) Volume 2, Statement of Accounts and Statistics.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Iron and Steel.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th July 1954, entitled the Iron and Steel Board Scheme for Provision of Funds Confirmation Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1954, entitled the Legal Aid (Chancery Court of the County Palatine of Lancaster) Regulations, 1954.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation (General Register and Record Office of Shipping and Seamen) 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 Her Majesty, that she 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 1953.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she 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 1953.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Salcombe) Bill, without any Amendment.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Salcombe) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Whitehaven) Bill, without any Amendment.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Whitehaven) Bill.

Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

Bradford Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Wolverhampton Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Charitable Trusts (Validation) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Charitable Trusts (Validation) Bill [Lords].

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 19th day of October next—(The Prime Minister);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "to-morrow," and inserting the words "on Monday next"—(Mr. Sydney Silverman),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "to-morrow" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Lawson 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. Galbraith, Mr. Legh, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. John Taylor: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Vosper: 181.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "to-morrow" stand part of the Question:—The House proceeded to a Division.

Sir Cedric Drewse and Mr. Vosper were appointed Tellers for the Yeas, but no Member being willing to Act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Yeas had it.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn claimed, That the Main Question be now put.

And the Main Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Cedric Drewse, Mr. Vosper: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. John Taylor: 187.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 19th day of October next.

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Resolved, nemine contradicente, That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey to Sir Frederic William Metcalfe, K.C.B., on his retirement from the Office of Clerk of this House, the assurance of its just sense of the exemplary manner in which he has uniformly discharged the duties of his important office, and its appreciation of his thirty-five years of devoted service in different offices of the House, of which twenty-four were spent at the Table, where his experience and ready advice have rendered constant assistance to the House and its Members in the conduct of its business.—(Captain Crookshank.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House approves the heads of agreement initialled in Cairo on the 27th day of this instant July between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of Egypt—(Mr. Secretary Head);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchan-Hepburn], Yeas, 257.

Tellers for the [Sir Cedric Drewie], Noes, 26.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House approves the heads of agreement initialled in Cairo on the 27th day of this instant July between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of Egypt.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.

Schedules A, B and C agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence (the Bill having been endorsed by Mr. Speaker with the following Certificate):

I hereby certify that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON, Speaker.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Vosper);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 30th July, 1954:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 159.]

Friday, 30th July, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 28th July 1954, relative to the fiduciary note issue.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty yesterday for a Return relating to Experiments on Living Animals.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty yesterday for a Return relating to Offences relating to Motor Vehicles.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Eden presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the International Sugar Council) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Agriculture the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Scheme, dated 26th July 1954, entitled the Agricultural Goods and Services (Scotland) Scheme, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peake presented, by Her Majesty's Pensions Command,—Copy of a List of Exceptional Awards of Pensions and Allowances sanctioned by the Treasury to Serving Members, Disabled Members and the Dependents of Deceased Members of the Armed Forces during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

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 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

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 Two hours after Four of the clock.

(Captain Crookshank.)

Ordered, That Mr. Elliot be one of the Members to present the Mace to the Federal Assembly of Rhodesia and Nyasaland on behalf of this House in place of Mr. Amory.—(Captain Crookshank.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn —(Mr. Heath);

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 Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses and to a Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and announcing the Royal Assent to the several Acts and the Measure therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measure, as follow:

11. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1954.
17. Post Office (Site and Railway) Act, 1954.
27. Royal Warehousemen Clerks and Drapers' Schools Act, 1954.
42. Coventry Corporation Act, 1954.

Clergy Pensions Measure, 1954.

And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment. That this House do now adjourn;

And it being Six of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Allan):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at Six 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 Tuesday the 19th day of October next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.
Tuesday, 19th October, 1954.

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 Ernest Thurtle, Esquire, Member for Shoreditch and Finsbury, 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.

Writs issued during the Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had issued, during the Adjournment, Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown to make out new Writs for the electing of Members to serve in this present Parliament: for Croydon, East, in the room of Sir Herbert Geraint Williams, Baronet, deceased; for Wakefield, in the room of the Right Honourable Arthur Greenwood, C.H., deceased; for Shoreditch and Finsbury, in the room of Ernest Thurtle, Esquire, deceased; for Aldershot, in the room of the Right Honourable Oliver Lyttelton, D.S.O., M.C., called up to the House of Peers; for Aberdare, in the room of David Emlyn Thomas, Esquire, deceased; for Morpeth, in the room of the Right Honourable Robert John Taylor, C.B.E., deceased.

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 Sutton and Cheam in the room of Sir Sidney Horatio Marshall who since his election for the said Constituency hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Duchy of Lancaster, and to serve in this present Parliament for Sutton and Cheam in the room of Sir Sidney Horatio Marshall who since his election for the said Constituency hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Duchy of Lancaster.

The following Papers, presented by Her 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 Treasury Directions to the Administrator of Bulgarian Property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, given under Article 1 of the Treaty of Peace (Bulgaria) Order, 1948.
- Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of July 1954, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.
- Copy of Treasury Directions to the Administrator of Hungarian Property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, given under Article 1 of the Treaty of Peace (Hungary) Order, 1948.
- Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 22nd Iron and Steel. September 1954, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of ordinary shares in John Summers and Sons Limited.
- Copy of the Report of the Departmental Adoptions Committee on the Adoption of Children.
- Copy of Statistics relating to Offences of Drunkenness for 1953.
- Copy of Statistics of Foreigners entering and leaving the United Kingdom, 1952-1953.
- Copy of the Fiftieth Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, for 1953.
- Copy of a Protocol, signed at Montreal on the 14th day of June 1954, relating to certain Amendments to the Convention of the 7th day of December 1944 on International Civil Aviation (the Protocol has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).
- Copy of the South East Asia Collective Defence Treaty (with Protocol), signed at Manila on the 8th day of September 1954 (the Treaty has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).
- Copy of further Correspondence exchanged at Moscow between the 24th day of July and the 10th day of September 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Soviet Government regarding Collective Security.
- Copy of Supplementary Protocol No. 5, amending the Agreement of the 19th day of September 1950 for the establishment of a European Payments Union, signed at Paris on the 30th day of June 1954 (the Protocol has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

The following Papers, presented by Her 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 the Report of Government Action in Wales and Monmouthshire for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.
- Copy of a Convention, signed at London on the 15th day of August 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (the Convention has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government).
- Copy of a Report on Events leading up to the discussion of Indo-China at the Geneva Conference, between the 16th day of June and the 21st day of July 1954.
- Copy of a Convention, signed at The Hague on the 11th day of August 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom...
and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on Social Security (with Protocol) (the Convention and Protocol have not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government).

Copy of the Final Act of the Nine Power Conference held in London between the 28th day of September and the 3rd day of October 1954 (with Annexes).

Copy of a Phyto-Sanitary Convention for Africa-South of the Sahara, signed at London on the 29th day of July 1954 (this Convention has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of a Statute of The Hague Conference on Private International Law, drawn up in draft form at the Seventh Session of the Conference held at The Hague between the 9th and 31st days of October 1951 (the Statute has not yet been accepted by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of an Arbitration Agreement, signed at Jeddah on the 30th day of July 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom (acting on behalf of the Ruler of Abu Dhabi and His Highness the Sultan Said bin Taimur) and the Government of Saudi Arabia (with Notes exchanged).

Copy of the Constitution of the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease, signed at Rome on the 11th day of December 1953 (the Constitution was accepted by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the 1st day of March 1954).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 15th day of June 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America providing for the provision of additional funds for the continued operation of the United States Educational Commission in the United Kingdom.

Copy of a Convention on the Valuation of Goods for Customs Purposes, signed at Brussels on the 15th day of December 1950 (with Annexes) (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 27th day of September 1952).

Copy of a Convention establishing a Customs Co-operation Council, signed at Brussels on the 15th day of December 1950 (with Annex) (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 12th day of December 1952).

Copy of a Protocol concerning the European Customs Union Study Group, signed at Brussels on the 15th day of December 1950 (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 9th day of September 1952).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Asuncion between the 10th and 30th days of June 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Paraguay, prolonging the Trade and Payments Agreement of the 3rd day of April 1930.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Bangkok on the 5th day of April 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Thailand, amending the Schedule of Routes annexed to the Air Services Agreement of the 10th day of November 1950.

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Copy of Notes exchanged at Lisbon Treaty Series (No. 54, 1954).

Copy of an Agreement, signed at London Treaty Series on the 16th day of July 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Swiss Government for the Repayment of Credits granted to the Governments of the United Kingdom by the European Payments Union and by the Swiss Government to the Union in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement of the 19th day of September 1950 for the Establishment of the European Payments Union (with Letters exchanged).
Copy of an Agreement, signed at Paris on the 10th day of July 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for the Repayment of Credits granted to the Government of the United Kingdom by the European Payments Union and by the German Federal Government to the Union in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement of the 19th day of September 1950 for the Establishment of the European Payments Union (with Letters exchanged).

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Copy of an Agreement, signed at Tokyo on the 19th day of February 1954, regarding the Status of United Nations Forces in Japan (with Protocols and agreed official Minutes).


Copy of the First Annual Report of the Overseas Migration Board, 1954, on Migration from the United Kingdom to other Commonwealth countries.

Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 30th June 1954.

Copy of a Memorandum on Rents of Houses owned by Local Authorities in Scotland, 1953.

Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 30th June 1954.


Copies of Rules, dated 27th July 1954, Supreme Court (Procedure).

(1) the Rules of the Supreme Court (Trinity Masters' Fees) 1954,
(2) the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules, 1954, and
(3) the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 2) 1954.

5th August 1954:
Copy of an Order, dated 29th July 1954, entitled the Mineral Oil in Food (Amendment) Order, 1954.

6th August 1954:
Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1954, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 4) Order, 1954.
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**Dangerous Drugs.**
Copy of Regulations, dated 30th July 1954, entitled the Dangerous Drugs Regulations, 1954.

**Animals.**
Copy of a Order, dated 30th July 1954, entitled the Prohibition of Landing of Swine from Northern Ireland (Revocation) Order, 1954.

**Telegraphs.**
Copy of Regulations, dated 29th July 1954, entitled the Telephone Regulations, 1954.

**Rights of Way.**
Copy of Orders, dated 11th August 1954, entitled—
1. the Stopping up of Highways (Morpeth, Northumberland) (Revocation) Order, 1954, and
2. the Stopping up of Highways (Rotherham, West Riding of Yorkshire) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

**Companies.**
Copy of an Order, dated 12th August 1954, entitled the Companies Liquidation Account (Interest) Order, 1954.

**Landlord and Tenant (Scotland).**
Copy of Regulations, dated 10th August 1954, entitled the Rent Restrictions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

**Smallholdings and Allotments.**

**Import Duties (Exemptions).**
Copy of an Order, dated 17th August 1954, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 6) Order, 1954.

**Emergency Laws (Food Standards).**
Copy of an Order, dated 14th August 1954, entitled the Food Standards (Soft Drinks) (Amendment) Order, 1954.

**Poisons.**
Copy of an Order, dated 12th August 1954, entitled the Poisons List (No. 2) Order, 1954.

**Poisons.**
Copy of Rules, dated 12th August 1954, entitled the Poisons (No. 2) Rules, 1954.

**Rights of Way.**

**London Traffic.**
Copy of Regulations, dated 16th August 1954, entitled—
1. the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (No. 16) Regulations, 1954, and

**Agriculture.**
Copy of an Order, dated 18th August 1954, entitled the Agricultural Goods and Services Schemes (Amendment and Extension) Order, 1954.

**Agriculture.**

**Road Traffic and Vehicles.**

**County Courts.**
Copy of an Order, dated 20th August 1954, entitled the County Court Fees (Amendment) Order, 1954.
Justices of the Peace.  

Pensions.  

Copy of Regulations, dated 13th September 1954, entitled the Justices' Allowances Regulations, 1954.

Coal Industry.  

Pensions.  


National Insurance.  

Pensions.  


Local Government Superannuation.  

Pensions.  

Copy of a Scheme, dated 2nd September 1954, made by the Hampstead Metropolitan Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1953.

Pensions.  

Copy of Regulations, dated 16th September 1954, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Reckoning of Service on Transfer) Regulations, 1954.

Pensions.  

(1) dated 16th September 1954, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Transfer Value) Regulations, 1954.  

(2) dated 17th September 1954, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Clerks of the Peace and County Council) Regulations, 1954.

(3) dated 17th September 1954, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Mental Hospital, etc., Employment) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954, and

(4) dated 17th September 1954, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Teachers) Regulations, 1954.

Local Government Superannuation.  

Pensions.  


Copy of a Scheme, dated 7th September 1954, made by the London County Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1953.

Rights of Way.  

Pensions.  

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd September 1954, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Chatham, Kent) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Pensions.  

(1) dated 17th September 1954, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Actuarial Valuations) Regulations, 1954, and

(2) dated 20th September 1954, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Limitation on Service) Regulations, 1954.

Pensions.  

Copy of an Order, dated 21st September 1954, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 7) Order, 1954.

Pensions.  

Copy of Regulations, dated 20th September 1954, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Reduction and Adjustment of Superannuation Allowance) Regulations, 1954.

27th September 1954: —  

Copy of Regulations, dated 21st September 1954, entitled the Special Educational Treatment (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.

Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd September 1954, entitled the National Insurance (Modification of Local Government Superannuation Schemes) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1954.

Copies of Regulations—  


(2) dated 22nd September 1954, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Reckoning of Service on Transfer) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954, and

(3) dated 22nd September 1954, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Limitation on Service) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.

28th September 1954: —  

Copy of an Order, dated 24th September 1954, entitled the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Hydrocarbon) (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1954.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th September 1954, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 7) Order, 1954.


29th September 1954: —  


Copies of Orders, dated 20th September 1954, entitled—  

(1) the National Health Service (Kincardine Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

(2) the National Health Service (Lower Banffshire Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

(3) the National Health Service (Aberdeen Mental Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and

(4) the National Health Service (North-Eastern Regional Hospital Board, Scotland, Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

Copies of Regulations, dated 24th September 1954, entitled—  

(1) the Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954, and

(2) the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.

30th September 1954: —  

Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd September 1954, entitled—  

(1) the Local Government Superannuation (Transfer Value) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.

(2) the Local Government Superannuation (Mental Hospital, etc., Employment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1954.
Vehicles.

Pensions.

Supervision.

Local Services (Food).

Supplies and Animals.

Road Traffic and Peace.

Governors of Pensions (Scotland).

Service National Health London Traffic.

Justices of the Peace.

Amendment Rules, 1954.

(Governors of Pensions (Scotland). Amendment Regulations, 1954.

3rd October 1954:

Copy of Rules, dated 23rd September 1954, entitled the Superannuation (Local Government Staffs) (National Service) (Scotland) Amendment Rules, 1954.

Copy of Regulations, dated 24th September 1954, entitled—

(1) the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954, and
(2) the Road Vehicles Lighting (Special Exemption and Amendment) Regulations, 1954.


Copy of Orders, dated 27th September 1954, entitled—

(1) the Butter (Revocation) Order, 1954, and
(2) the Cheese (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Copies of Schemes, dated 23rd September 1954:

(1) made by the Hampstead Metropolitan Borough Council, and
(2) made by the Glamorgan County Council, and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1953.

1st October 1954:

Copy of an Order, dated 16th September 1954, entitled the Pensions (Governers of Dominions, &c.) Order, 1954.

Copy of Regulations, dated 27th September 1954, entitled the Justices' Allowances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1954.


4th October 1954:

C and Supplies (Food).

National Health Service (Scotland).

Pensions (Governers of Dominions, &c.)

Justices of the Peace.

London Traffic.

National Health Service (Scotland).

Road Traffic and Vehicles.

Animals.

Supplies and Services (Food).

Local Government Superannuation.

5th October 1954:

Copies of Orders, dated 27th September 1954, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Astley Ainslie, Edenhall and Associated Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
(2) the National Health Service (Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Associated Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
(3) the National Health Service (Edinburgh Central Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

7th October 1954:

Copies of Orders, dated 27th September 1954, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (West Fife Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
(2) the National Health Service (East Fife Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

8th October 1954:

Copies of Orders, dated 2nd October 1954, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (West Fife Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
(2) the National Health Service (East Fife Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

11th October 1954:

Copies of Orders, dated 5th October 1954, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Glasgow South-Western Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
(2) the National Health Service (Glasgow Homoeopathic, Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th October 1954, entitled the Cold Storage (Control of Undertakings) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

12th October 1954:

Copies of Orders, dated 5th October 1954, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Southern Ayrshire Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
(2) the National Health Service (Northern Ayrshire Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

13th October 1954:

Copies of Orders, dated 6th October 1954, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Royal Scottish National Institution Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
(2) the National Health Service (Southern Lanarkshire Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
(3) the National Health Service (Paisley and District Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.
London Traffic. 


15th October 1954:—

Supplies and Services (Food).

Copy of an Order, dated 11th October 1954, entitled the Seed Potatoes Order, 1954.

18th October 1954:—

London Traffic.


Telegraphs.

Copy of Regulations, dated 13th October 1954, entitled the Telegraphs Regulations, 1954.

Road Traffic and Vehicles.

The Order made upon the 27th day of July last, that the Paper relating to Road Traffic and Vehicles do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Air Navigation. 

No. 274.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 24th day of September 1954, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Imperial Airways Corporation.

Bank Notes.

Nos. 275 & 276.

Copies of Treasury Minutes—

(1) dated 17th August 1954, and
(2) dated 30th August 1954
relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue.

Electricity.

Nos. 277 & 278.

Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury—

(1) on the 13th day of August 1954, on stock issued by the British Electricity Authority, and
(2) on the 24th day of September 1954, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Electricity Authority.

Gas.

No. 279.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 24th day of September 1954, on loans proposed to be raised by the Gas Council.

Income Tax.

Copies of Draft Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Federal Republic of Germany) Order, 1954,
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order, 1954, and
(3) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (U.S.A.) Order, 1954.

Supplies and Services (Control Schemes Charges). 

Copy of an Order, dated 15th October 1954, entitled the Cold Storage (Control of Undertakings) (Charges) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Transport. 

Nos. 280 & 281.

Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury—

(1) on the 24th day of September 1954, and
(2) on the 25th day of September 1954
on stock issued by the British Transport Commission.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Air Navigation, Bank Notes, Electricity, Gas, and Transport be printed.

Explosives.

No. 282.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventy-eighth Annual Report of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Explosives, for 1953.
Business deposited with the Board of Trade during 1953.

Census of Production.

Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—
Volume 1, Trade H, Glass Containers,
Volume 1, Trade J, Cement,
Volume 1, Trade M, Roofing Felts,
Volume 2, Trade L, Ink,
Volume 5, Trade G, Needles, Pins, Fish Hooks and Metal Smallwares,
Volume 5, Trade J, Jewellery and Plate,
Volume 6, Trade G, Jute,
Volume 7, Trade C, Hair, Fibre and Kindred Trades,
Volume 9, Trade A, Margarine,
Volume 9, Trade F, Ice, and
Volume 10, Trade G, Wallpaper.

Companies.

Copy of the General Annual Report on Companies by the Board of Trade for 1953.

Merchandise Marks.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Census, 1951.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copies of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—
(1) County of Buckinghamshire,
(2) County of Derbyshire,
(3) County of Glamorganshire,
(4) County of Monmouthshire,
(5) County of Staffordshire,
(6) County of Sussex,
(7) County of Warwickshire, and
(8) County of Worcestershire.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter 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 1954.

Highways.

Copy of an Order, dated 15th October 1954, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Ayrshire) (No. 1) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gammons presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Remuneration and Allowances that are or will be payable to the Members of the Independent Television Authority.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to Coal Industry Nationalisation (Borrowing Powers) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 26th January 1954, entitled the Smallburgh Rural (East Ruston No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1954, and
(2) dated 25th May 1954, entitled the Clowne Rural (Whitwell Parish) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1954,
with Certificates by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of an Order, dated 9th October 1954, entitled the Maidstone Extension (Amendment) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of the Forty-fifth Annual Report, with Accounts, of the Port of London Authority, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Statement of Salaries or Fees and Allowances payable to certain Members of the British Transport Commission.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gammons presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Remuneration and Allowances that are or will be payable to the Members of the Independent Television Authority.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of the Annual Reports for the year River Boards ended the 31st day of March 1954—
(1) of the Bristol Avon River Board,
(2) of the Cheshire River Board,
(3) of the Cornwall River Board,
(4) of the Cumberland River Board,
(5) of the East Sussex River Board,
(6) of the Gwynedd River Board,
(7) of the Hampshire River Board,
(8) of the Hull and East Yorkshire River Board,
(9) of the Mersey River Board,
(10) of the Nene River Board,
(11) of the Northumberland and Tyneside River Board,
(12) of the Severn River Board,
(13) of the Wear and Tees River Board,
(14) of the Welland River Board, and
(15) of the Yorkshire Ouse River Board.

Copy of Orders—
(1) dated 22nd June 1954, entitled the Malmsbury Rural (Corston Spring) Water Order, 1954, and
(2) dated 9th October 1954, entitled the Isle of Wight (Conservation of Water) Order, 1954,
with Certificates by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the
Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Draft Schemes, entitled—

(1) the Industrial Diseases (Miscellaneous) Benefit Scheme, 1954, and
(2) the Pneumoconiosis and Byssinosis Benefit Amendment Scheme, 1954.

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—

(1) the Rotherham (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954,
(2) the Ross and Cromarty (Kyle of Lochalsh Housing Scheme) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1953, and
(3) the Acrington (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—


Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the National Debt Commissioners in respect of the Capital and Income of the Irish Land Purchase Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visits made and Patients seen by the several Commissioners of the Board of Control during the six months ended the 30th day of June 1954.

Account of the Royal Air Force Prize Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th October 1954, made by the Governor in the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, relating to Winter Assizes.

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 effecting the Union of the Benefices and Parishes of Hulme, Saint Mary and Saint Paul, and for authorising the taking down and sale of the site and materials of the Church of Saint Paul, Hulme, in the diocese of Manchester.

Copy of a Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of Saint Mary, Southampton; Holy Trinity, Southampton; All Saints, Southampton; Saint Peter, Southampton; Saint Paul, Southampton; Saint Barnabas, Southampton; Saint Michael, Southampton; Holy Rood with Saint Lawrence and Saint John, Southampton; Saint James, Bernard Street; Saint Matthew, Southampton; Christ Church, Freemantle, and Saint Mark, Southampton, in the diocese of Winchester.

Ordered, That the Papers relating to the Irish Land Purchase Fund and the Royal Air Force Prize Fund be printed.

Vice-Admiral John Hughes Hallett, C.B., New Member D.S.O., Member for Croydon, East, was sworn.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 6, p. 9, l. 7; Clause No. 18, p. 22, l. 21; Clause No. 23, p. 26, l. 31; and the proposed Clause (Associated companies), standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Stuart—(The Lord Advocate);

The Question was amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words “and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 43, p. 45, l. 14, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Stuart.”—(The Lord Advocate.)

And the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 6, p. 9, l. 7; Clause No. 18, p. 22, l. 21; Clause No. 23, p. 26, l. 31; and the proposed Clause (Associated companies), standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Stuart; and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 43, p. 45, l. 14, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Stuart.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 6, 18, 23 and 43, amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Associated companies)—(The Lord Advocate)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman 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.
Mr. Speaker's Absence.

The Clerk Assistant at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Mr. Speaker from the remainder of this day's Sitting:—Whereupon Sir Charles MacAndrew, the Chairman of Ways and Means, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

A Clause (Provision of information as to unexpended balance, &c.)—(Commander Galbraith) 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. 15, l. 41, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"References to an interest in land which has been acquired or sold includes (unless the context otherwise requires) references to the conveyance of an interest in land by feu charter and ' acquired or sold ' shall be construed accordingly, and in relation to any such conveyance any reference to the price shall be construed as a reference to the capital value of the consideration for the conveyance."—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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. 33, l. 16, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(5) In giving any directions under this section, the Secretary of State shall have regard—

(a) to the provisions of the development plan for the area in which the land in question is situate so far as those provisions are material to the development of the land;

(b) to the local circumstances affecting the proposed development, including the use which prevails generally in the case of contiguous land; and

(c) to any other material considerations."—(Colonel Thornton-Kemsley.)

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. 41, l. 41, by inserting, after the word "writing," the words "in the manner prescribed by regulations issued by the Secretary of State for Scotland."—(Mr. Willis.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered. That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Secretary Stuart.)

Ordered. That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment. being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Kaberry):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-two minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 161.]

Wednesday, 20th October, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the Bank of Scotland: 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 Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 15th October 1954, entitled the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order, 1954.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of the Fourth Report of the Law Society of Scotland on the Legal Aid Scheme, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Copies of University of St. Andrews Commissioners Ordinances—

(1) No. 9 (Constitution and Composition of Faculties in the University of St. Andrews),

(2) No. 10 (Foundation of the Chair of Conveyancing), and

(3) No. 11 (Election and period of office of the Assessors on the University Court elected by the Senatus Academicus).

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of a Memorandum on Gatwick Airport.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered. That the Proceedings on Government Business of the House be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and ordered to be re-committal.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 41, l. 43, by inserting, after the word "applicant," the words "within twenty-eight days of the receipt of the application."—(Colonel Thornton-Kemsley.)

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. 44, l. 42, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that in no case shall compensation as a result of amendments to the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1950, made by this section be more than it would have been if the amendments had not been made."—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

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. 44, l. 42, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) The basis of compensation in cases of acquisition under the foregoing subsection shall be existing use value and in determining this full allowance shall be made for the cost or estimated cost of demolition of buildings and the clearance of the site."—(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.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Secretary Stuart, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her 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 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. Studholme.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her 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 to provide for the transfer to a statutory corporation constituted under the law of Tanganyika of the undertaking of the Overseas Food Corporation, and the dissolution of the last-mentioned Corporation; for the provision of funds under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, in connection with the carrying on of the said undertaking; for the conclusion of fresh arrangements as to the obligations and rights of the last-mentioned Corporation in connection with the Southern Province port and railway; for the remission of interest on certain advances made under the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1948, to the Colonial Development Corporation; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase (not exceeding one million seven hundred thousand pounds) in the sums payable out of such moneys under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts, 1940 to 1950, which may be attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session amending those Acts in relation to any scheme for providing funds required by the Tanganyika Agricultural Corporation;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums directed by the said Act of the present Session to be so paid;

(c) the remission of any obligation of the Colonial Development Corporation to make payments under section thirteen of the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1948, in respect of interest on such part of the sums advanced to that Corporation under that Act as may be equivalent to net losses incurred for the purposes of any undertaking of the Corporation which has been or may be abandoned.—(Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd.)

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.

Resolved, That the Report be received to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Studholme);

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. Legh.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until twenty-three minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Council of Europe) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 12th day of May last.—(Mr. Turton.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the European Payments Union) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 12th day of May last.—(Mr. Turton.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the International Civil Aviation Organisation) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 12th day of May last.—(Mr. Turton.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the International Telecommunication Union) (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 12th day of May last.—(Mr. Turton.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 12th day of May last.—(Mr. Turton.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Universal Postal Union) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 12th day of May last.—(Mr. Turton.)

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Immunities and Privileges. Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the World Meteorological Organisation) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 12th day of May last.—(Mr. Turton.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Immunities and Privileges. Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Customs Co-operation Council) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on the 17th day of May last.—(Mr. Turton.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Immunities and Privileges. Resolved, That the Draft Insurance Contracts (War Settlement) (Finland) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 13th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Resolved, That the Draft Insurance Contracts (War Settlement) (Italy) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 13th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

S ECRETARY Sir Anthony Eden presented, Egypt (No. 2) Bill, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Cairo on the 19th day of October 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Egyptian Government regarding the Suez Canal Base (with Annexes, Notes exchanged and Agreed Minute) (the Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government).

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the Census, 1951, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of Northamptonshire.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooke 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 Monday next, and to be printed.

The Pests Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Amory, by Her Majesty's Command, Pests [Money]. acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to 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 make further provision with respect to the destruction or control of rabbits and other animals and birds, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or of the Secretary of State—

(i) in exercising default powers conferred on those Ministers by the Act;—

(ii) in providing services, equipment, appliances or other material for the purpose of assisting in measures for the destruction or control of rabbits;—

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Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the destruction or control of rabbits and other animals and birds, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or of the Secretary of State—

(i) in exercising default powers conferred on those Ministers by the Act;—

(ii) in providing services, equipment, appliances or other material for the purpose of assisting in measures for the destruction or control of rabbits;—

(iii) in making contributions towards expenses incurred or to be incurred by
any person in taking any such measures or other measures for killing, taking or destroying animals or birds to which section ninety-eight of the Agriculture Act, 1947, or section thirty-nine of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948, applies;

and of any administrative expenses incurred for the purposes of the Act of the present Session by either of those Ministers;

(b) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of sums recovered by or on behalf of either of those Ministers on account of expenses incurred in the exercise of any such default powers, or by way of charges made for providing services, equipment, appliances and other materials as aforesaid.—(Mr. Amory.)

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.

Ordered, That Sir Edward Boyle be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Select Committee appointed by the Lords on Private Bill Procedure; and that Mr. Geoffrey Wilson be added to the Committee.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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.

Ordered, That the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means be added to the Committee on Statutory Instruments, and that Mr. Geoffrey Wilson be added to the Committee.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

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Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

And according to the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

THE following Papers, required by several Acts of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 23rd day of this instant October pursuant to the Standing Order (Preservation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 19th October 1954, entitled—

(1) The Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland Court of Appeal Order in Council, 1954, and

(2) The Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland (Appeals to Privy Council) Order in Council, 1954.

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Tuesday, 26th October, 1954.

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. Brooke presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regu-
lations, dated 22nd October 1954, entitled the
Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations,
1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd George presented,
return to an Address to Her Majesty yesterday
for a Return relating to Aliens and British Pro-
ected Persons (Naturalisation).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table ; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented,
by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the
Pacific Charter, signed at Manila on the 8th
day of September 1954.

Copy of a Report on the inscription of the
Cyprus item on the Agenda of the Ninth
Session of the General Assembly of the United
Nations held at New York on the 23rd and
24th days of September 1954 (with Annexes).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, by
Her Majesty’s Command,—Copies of the Annual
Reports for the year ended the 31st
day of March 1954—

(1) of the Colonial Research Council.

(2) of the Colonial Products Research
Council,

(3) of the Colonial Social Science Research
Council,

(4) of the Colonial Medical Research
Council,

(5) of the Committee for Colonial Agricul-
tural, Animal Health and Forestry
Research,

(6) of the Colonial Insecticides, Fungicides
and Herbicides Committee,

(7) of the Colonial Economic Research
Committee,

(8) of the Tsetse Fly and Trypanosomiasis
Committee,

(9) on Fisheries Research by the Colonial
Fisheries Advisory Committee, and

(10) of the Director of the Anti-Locust
Research Centre on Locust Research and
Control
together with Memoranda relating to Research
Matters not covered by the Reports of
Specialist Advisory Bodies.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the
Seventh Report of the Agricultural Land Com-
mmission, for the year ended the 31st day of
March 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table ; and be printed.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the Education.
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Regulations, dated 19th October 1954, entitled the
School Health Service and Handicapped

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Road Traffic
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
the Highway Code.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to Petroleum,
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Regulations, dated 19th October 1954, entitl-
ed the Petroleum (Production) (Amendment)
Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Fletcher reported from the Select Com-
mitee on Statutory Instruments, the Minutes
of the further Proceedings of the Committee.
No. 7 (xxx).

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon
the Table ; and be printed.

The Right Honourable Arthur Creech Jones, New Member
for Wakefield, made the Affirmation required by Law.

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on Food and Drugs
Amendment [Money], a Resolution ; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present
Session to amend the Food and Drugs
Act, 1938, and the Food and Drugs (Milk,
Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950, and
for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown or Government department in consequence of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session, and

(b) any increase attributable to the said Act in the moneys to be so provided under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Food and Drugs Amendment Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Offences in connection with preparation and sale of injurious foods and adulterated drugs).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1. 6, after the word “shall,” to insert the words “add or direct or permit any other person to.”—(Mr. Willey.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1. 11, at the end, to insert the words—

“(2) No person shall abstract or direct or permit any other person to abstract any constituent of food so as to change the nature, substance or quality of the food with intent that the food shall be sold for human consumption in its altered state without notice to the purchaser of the alteration.”—(Mr. Dodds.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1. 13, to leave out subsection (6).—(Sir Leslie Plummer.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. James Johnson,

161.

Mr. Holmes,

214.

Sir Cedric Drewe,

234.

Lieutenant-Commander Thompson:

255.

Noes,

Mr. John Taylor:

222.

Mr. Allan:

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 5, to leave out the word “requiring.”—(Mr. Dodds.)

Question proposed, That the word “requiring” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 11, to leave out the word “such,” and insert the word “any.”—(Mr. Willey.)

Question proposed, That the word “such” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1. 30, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that no such regulation shall authorise the sale of any article which is without food value or the description of any article of food in terms which are likely to conceal its true nature and composition.”—(Dr. Stross.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Food and Drugs Amendment Bill [Lords].
Clause No. 4 (Power of Ministers to obtain particulars of certain food ingredients).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 5, after the word "production," to insert the word "use."—(Mr. Willey.)

Question proposed, That the word "use" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 7, to leave out the words "or regulated."—(Mr. Mitchison.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Labelling, etc., of food and drugs).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 25, at the end, to insert the words—
"Provided such regulations shall not apply to food prepared or sold with a view to consumption on the premises."—(Mr. Higgs.)

Question proposed, That those words be inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 25, at the end, to insert the words—
"Provided such regulations shall not apply to food prepared or sold with a view to consumption on the premises."—(Mr. Higgs.)

Question proposed, That those words be inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Regulations as to food hygiene).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 5, to leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Willey.)

Question put, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Kaberry: 228.
Mr. Pearson: 213.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Arthur Allen: 208.
Mr. Wallace: 231.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words—
"(d) for requiring the medical examination of persons engaged in preparing, handling, wrapping or delivering food and for prohibiting such persons suffering from, or being the carriers of, infection or disease from being so engaged and for providing for the compensation of any persons so prohibited."—(Dr. Summerskill.)

Question put, That those words be inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Kaberry: 208.
Mr. Wallace: 231.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Pearson: 228.
Mr. Studholme: 213.

And it being after 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 Bill, 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. Kaberry):—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-two minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 166.]

Wednesday, 27th October, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S .

T H E House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bank of Scotland Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of the Report of the Committee on Close Seasons for Deer in Scotland with a Minority Report.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, (Scotland). Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume 1, Part 27, County of Renfrew.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument, Copies—
(1) of an Account of the Sums recovered under Article 9 of the Jewellery and Silverware Council (Dissolution) Order, 1953, and of their Disposal, for the period ended the 31st day of March 1954, and
(2) of the Liquidator's Statement of Account from the 1st day of March 1953 (Commencement of Liquidation) to the 22nd day of March 1954 (Close of Liquidation).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Walter Monckton presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of an Interim Court's Report of a Court of Inquiry into a Dispute in the London Docks.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Close Seasons for Deer in Scotland Order Confirmation Bill;
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 recovered under the Lace Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Order, 1951, and of their Disposal, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account 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).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Food and Drugs Amendment Bill [Lords].

Clause No. 6 (Regulations as to food hygiene).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) for imposing requirements as to the provision and maintenance of, or prohibiting or regulating the use of, wrapping materials or containers in which food is sold, or offered, exposed, stored or prepared for sale, for human consumption."

—(Dr. Summerskill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) for imposing requirements as to the clothing worn by persons engaged in preparing, handling, wrapping or delivering food."—(Mr. Padley.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) for prohibiting smoking by persons engaged in preparing or serving food for sale for human consumption."—(Mr. Hastings.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 23, after the word "securing," to insert the words "at slaughterhouses and elsewhere."—(Mr. Champion.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 43, at the end, to insert the words—

"(b) for prohibiting the sale of any fish for human consumption, in the preparation of fish products unless it has been previously washed with wholesome water."—(Dr. Stross.)

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out 1. 7.—(Mr. Willey.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Sir Cedric Drew, Mr. Studholme: 215.
Mr. Pearson, Mr. Wallace: 188.

Question put, That the proposed words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Studholme, 211.
Mr. Pearson, Mr. Wallace: 185.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave again. (Mr. Amory.)

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 the Draft Pneumoconiosis and Byssinosis Benefit Amendment Scheme, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of this instant October, be approved—(Mr. Marples);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 28th October 1954:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Draft Pneumoconiosis and Byssinosis Benefit Amendment Scheme, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of this instant October, be approved.

Resolved, That the Draft Industrial Diseases (Miscellaneous) Benefit Scheme, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of this instant October, be approved. (Mr. Marples.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Oakshott.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Thursday, 28th October, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Bank of Scotland 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. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th October 1954, entitled the Duty-Free Supplies for the Royal Navy Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951.—Volume 1, Part 28, County of Ross and Cromarty.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 19th October 1954, approving Admiralty Memorials praying sanction to—

(1) revised rates of pay for Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines,
(2) an increased rate of flying pay for Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines under training in jet-propelled aircraft, and
(3) revised rates of pay and allowances for Medical and Dental Officers of the Royal Navy and the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Copy of an Order, dated 27th October 1954, Rights of Way, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Chester-le-Street, Durham) (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Civil Defence (Armed Forces) [Lords], on the Overseas Resources Development Bill, on the Expiring Laws Continuance (No. 2) Bill and of the Committee on Expiring Laws Continuance (No. 2) [Money] be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The Civil Defence (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. (Mr. Kaberry.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Harold Macmillan, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Civil Defence (Armed Forces) [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 training in civil defence of persons serving terms of part-time service under the National Service Act, 1948, and other members of the armed forces of the Crown, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of such moneys under section seven of the Civil Defence Act, 1948;

(b) of sums required under the said Act of the present Session for reimbursing amounts otherwise payable out of moneys provided for navy, army or air force services.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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. Kaberry reported from the Committee on Overseas Resources Development [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the transfer to a statutory corporation constituted under the law of Tanganyika of the undertaking of the Overseas Food Corporation, and the dissolution of the last-mentioned Corporation; for the provision of funds under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, in connection with the carrying on of the said undertaking; for the conclusion of fresh arrangements as to the obligations and rights of the last-mentioned Corporation in connection with the Southern Province port and railway; for the remission of interest on certain advances made under the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1948, to the Colonial Development Corporation; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase (not exceeding one million seven hundred thousand pounds) in the sums payable out of such moneys under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts 1940 to 1950, which may be attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session amending those Acts in relation to any scheme for providing funds required by the Tanganyika Agricultural Corporation;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums directed by the said Act of the present Session to be so paid;

(c) the remission of any obligation of the Colonial Development Corporation to make payments under section thirteen of the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1948, in respect of interest on such part of the sums advanced to that Corporation under that Act as may be equivalent to net losses incurred for the purposes of any undertaking of the Corporation which has been or may be abandoned.

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.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

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 desire their concurrence.

The Expiring Laws Continuance (No. 2) 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. Kaberry.)

Resolved. That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Captain Crookshank, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her 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—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, the Road Traffic Act, 1934, and the Population (Statistics) Act, 1938, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five; and of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, and the Licensing Act, 1953, until
the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six being expenses which under any Act are to be defrayed out of such moneys; and

(b) such issues out of the Consolidated Fund, the raising of such moneys under the National Loans Act, 1939, and such payments into the Exchequer, as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Civil Contingencies Fund Act, 1952, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.—(Mr. Brooke.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Mean reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Kaberry):—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 Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 168.

Friday, 29th October, 1954.

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 Liverpool, West Derby, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir David Patrick Maxwell Fyfe, G.C.V.O., Q.C., called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 26th October 1954, entitled the National Health Service (Traveling Allowances, etc.) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1954.

Copy of an Instrument, dated 26th October 1954, entitled the Nurses (Area Nurse-Training Committees) Amendment (No. 2) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The National Gallery and Tate Gallery Bill (Lords) was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Allan.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Allan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 169.]

Monday, 1st November, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household Immunities and Privileges reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 21st day of October last relating to Immunities and Privileges had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Council of Europe) (Amendment) Order, 1954; the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Customs Co-operation Council) Order, 1954; the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the European Payments Union) Order, 1954; the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the International Civil Aviation Organisation) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954; the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the International Telecommunication Union) Order, 1954; the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) Order, 1954; the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the National Telecommunication Union) Order, 1954; the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of

I will comply with your request.

The following Paper, presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of a Return showing Transactions connected with the National Debt for the years 1938-39 to 1953-54.

The following Paper, required by an Act of Parliament, was laid upon 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:


Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty’s Command, Copy of Documents agreed on by the Conference of Ministers held in Paris between the 20th and 23rd days of October 1954.

Copy of an Agreement signed at Paris on the 23rd day of October 1954 between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the French Republic on the Saar Statute (the Agreement has not yet been ratified by the Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 26th October 1954, entitled the Census of Production (Returns and Exempted Persons) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of Leicester.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter 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 1953.

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—

(1) the Stopping up of Highways (Ayrshire) (No. 1) Order, 1954,

(2) the Smallburgh Rural (East Ruston No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1954,

(3) the Clowne Rural (Whitwell Parish) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1954,

(4) the Maidstone Extension (Amendment) Order, 1954,

(5) the Huddersfield (Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1954,

(6) the Nantwich (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954,

(7) the Malmsbury Rural (Corston Spring) Water Order, 1954, and

(8) the Isle of Wight (Conservation of Water) Order, 1954.

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 29th October 1954, Supreme Court made by the Governor in the Privy Council of Northern Ireland amending arrangements for Winter Assizes.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the White Paper on the Railways Reorganisation Scheme presented to Parliament by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation (Command 9191).—(Mr. Molson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being National Health Service proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the National Health Service (Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Associated Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, dated 27th September 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of October last, be annulled—(Mr. Woodburn): The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. —(Mr. Galbraith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 170.]

Tuesday, 2nd November, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and Public Petitions, read; and ordered to lie upon the Table. Vide Fourth Report.

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Switzerland Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on the 30th day of
Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1954, entitled the Imported Canned Fruit (Revocation) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 30th September 1954.

Mr. Sandys also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 13th October 1954, made by the Newport County Borough Council and approved with modifications by the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of Pottery Field (or Saint Jude, Hunslet); Saint Silas, Hunslet; and Saint Mary, Hunslet; in the diocese of Ripon.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Sir Eric Errington, Member for Aldershot, was sworn.

Resolutions, That the Draft Coal Industry Nationalisation (Borrowing Powers) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of October last, be approved.—(Mr. Joynson-Hicks.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Studholme):—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 nineteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and Public Petitions. Vide Fourth Read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd George presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Continuance of Emergency Legislation.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Housing Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 30th September 1954.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, (Scotland),—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume I, Part 29, County of Roxburgh.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to Census of the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Report of the Census of Production for 1951, Volume 9, Trade I, Brewing and Malting.

Copy of the Sixth Annual Report and State- ment of Accounts of the Cotton Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Transport, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1954, entitled the British Transport Commission (Amendment of Pension Schemes) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Selwyn Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Registered Designs (Extension of Period of Emergency) Order, 1954.

Patents.

Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Patents (Extension of Period of Emergency) Order, 1954.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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).—(The Prime Minister.)

Business of the House (Standing Orders).

Ordered, That the Motion relative to Standing Orders of which notice has been given by Mr. Brooke may be made at the time of Public Business, notwithstanding that it relates in part to Standing Orders relating to Private Business. —(Captain Crookshank.)

Lotteries.

Ordered. That the leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the conduct on behalf of societies registered with the local authority of small lotteries for raising money for charitable, sporting and other purposes: And that Mr. Barber, Mr. Philip Bell, Mr. Mulley, Sir William Darling, Group Captain Wilcock and Dr. Bennett do prepare and bring it in.

Lotteries Bill. Bill 156.

Mr. Barber accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the conduct on behalf of societies registered with the local authority of small lotteries for raising money for charitable, sporting, and other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of this instant November, and to be printed.

Food and Drugs Amendment Bill [Lords].

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Food and Drugs Amendment Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 8 (Extension of s. 14 of principal Act to other businesses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 45, to leave out from the word "section" to the end of l. 4, on p. 9.—(Dr. Hill.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Poplewell, Yeas, Mr. Rogers,] 196.

Tellers for the [Mr. Cedric Drew, Noes, Mr. Legh,] 240.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 11, to leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall."—(Captain Duncan.)

Question put, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Wilkins, Yeas, Mr. John Taylor,] 208.

Tellers for the [Sir Cedric Drew, Noes, Mr. Galbraith,] 246.

Word "shall" there inserted.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Licensing of sale of food elsewhere than in premises).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 3, to leave out from the word "regulations" to the end of l. 7.—(Mr. Willey.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Provisions relating to milk).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 45, after the word "milked," to insert the words—

"(i) at any place not registered in pursuance of regulations under that Act as a dairy farm; or"

(ii)."—(Dr. Hill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 2, to leave out from the word "is" to the end of l. 3, and insert the words "so registered."—(Dr. Hill.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 36, to leave out subsection (4), and insert the words—

"(4) Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section nine of the Act of 1950 (which prohibits a person from selling adulterated milk or having it in his possession for the purpose of sale) shall have effect as if after the words 'or have in his possession for the purpose of sale, there were inserted the words 'or deposit for collection for sale.'"—(Captain Duncan.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "where" in l. 41, stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 47, at the end, to add the words—

"(5) The Ministers may make regulations for controlling the use of milk churns, milk bottles and milk crates and for prohibiting or regulating the use of such articles by any person without the consent of the owner and for requiring any person who obtains permission or control of such articles to take reasonable care of them and not to retain them for an unreasonable time or wilfully to destroy or damage them."—(Dr. Summerskill.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Arthur Allen, Yeas, Mr. John Taylor,] 215.

Tellers for the [Sir Cedric Drew, Noes, Mr. Wills,] 246.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Food and drugs authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 24, to leave out the word "forty," and insert the word "thirty."—(Mr. Mitchison.)
Question proposed, That the word "forty" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 6, at the end, to insert the words—
"(4) Where according to the last published census for the time being the population of a non-county borough or urban district is less than twenty thousand, no directions shall be given in respect thereof under subsection (3) of this section and, if the council of the borough or district were a food and drugs authority before the publication of the census, the council shall cease to be the food and drugs authority for the borough or district and any directions in force in respect thereof under that subsection shall cease to have effect."—(Dr. Hill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end, to add the words—
"save that a direction may be given when the Minister of Health is satisfied that such a direction is necessary to secure the efficient performance of the purposes of this Act."—(Mr. Beswick.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Proposed words there inserted.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 13 amended, and agreed to.
Clause No. 14 (Enforcement of certain enactments and regulations).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 32, to leave out the word "fourteen" and insert the word "twenty-eight."—(Mr. Higgs.)

Question proposed, That the word "fourteen" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 15 and 16 agreed to.
Clause No. 17 (Powers of sampling).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 35, at the end, to insert the words—
"(5) Any sample taken by a sampling officer shall be paid for at the time it is taken."—(Captain Duncan.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 18 (Disposal of samples taken for analysis).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 40, at the end, to insert the words—
"(4) Where any sample of milk is taken by a sampling officer, he shall, immediately it becomes possible to do so, notify the person to whom he gives a part of the sample pursuant to the last foregoing section—
(a) that he has decided not to have the sample analysed in a case where he has so decided; and
(b) of the contents of the certificate of the results of an analysis in a case where he so decided."—(Sir Leslie Plummer.)
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.

A Clause (Miscellaneous provisions relating to Board of Trade and their regulations)—(Mr. Henry Strauss)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Expenses)—(Mr. Amory)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Catering premises)—(Dr. Hill)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 6, to leave out from the word "offence" to the word "to" in l. 7, and insert the word "and."—(Mr. Cooper-Key.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause added.

Another Clause (Transference of ministerial powers)—(Mr. Vaughan-Morgan)—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 (Defence available in proceedings under s. 83 of principal Act)—(Mr. Pittman)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Further provisions as to restriction of private slaughter-houses)—(Captain Duncan)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Schedule No. 2.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 17, to leave out from the word "words" to the end of l. 18, and insert the words "the sample shall be submitted to the public analyst for some other area, or if for any reason the public analyst is unable to perform an effective analysis he shall submit it to the public analyst for some other area."—(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 12, at the end, to insert the words—"Section 94

At end, insert the following new subsection:—

(4) For the purpose of this section a public analyst shall be deemed to be an officer whether or not he is a full-time officer.

—(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 35, l. 18, after the word "fish," to insert the words "but does include poultry."—(Mr. Crouch.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 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 to-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. Redmayne 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—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, the Road Traffic Act, 1934, and the Population (Statistics) Act, 1938, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five; and of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, and the Licensing Act, 1953, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, being expenses which under any Act are to be defrayed out of such moneys; and

(b) such issues out of the Consolidated Fund, the raising of such moneys under the National Loans Act, 1939, and such payments into the Exchequer, as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Civil Contingencies Fund Act, 1952, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

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.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, to leave out ll. 6 to 8.—(Mr. Ede.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, to leave out ll. 13 to 15.—(Mr. Callaghan.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, to leave out ii. 41 to 45.—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put, and agreed to.

Question proposed, That this Schedule be the Schedule to the Bill.

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Manuel, Member for Central Ayrshire, and directed him to resume his seat.

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Question put, and 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 being made; That the Amendment hereinafter stated in Part I of the Schedule be made to Standing Order No. 86A, relating to Public Business, and that the several Amendments hereinafter stated in Part II of the Schedule be made to the Standing Orders relating to Private Business:

SCHEDULE.

Part I.

Standing Order No. 86A. Leave out from beginning of i. 9 to end of Standing Order.

Part II.

Standing Order 156A. 1. 7, leave out from " borough " to end of line 8.

l. 15, leave out " or Part II."

l. 16, at end, add " or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954."

Standing Order 156B. 1. 5, leave out " or Part II."

l. 14 leave out from " four " to " of " in l. 15.

l. 22, leave out " or the Secretary of State."

Standing Order 191. 1. 11, leave out " or Part II."

l. 12, at end, add " or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954 "—(Mr. Brooke);

Captain Crookshank, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House do now Adjourn. (Mr. Wills.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes after One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 172.]

Thursday, 4th November, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd George 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—

(1) to the County Borough of Blackburn,

(2) to the Borough of Colne,

(3) to the Urban District of Market Rasen and

(4) to the Urban District of Sowerby Bridge.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

(1) Volume 7, Trade B, Flock and Rag, and

(2) Volume 9, Trade J, Wholesale Bottling.

Copy of the Income and Expenditure Account of British Lace Furnishings (Overseas) Limited for the year ended the 30th day of June, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Walter Monckton presented, by Her Industrial Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Final Courts Report of a Court of Inquiry into a dispute in the London docks.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the present Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)
Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on Civil Defence (Armed Forces) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the training in civil defence of persons serving terms of part-time service under the National Service Act, 1948, and other members of the armed forces of the Crown, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of such moneys under section seven of the Civil Defence Act, 1948;

(b) of sums required under the said Act of the present Session for reimbursing amounts otherwise payable out of moneys provided for navy, army or air force services.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Civil Defence (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Civil defence training for part-time National Servicemen, etc.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "Minister," (to insert the words "who shall be a member of the Defence Committee").—(Mr. Bellenger.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the words " serving their term of part-time service," and insert the words " liable to service."—(Mr. Henry Hynd.)

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. 13, at the end, to insert the words—

" Provided that all persons called up for reserve training for civil defence shall be called up for the same period as that for which National Servicemen are liable under the National Service Act, 1948."—(Mr. Wigg.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) Any increase attributable to this section in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under section seven of the Civil Defence Act, 1948, shall be defrayed out of moneys so provided; and the said arrangements may provide for the reimbursement by the designated Minister, out of such moneys, of any amounts in respect of the pay of, and other expenses incurred on account of, members of the naval, military or air forces receiving training under the arrangements referred to in the foregoing subsections of this section, being amounts which fall to be met out of moneys provided by Parliament for navy, army or air force services."—(Mr. Ede.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "subsection," in l. 12, stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Studholme: 210.}
{Mr. Redmagne: 187.}
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Holmes: 185.}
{Mr. Wallace: 168.}

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, at the end, to insert the words—

" (6) Members of the armed forces of the Crown shall not be subject to military or air force law during training in civil defence in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section."—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Short title.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, to leave out the words "Civil Defence (Armed Forces)," and insert the words "Armed Forces (Civil Defence)."—(Mr. Wigg.)

Question put, That the words "Civil Defence (Armed Forces)" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Allan: 185.}
{Colonel Harrison: 168.}
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Holmes: 185.}
{Mr. Wallace: 168.}

Clause agreed to.

A Clause (Duties of armed forces to include civil defence and training thereof)—(Mr. de Freitas)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Colonel Harrison):
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. Allan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 173.]

Friday, 5th November, 1954.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

National Health Service (Scotland).
Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd November 1954, entitled the National Health Service (Travelling Allowances, etc.) (Scotland) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1954, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Pharmacy Bill [Lords].
The Pharmacy Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords].
The Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Post Office Savings Bank Bill [Lords].
The Post Office Savings Bank Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

National Gallery and Tate Gallery Bill [Lords].
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Gallery and Tate Gallery Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Transfer from National Gallery Trustees to Tate Gallery Trustees of responsibility for Tate Gallery collection).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1, 13, at the end, to insert the words "save for such of the pictures bequeathed by the late Sir Hugh Lane as are now in the possession or control of the Tate Gallery Trustees which with those now in the possession or control of the National Gallery Trustees shall be handed over to the National Gallery of Ireland."—(Mr. Edward Mallalieu.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lieutenant-Colonel Hyde, Yeas, 1 20.  Mr. Edward Mallalieu: 389.  Colonel Harrison:

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Powers of transfer between the National Gallery and Tate Gallery collections).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1, 24, to leave out the words "from among themselves."—(Mr. Nicolson.)

Question proposed, That the words "from among themselves" stand part of the Clause:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Allocation of gifts and bequests).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1, 34, to leave out from the word "or" to the word "and" in l. 35, and insert the words "any gallery or museum which is regularly open to the public and which is deemed appropriate for its retention and exhibition."—(Mr. Grimond.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause; put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1, 46, to leave out subsection (4).—(Viscount Hinchingbrooke.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause; put, and agreed to.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lieutenant-Commander Thompson, Yeas, 68.  Colonel Harrison:

Nos, 35.  Mr. Kaberry,

Mr. Edward Mallalieu:

 Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Powers of lending exercisable by National Gallery Trustees and Tate Gallery Trustees).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1, 4, to leave out from the word "exhibition" to the end of l. 5, and insert the words "in the United Kingdom or to exhibitions of international artistic importance abroad."—(Mr. Nicolson.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1, 8, to leave out the words "or elsewhere."—(Mr. Robinson.)
Question, That the words “or elsewhere” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3 I. 14, to leave out the words “by a foreign artist.”—(Mr. Grimond.)

Question, That the words “by a foreign artist” stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Lieutenant-Commander Thompson, 66.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wakefield, Mr. Fletcher, 23.

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 reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Galbraith):—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.

[No. 174]

Monday, 8th November, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Revenue Departments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, and upon Revenue and certain Store Accounts.

Account showing all the Sums which have been received into the Treasury Chest and paid out of the same during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, and the Liabilities and Assets on that day, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, copies of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, on the 19th day of May 1954, amending the Statutes of the College.

Mr. Birch also presented, pursuant to the Cathedral Commissioners, directions of a Measure, copies of a Scheme entitled the Wakefield Cathedral (Amendment) Scheme.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the Census, 1951, the directions of an Act of Parliament, copies of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of Nottinghamshire.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Richard Christopher Sharples, O.B.E., New Member M.C., Member for Sutton and Cheam, was sworn.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Business of Motion standing in the name of the Prime Minister relating to South-East Asia 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.

—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Road Traffic Paper entitled the Highway Code, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 26th day of October last, and approves the revised Highway Code contained in pp. 4 to 26 thereof.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

Resolved, That this House approves the South-East Asia policy of Her Majesty's Government in South-East Asia as expressed in the Agreements reached at Geneva and in the Manila Treaty.

—(Secretory Sir Anthony Eden.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment,

—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[No. 175]

Tuesday, 9th November, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Writ, for Northern Ireland to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Armagh in the room of Major James Richard Edwards Harden, D.S.O., M.C., who since his election for the said Constituency hath accepted the
Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.

—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Iron and Steel.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 3rd November 1954, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of ordinary shares in Dorman, Long & Co., Limited.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Spain (No. 1, 1954).

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Madrid on the 10th day of February 1951 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Spain amending the Schedule of routes annexed to the Air Services Agreement of the 20th day of July 1950.


Copy of Notes exchanged at London between the 6th and 8th days of September 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Poland further prolonging the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 2nd day of March 1948.


Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 1st day of October 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Japan prolonging until the 31st day of March 1955 the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 29th day of January 1954.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

National Health Service (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 3rd November 1954, entitled:

(1) the National Health Service (Campbeltown and District Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
(2) the National Health Service (Oban and District Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Emergency Laws.

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 4th November 1954, entitled:

(1) the Merchant Shipping (Load Line Convention) (Various Countries) Order, 1954, and
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Countries) (Various) (No. 3) Order, 1954.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Merchant Supplies and Services.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 4th November 1954, entitled:

(1) the Defence Regulations (No. 7) Order, 1954, and
(2) the Defence Regulations (No. 9) Order, 1954.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Annual Reports, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954—

(1) of the Avon and Dorset River Board,
(2) of the Dee and Clwyd River Board,
(3) of the Usk River Board, and
(4) of the West Sussex River Board.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Fletcher 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 Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 1954, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

William James Owen, Esquire, Member for New Member Morpeth, was sworn.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Gas and Electricity Industries. 

—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd.)

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 Sowerby Bridge, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 4th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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 Market Rasen, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 4th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved. That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the County Borough of Blackburn, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 4th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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 Colne, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 4th day of this instant November, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson);

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. —(Colonel Harrison.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 176.]

Wednesday, 10th November, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Rules, dated 3rd November 1954, entitled—
1. the Parish Council Election Rules, 1954,
2. the Rural District Council Election Rules, 1954, and

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Orders, dated 4th November 1954, entitled—
1. the National Health Service (Bute and Campbells Hospitals) Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
2. the National Health Service (Isle of Arran Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of an Order, dated 2nd November 1954, entitled the Wolverhampton (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Captain Waterhouse reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B, and Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Captain Waterhouse reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Select Committee on Estimates be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Bank of Scotland Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sittings, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Civil Defence (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords], 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, 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. Wills reported from the Committee on Pests [Money]. Pests [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the destruction or control of rabbits and other animals and birds, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or of the Secretary of State—

(i) in exercising default powers conferred on those Ministers by the Act;

(ii) in providing services, equipment, appliances or other material for the purpose of assisting in measures for the destruction or control of rabbits;

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Question put, That the word “fifty-eight” stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Studholme: 214.
Mr. Wakefield: 192.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Holmes: 
Mr. Wallace:

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 9 to 14 agreed to.

A Clause (Extension of power to contribute to cost of destruction or preventive measures) — (Mr. Amory) — brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Expenses and receipts of Ministers) — (Mr. Amory) — brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Spreading of myxomatosis) — (Dr. King) — brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule 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 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 Pests Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended, and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Extension of power to require or assist in preventive measures).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 24, after the word “destroy,” to insert the words “or fill up.” — (Sir Richard Acland.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 4 to 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Restriction on type of trap in England and Wales).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 10, at the end, to insert the words—

“(6) The appointed day for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section shall be the thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight:

Provided that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries—

(a) may by order appoint a day earlier than the said thirty-first day of July (but not earlier than two years after the date of the order); or

(b) if no order has been made under the foregoing paragraph, may from time to time by order postpone the appointed day for a period (or further period) of one year; but no order shall be made under paragraph (b) of this proviso, unless a draft of it has been laid before Parliament two years or more before the day for the time being appointed and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.” — (Mr. Amory.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 4, to leave out the word “fifty-eight,” and insert the word “fifty-six.” — (Mr. Champion.)
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that, on the ratification by the Government of the United States of America of the Protocol set out in the Schedule to the Draft of an Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (U.S.A.) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of October last, an Order may be made in the form of that Draft. —(Mr. Brooke.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn —(Mr. Oakshott)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 11th November, 1954:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Wednesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[No. 177.]

Thursday: 11th November, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant census to the directions of several Acts of (Scotland), Parliament.—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume I, Part 30, County of Selkirk.

Copies of Orders, dated 5th November 1954, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Falkirk and District Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954,
(2) the National Health Service (Kirkintilloch and Kilsyth Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and
(3) the National Health Service (Stirling and Clackmannan Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant clothing to the directions of a Statutory Instrument,—Industry, Copy of an Account of the Sums recovered No. 294, under Article 9 of the Clothing Industry Development Council (Dissolution) Order, 1952,

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and of their disposal, for the period ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered, That the said Account 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 Mines and Quarries Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mines and Quarries Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; 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).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Food and Drugs Amendment Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 13, p. 15, l. 20, and the proposed Clause (Food Hygiene Advisory Council) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Amory—(Dr. Hill):

The Question was amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words “and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 9, p. 11, ll. 5, 11 and 14, of the proposed Clause (Registration of catering premises) and of the Amendment to Schedule No. 2, p. 41, l. 12, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Willey”—(Mr. Willey); “and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 13, p. 14, l. 34, and Clause No. 13, p. 15, l. 10, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Mitchison.”—(Mr. Mitchison.)

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 Amendment to Clause No. 13, p. 15, l. 20, and the proposed Clause (Food Hygiene Advisory Council) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Amory; and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 9, p. 11, ll. 5, 11 and 14, of the proposed Clause (Registration of catering premises) and of the Amendment to Schedule No. 2, p. 41, l. 12, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Willey; and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 13, p. 14, l. 34, and Clause No. 13, p. 15, l. 10, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Mitchison.—(Mr. Mitchison.)

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 Amendment to Clause No. 13, p. 15, l. 20, and the proposed Clause (Food Hygiene Advisory Council) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Amory; and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 9, p. 11, ll. 5, 11 and 14, of the proposed Clause (Registration of catering premises) and of the Amendment to Schedule No. 2, p. 41, l. 12, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Willey; and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 13, p. 14, l. 34, and Clause No. 13, p. 15, l. 10, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Mitchison.

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. 9 (Extension of s. 14 of principal Act to other businesses).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 5, after the words “premises,” to insert the words “other than catering premises.”—(Mr. Willey.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Wallace, Mr. James Johnson:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Wills, Noes, Mr. Allan:]

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Food and drugs authorities).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 34, to leave out the word “forty,” and insert the word “thirty-five.”—(Dr. Broughton.)

Question, That the word “forty” stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause (Food Hygiene Advisory Council)

—(Mr. Amory)—brought up, and read the first and second time; amended, in l. 23, by inserting, at the beginning, the words “or to publish any such code of practice as is mentioned in subsection (6) of section six of this Act”—(Dr. Broughton), and, as amended, added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made a further Amendment and 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 (Commencement of proceedings)

—(Dr. Hill)—was twice read and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Cream substitutes)—(Dr. Hill); 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. 3, by leaving out from the second word “cream” to the end of l. 4.—(Mr. Higgs.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Butter fat content of milk)—(Mr. Pargiter); 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. 22, by leaving out Clause No. 2.—(Mr. Mitchison.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of l. 41 on p. 2, stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 39, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(3) For the purposes of the said section six no trade mark which on the day this Act is passed is registered under the Trade Marks Act, 1938, in respect of any food or drug, shall be treated as a false description of that food or drug or as being otherwise calculated to mislead as to its nature, substance or quality."

—(Mr. Pitman.)

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. 7, l. 45, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided such regulations shall not apply to food prepared or sold with a view to consumption on the premises."

—(Mr. Higgs.)

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. 6, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "provision," the words—

"(a) for prohibiting in private dwelling-houses the handling and wrapping by persons residing therein of articles intended for sale for human consumption."

—(Mr. MacColl.)

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. 7, l. 10, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(e) for requiring the medical examination of persons engaged in preparing, handling, wrapping or delivering food where such persons have not previously been so engaged."

—(Dr. Stross.)

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. 18, l. 4, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that a failure of a council to give such notice to the Minister or the inadequacy of a notice or a summary of the facts shall not preclude a conviction."—(Mr. Higgs.)

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. 19, l. 6, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(5) The Act of 1950 shall be amended by inserting at the end of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section thirteen the words—

"it shall not be made a condition of licences that sampling authorities can obtain samples free of charge."

—(Captain Duncan.)

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. 24, l. 23, by leaving out the words "one hundred," and inserting the words "two hundred and fifty"—(Mr. Willey),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "one hundred" 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 Schedule (Provisions as to manner in which samples taken or purchased for analysis are to be dealt with) (Dr. Hill) —was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered. That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendment, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Dr. Broughton, to a Clause inserted on re-committal of the Bill (Food Hygiene Advisory Council), in l. 24.—(Mr. Amory.)

Resolved. That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause (Food Hygiene Advisory Council) 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 on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered. That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered. That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pharmacy Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 26 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 4 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 86 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office Savings Bank Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 28 agreed to.

Schedule 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered. That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Kaberry);

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. Allan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Friday, 12th November, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SECRETARY Sir Anthony Eden pre-Iran (No. 1, sent, by Her Majesty's Command, 1954).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Tehran on the 25th day of October 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Iran establishing the arrangements to govern the payments relations between Iran and the Scheduled Territories.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1954, entitled the Training of Teachers Grant Amending Regulations No. 3, 1954.

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 an Order, dated 5th November County Courts. 1954, entitled the County Court Fees Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954.

Copy of Rules, dated 5th November 1954, County Courts, entitled the County Court Funds (Amendment) Rules, 1954.

Ordered. That the Reports from the Select Army Act and Committees on the Army Act and Air Force Act, Act of the present Session and the last two Sessions be now taken into consideration.— (Mr. Secretary Head)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Reports into consideration.
Resolved. That this House approves the recommendations contained in the Reports.—(Sir Patrick Spens.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson);

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.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 179.]


The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the Churches and Universities (Scotland) Widows' and Orphans' Fund Order Confirmation Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be printed.


Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (for Services other than those voted by Parliament) in the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, 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 Lennox-Boyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the constitutional situation in Buganda.

Overlay Food Corporation. No. 296.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Overseas Food Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to the Overseas Food Corporation be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th November 1954, entitled the National Health Service (Edinburgh Southern Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Orders entitled—

(1) the Lacey Furnishings Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1954, and

(2) the Lacey Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order entitled the British Transport Commission (Organisation) Scheme Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Pests Bill [Lords] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolved. That this House takes note of the Reports and Accounts of the British Overseas Airways Corporation and the British European Airways Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.-(Mr. Profumo.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty under section eight of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, praying that the said Act, which would otherwise expire on the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, be continued in force for a further period of one year until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.-(Mr. Secretary Lloyd George.)

Ordered. That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved. That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty under section seven of the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1947, praying that the Defence Regulations specified in the Schedule hereto, which would otherwise expire on the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, be continued in force for a further period of one year until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

SCHEDULE.

The following Regulations of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, namely—

Regulation fifty-two (Use of land for purposes of Her Majesty's forces);

Regulations eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, and eighty-five

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pests Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Restriction on gin traps)—(Mr. 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 Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Sir Cedric Drew)—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 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 .

HE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 10th day of this instant November relating to Double Taxation Relief had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her 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) (Federal Republic of Germany) Order, 1954; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order, 1954; and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (U.S.A.) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the respective drafts laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pests and Plant Disorders (Scotland) Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
Mr. Brook presents, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments in the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

Copy of an Order, dated 12th November 1954, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 9) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Government Departments (Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets) be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presents, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th November 1954, entitled the Open-Cast Coal (Highway) Orders (Revocation) (No. 3) Order, 1954.

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 Town and Country Planning 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 National Gallery and Tate Gallery Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Civil Defence (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Town and Country Planning Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the failure of Her Majesty's Government to relieve the plight of old-age pensioners and calls for immediate action to improve pensions for Christmas, and to meet the hardships of winter—(Dr. Summerskill);

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 "notes with satisfaction that the improvements in the financial and economic position of the country which have resulted from the policies followed by Her Majesty's Government now make it possible to raise pensions and increase benefits both under the insurance schemes and for war pensioners and their widows, thus completing the removal of the injustices brought about by the late Government; welcomes the declaration of Her Majesty's Government to lay before this House at the earliest possible moment proposals to this end maintaining the contributory basis of the insurance schemes and renewits pledge of support for their speedy enactment"—(Mr. Peake),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Pearson:

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Cedric Drew:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added after the word "House" in the Main Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Pearson:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House notes with satisfaction that the improvements in the financial and economic position of the country which have resulted from the policies followed by Her Majesty's Government now make it possible to raise pensions and increase benefits both under the insurance schemes and for war pensioners and their widows, thus completing the removal of the injustices brought about by the late Government; welcomes the declaration of Her Majesty's Government to lay before this House at the earliest possible moment proposals to this end maintaining the contributory basis of the insurance schemes and renewits pledge of support for their speedy enactment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
THE Churches and Universities (Scotland) Widows' and Orphans' 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. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, dated 5th November 1954, entitled the Chester (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of All Souls College, Oxford, on the 25th day of June 1954, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, dated 5th November 1954, entitled the Chester (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1953, Tables, Part I, Medical.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Third Report of the Law Reform Committee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 15th day of this instant November relating to Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) and Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, and the various Defence Regulations and Enactments which you specify be continued in force, respectively, for a further period of one year until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

I will give directions accordingly.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 15th day of this instant November relating to Patents and Designs had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Patents (Extension of Period of Emergency) Order, 1954, and the Registered Designs (Extension of Period of Emergency) Order, 1954, be made in the form of the respective drafts laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.
Mr. Secretary Lloyd George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copies of Draft Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Bedford and Mid-Bedfordshire) Order, 1954,
(2) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Bethnal Green, Hackney and Stoke Newington) Order, 1954,
(3) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Billingeys, South East Essex, Romford and Southend) Order, 1954,
(4) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Birmingham and North Warwickshire) Order, 1954,
(5) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Blackburn, Chorley and Darwen) Order, 1954,
(6) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Bosworth and Loughborough) Order, 1954,
(7) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Bradford, Brighouse and Spenborough and Dewsbury) Order, 1954,
(8) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Carmarthenshire) Order, 1954,
(9) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Chelmsford, Chigwell and Woodford) Order, 1954,
(10) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Crewe, Knutsford, Nantwich and Northwich) Order, 1954,
(11) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Croydon) Order, 1954,
(12) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Derby and South East Derbyshire) Order, 1954,
(13) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Dudley and South Staffordshire) Order, 1954,
(14) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Fulham and Hammersmith) Order, 1954,
(15) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Gateshead and Jarrow) Order, 1954,
(16) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Gloucestershire) Order, 1954,
(17) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Hampshire) Order, 1954,
(18) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Harborough and Leicester South East) Order, 1954,
(19) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Harrow) Order, 1954,
(20) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Hertfordshire) Order, 1954,
(21) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Huddersfield, Colne Valley and Penistone) Order, 1954,
(22) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Kingston upon Thames, Surbiton and Wimbledon) Order, 1954,
(23) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Leeds) Order, 1954,
(24) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Liverpool and South-West Lancashire) Order, 1954,
(25) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Manchester, Oldham and Ashton under Lyne) Order, 1954,
(26) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Newcastle upon Tyne) Order, 1954,
(27) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Newport and Monmouth) Order, 1954,
(28) the Parliamentary Constituencies (North Kent) Order, 1954,
(29) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Nottinghamshire) Order, 1954,
(30) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Plymouth) Order, 1954,
(31) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Reading, Newbury and Wokingham) Order, 1954,
(32) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Sheffield) Order, 1954,
(33) the Parliamentary Constituencies (South-East Staffordshire) Order, 1954,
(34) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Spelthorne, Feltham and Heston and Isleworth) Order, 1954,
(35) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Stoke on Trent) Order, 1954,
(36) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Sussex) Order, 1954,
(37) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Swansea) Order, 1954,
(38) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Wakefield and Hemsworth) Order, 1954,
(39) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Warrington and Newton) Order, 1954,
(40) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Wolverhampton) Order, 1954,
(41) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Woolwich) Order, 1954, and
(42) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Yorkshire, East Riding) Order, 1954.

Copies of the First Periodical Reports of Representation of the People, the Boundary Commissions—

(1) for England,
(2) for Northern Ireland, and
(3) for Wales.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Bute and North Ayrshire and Central Ayrshire) Order, 1954,
(2) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (East Ayrshire, West Ayrshire, Aberdeen North and Aberdeen South) Order, 1954,
(3) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Edinburgh Central and Edinburgh Pentland) Order, 1954,
(4) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Edinburgh North and Edinburgh West) Order, 1954,
(5) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Glasgow Bridgeton, Glasgow Provan and Glasgow Shettleston) Order, 1954,
(6) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Glasgow Pollok, Glasgow Craigton, Glasgow Govan and Glasgow Gorbals) Order, 1954,

(7) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Glasgow Stoczown, Glasgow Hillhead and Glasgow Woodside) Order, 1954,

(8) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Glasgow Springburn, Glasgow Central and Glasgow Kelvingrove) Order, 1954,

(9) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Midlothian, Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles and Edinburgh East) Order, 1954, and

(10) the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (West Stirlingshire and Stirling and Falkirk Burghs) Order, 1954.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Navy (Pay, Non-effective Pay and Allowances).

Mr. James Thomas presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—List of Exceptions to the Queen’s Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay and Allowances during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954 which have been sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, pursuant to the Order in Council dated 19th December 1881.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

River Boards.

Mr. Sands presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report of the South-West Wales River Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Western Europe.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the policy of Her Majesty’s Government towards Western Europe as expressed in the Agreement reached in London on the 3rd day of October 1954, and in Paris on the 23rd day of October 1954;

And the Question being again proposed:—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;
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The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,--Copy of the Accounts and Balance Sheets of the Post Office for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, including Accounts of the Postal, Telegraph and Telephone Services and subsidiary Trading Accounts relating to Broadcast Receiving Licences Management, International Telegraph Services and International Telephone Services, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and 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. Secretary Lloyd George presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Electorates of existing Constituencies which are proposed to be altered.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd George also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland in connection with the Home Department and the Secretary of State for Scotland in connection with the management of the State Management Districts under the Licensing Act, 1949, and the Licensing Act, 1953, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Nature Conservancy for the year ended the 30th day of September 1954.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and the Paper relating to Liquor Traffic be printed.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of Yorkshire, East and North Ridings.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered. That the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Fletcher 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 Expiring Laws Continuance (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Overseas Resources Development Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Food and Drugs Amendment Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Pests Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

John Victor Woollam, Esquire, Member for Liverpool, West Derby, was sworn.

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).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Town and Country Planning Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 44, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 10, l. 44, at end insert "or whose interest has subsequently become merged in that interest," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 10, l. 30, at end insert—

"(7) Where an interest in land is the subject of a compulsory acquisition or sale such as is mentioned in subsection (3) of this section and—

(a) on or after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, but before the date of the compulsory acquisition or sale, another interest had become merged with that interest; and

(b) the person entitled to the interest compulsorily acquired or sold was at the date of the compulsory acquisition or sale entitled to a claim holding or claim holdings which related to either or each of the merged interests,

this section shall apply as if those interests had not merged but had been separately acquired from or sold by the person entitled to the interest acquired or sold; and the compensation payable in respect of the compulsory acquisition or, as the case may be, the sale price shall be treated as apportioned between those interests accordingly.

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall prejudice the operation of the proviso.

End of Special Entry.
to subsection (4) of the next following section," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 12, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 12, l. 12, after "forty-eight" insert "and at the date of the certificate specified in the certificate had not been completed," 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, l. 20, leave out from first "of" to "in" in l. 21 and insert "so much of that development as had not been completed if it had been completed and," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 5, at end insert—

"Provided that where the whole or part of any liability or prospective liability which was or, as the case may be, would have been taken into account in calculating that restricted value had ceased to exist before the date of the compulsory acquisition or sale, the Board, or, as the case may be, the Lands Tribunal may, if they think it just and proper so to do, waive in whole or in part, as may appear to them appropriate, any reduction otherwise falling to be made under this subsection;"

end insert "or another interest in which that interest had merged", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 16, after "related" insert "or another interest in which that interest had merged," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 43, at end insert—

"Provided that where the whole or part of any liability or prospective liability which was or, as the case may be, would have been taken into account in calculating that restricted value had ceased to exist before the date of the disposition in question, the Board or, as the case may be, the Lands Tribunal may, if they think it just and proper so to do, waive in whole or in part, as may appear to them appropriate, any reduction otherwise falling to be made under this subsection;"

the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 15, the next Amendment being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 16, after "related" insert "or another interest in which that interest had merged," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 5, at end insert—

"Provided that where the whole or part of any liability or prospective liability which was or, as the case may be, would have been taken into account in calculating that restricted value had ceased to exist before the date of the disposition in question, the Board or, as the case may be, the Lands Tribunal may, if they think it just and proper so to do, waive in whole or in part, as may appear to them appropriate, any reduction otherwise falling to be made under this subsection;"

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. 15, l. 11, leave out from "related" to "was" in l. 12 and insert "or another interest in which that interest had merged", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 16, l. 28, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 16, l. 28, leave out "relevant interest", and insert "in land to which the claim holding related," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Special Entry. Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 17, l. 10, at end insert "or another interest in which that interest had merged", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing Special Entry. that the object of the Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 18, l. 43, leave out from beginning to end of Clause 12 and insert "the authority determining the amount of any such payment shall apportion that amount between the different parts of the area of the claim holding in such manner as appears to that authority proper, and if the aggregate of the portions of the principal amounts of the respective payments so apportioned to any part of the area of the claim holding would, apart from the provisions of this subsection, exceed the fraction of the value of the claim holding attaching to that part of the area thereof, those portions shall be reduced ratably so that the aggregate of them is equal to the said fraction, and the said principal amounts shall be treated as reduced accordingly.

(2) Where two or more payments are payable in respect of the same claim holding by virtue of the last preceding section, the aggregate of the principal amounts of those payments shall not exceed the value of the claim holding or, where that value is treated as reduced in accordance with subsection (6) of the last preceding section, that value as so reduced," 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. 1, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 22, l. 1, leave out subsections (3) and (4) and insert—

"(3) Where one or more acts or events have occurred whereby in accordance with the provisions of this Part of this Act one or more payments become payable in respect of a claim holding (in this section referred to as 'the parent holding') and any such act or event did not extend to the whole of the area of the parent holding, then, both for the purposes of the preceding provisions of this section and for the purposes of the following Parts of this Act—

(a) the parent holding shall be treated as having been divided immediately before the commencement of this Act into as many separate claim holdings, with such areas, as may be necessary to ensure that in the case of each holding either any such act or event extending to the area of that holding extended to the whole thereof or no such act or event extended to the area of that holding;"
(b) the value of each of the separate holdings respectively shall be taken to be that fraction of the value of the parent holding which shall be attached to the part of the area of the parent holding constituting the area of the separate holding;

(c) the authority determining the amount of any such payment shall apportion that amount between the areas of the separate claim holdings to which the act or event in question extended in such manner as may appear to that authority proper, and the portion of that amount apportioned to the area of any separate claim holding shall be taken to be a payment payable under this Part of this Act in respect of that claim holding.

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. 23, l. 5, at end insert—

"(3) Where, on an application for planning permission for the carrying out of new development of land to which this section applies, a planning decision is made after the commencement of this Act whereby that permission is granted (whether unconditionally or not) and the Minister certifies that he is satisfied that particular buildings or works to which the application related were only included therein because the applicant had reason to believe that permission for the other development to which the application related would not have been granted except subject to a condition requiring the erection or construction of those buildings or works, then, for the purposes of this Part of this Act—

(a) the application shall be deemed to have included, in place of those buildings or works, such other development of the land on which the buildings or works were to be erected or constructed as might reasonably have been expected to have been included having regard to the other development to which the application related; and

(b) the permission shall be deemed to have been granted for the other development to which the application related subject to the condition aforesaid," 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. Solicitor General);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the M. Studholme, 194.
Tellers for the M. Wills; 171.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

The Lords Amendment in p. 23, l. 16, at end insert "or by virtue of any regulations made under paragraph 13 of the said Schedule (which relates to certain applications under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935)," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing Special Entry, to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 26, l. 1, after "powers" insert "(not being statutory undertakers or the National Coal Board)," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 28, l. 40, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 28, l. 40, leave out "ten" and insert "seven," 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. 30, l. 9, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 30, l. 9, leave out from "decision" to end of l. 11 and insert—

"by any grant of planning permission made after that decision and in force immediately before the Minister gives notice of his findings on the claim for compensation in respect of that decision, and by any undertaking to grant planning permission so in force and on the assumption that, after the relevant decision and apart from any such permission or undertaking as aforesaid, planning permission would be granted for development of any class specified in the Third Schedule to the principal Act but not for any other development," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry, their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 30, l. 15, leave out from "Part" to end of l. 19 and insert "or Part V of this Act," or compensation for depreciation within the meaning of subsection (3) of section thirty-eight of this Act, has become, or becomes, payable in respect of another planning decision or in respect of an order to which the said section thirty-eight applies, being a planning decision or order made before the relevant decision in respect of, or of land which includes, the whole or part of the land to which the relevant decision relates, the calculation called for by the last preceding subsection shall be made on the assumption that the other planning decision was a decision to the contrary effect or, as the case may be, that that order was not made," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry, their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 37, l. 27, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 37, l. 27, after "compensation" insert "in so far as it is attributable to that land," 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.

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Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 39, l. 31, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 39, l. 31, leave out from second "to" to end of l. 37 on p. 40, and insert "section thirty-four of this Act there shall be added to the compensation payable in respect of the acquisition of the relevant interest apart from the provisions of this section—

(a) where the relevant interest is the only interest (other than excepted interests) subsisting at that time in any of the relevant land which has such a balance, an amount equal to that balance at that time less, in a case when the relevant interest is subject to a rentcharge, any rental liability of that interest within the meaning of the Schedule (Apportionment of unexpended balance of established development value) to this Act; or

(b) where the relevant interest is one of two or more interests (other than excepted interests) so subsisting, an amount equal to so much of that balance at that time as is ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the said Schedule to be attributable to the relevant interest:

Provided that no payment shall be made by virtue of this section if the relevant interest is a tenancy granted on such terms that, immediately before the service of the notice to treat, the person entitled to that interest is prohibited from carrying out any new development of the relevant land.

(2) Regulations made under this section shall provide," 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. 41, l. 13, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 41, l. 19, at end insert "or

(b) if the compensation on the basis of existing use payable in respect of the acquisition would be the same whether or not the said subsection (4) operated;

and where, if the notice to treat had extended to a part only of the relevant land, the amount of the compensation on the basis of existing use payable in respect of the relevant interest in so far as it subsisted in that part would have been the same whether or not the said subsection (4) operated, this section shall have effect as respects the acquisition of the relevant interest as if the notice to treat had extended only to the remainder of the relevant land," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 42, l. 4, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 42, l. 4, at end, insert "specifying in the notice—

(a) any such public authority by whom the council have been so notified; and

(b) any part of that land to which any such proposal of the council or other authority does not extend," 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. Sandys);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Yeas, [Mr. Galbraith;]
 Noes, [Mr. Holmes,]
 181.
 Tellers for the [Mr. Wallace;] 167.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment in p. 42, l. 8, leave out from "propose" to "is" in l. 18 and insert—

"and have not been notified of any proposal of another authority, to acquire within the next five years any interest in any land specified in the notice (in this subsection referred to as 'the specified land'), being the whole or part of the land to which the application related;

(b) the person to whom the notice was given has within three months of the service of the notice completed, or entered into a bona fide contract for, the purchase of an interest in the specified land or any part thereof and given notice of the completion or as the case may be, of the making of the contract to the said council; and

(c) that interest, or that interest in so far as it subsists in any part of that land," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 42, l. 30, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 42, leave out ll. 32 to 44 and insert—

"Provided that—

(i) if at the date of the publication or service of the first notice in connection with the acquisition such as is referred to in paragraph (c) of this subsection, the purchase mentioned in paragraph (b) thereof has not been completed, this subsection shall not have effect unless the contract mentioned in the said paragraph (b) remains in force at that date;

(ii) this subsection shall not have effect in relation to a purchase by a company from an associated company within the meaning of section forty-seven of this Act.

(3) If, in the case of an application under subsection (1) of this section, at the expiration of the period mentioned in that subsection the council have not served the notice required thereby, then, for the purposes of subsection (2) of this section, the council shall be deemed to have duly served on the applicant at the expiration of the said period such a notice as
The Lords Amendment in p. 52, l. 4, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 52, l. 5, leave out from "land" to "interest" in l. 7, and insert "or (ii) having been entitled to an interest in any qualified land at the date of the decision or order, he sold that interest (otherwise than to a public authority possessing compulsory purchase powers) in pursuance of a contract made after that date and during the period beginning with the eighteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and ending immediately before the commencement of this Act,

and the value of that interest or of another interest which has merged therein or, in the case of an interest extending to other land, the value of that or of that other," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and Special Entry, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 52, l. 21, at end insert—

"(2) A person who is entitled to the relevant holding as mortgagee shall be entitled to such compensation as aforesaid, notwithstanding that he does not satisfy the conditions set out in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of the preceding subsection, if the mortgagor would have been entitled to such compensation if he had continued to be the holder of the relevant holding;" the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry, their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 52, l. 23, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 52, l. 24, leave out "or order," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being Special Entry, willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 52, l. 35, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 52, l. 35, at end insert "and in the application of subsection (2) of the said section twenty-three in a case to which paragraph (ii) of subsection (1) of this section applies, no account shall be taken of any grant of, or undertaking to grant, planning permission made or given after the making of the contract of sale;" the next Amendment, being read a second time, and Special Entry, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 52, l. 38, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 52, l. 41, at end insert—

"Provided that, in a case to which paragraph (ii) of subsection (1) of this section applies, no account shall be taken of any grant of, or undertaking to grant, planning permission made or given after the making of the contract of sale," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

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Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 53, l. 41, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 53, l. 41, leave out "in such a case" and insert "the claim in respect of a refusal of permission or of a grant of permission subject to conditions and," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 54, l. 1, leave out from "relates" to end of l. 2 and insert—
"In this subsection, the reference to a decision more favourable to the applicant shall be construed—
(a) in relation to a refusal of permission, as a decision granting the permission, either unconditionally or subject to conditions, and either as respects the whole or as respects part of the land to which the application for permission related; and
(b) in relation to a grant of permission subject to conditions, as a reference to a decision granting the permission applied for unconditionally or subject to less stringent conditions, 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. 54, l. 14, leave out subsection (5), 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. 55, l. 9, at end insert—
"Provided that if at any time an amount becomes recoverable under section thirty of this Act, as applied by the subsequent provisions of this section, in respect of that compensation, then, for the purposes of Parts II and III of this Act, paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection shall have effect as from that time as if the principal amount of that compensation had been reduced by a sum equal to seven-eighths of the amount which has so become recoverable.

(3) Where in the case of any claim holding (in this subsection referred to as "the parent holding") compensation under this Part of this Act is payable in respect of the depreciation of an interest in land by one or more planning decisions or orders, and any such decision or order did not extend to the whole of the area of the parent holding, then, both for the purposes of the last preceding subsection and for the purposes of Parts II and III of this Act—
(a) the parent holding shall be treated as having been divided immediately before the commencement of this Act into as many separate claim holdings, with such areas, as may be necessary to ensure that in the case of each holding either any such decision or order extending to the area of that holding extended to the whole thereof or that no such decision or order extended to the area of that holding;
Special Entry.

The next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 58, l. 29, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 58, l. 29, leave out subsections (4) and (5) and insert—

"(d) Where, for the purposes of the Second Schedule to this Act, one or more development charges such as are mentioned in subsection (1) of this section are covered by a pledge of one or more claim holdings to the Central Land Board, and by virtue of the provisions of that Schedule one or more of those claim holdings are deemed to have been extinguished or reduced in value by reference to the unpaid balance of the charge or, as the case may be, the aggregate of the unpaid balances of the charges, as therein mentioned, a sum equal to, or to the aggregate of—

(a) the value of any such holding which is deemed to have been extinguished; and

(b) the amount of the reduction in the value of any such holding which is deemed to have been reduced in value but not extinguished,

shall be deducted from that balance or that aggregate of balances and—

(i) if that sum is equal to that balance or aggregate of balances, the charge or charges and any liability of any person in respect thereof shall be discharged;

(ii) if that sum is less than that balance or aggregate of balances, the charge or charges, or the balance or respective balances thereof remaining unpaid at the commencement of this Act, shall be reduced by an amount, or, as the case may be, shall be reduced rateably by an aggregate amount, equal to that sum;

Provided that where paragraph 2 of the Second Schedule to this Act applies, any development charge in connection with which the claim holding in question was pledged in accordance with the arrangements mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph and any liability of any person in respect thereof shall be discharged without regard to the treatment of the claim holding in question, in 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. 61, l. 32, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 61, l. 32, at end insert—

"Provided that, in relation to—

(i) land acquired for use as a public open space; or

(ii) such part, if any, of any land appropriated as mentioned in subsection (2) of this section as is intended for such use, the regulations may provide that, if in any particular case the Minister is satisfied that, having regard to the expenditure in respect of which the grant is to be made and the financial circumstances of the local authority concerned, it is just that a higher grant should be made, the amount of the grant in that particular case shall be an amount equal to such percentage, exceeding fifty but not exceeding seventy-five per cent., of the costs, excess or expenditure aforesaid as the Minister may determine," 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. 70, l. 23, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 70, l. 23, leave out subsection (3), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 71, l. 13, at end insert "or which would be so recoverable but for the provisions of paragraph (a) of the proviso to that subsection," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Special Entry, Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 71, l. 34, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 71, l. 43, leave out paragraph (b), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 74, l. 33, at end insert Clause B (Applications for permission for industrial development), 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. Sandys);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Colonel Harrison: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson; 142.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative, the Special Entry, Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 80, l. 1, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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The Lords Amendment in p. 80, I. 1, leave out from "compensation" to "thereof" and insert "or any part thereof is to be paid and as to the application of any such payment or compensation or any part," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 80, I. 10, at end insert "and any such regulations may, in a case where any payment or compensation, or any part thereof, is by virtue of those regulations to be paid to the owner of a rentcharge, apply all or any of the provisions of section twenty-five of the War Damage Act, 1943 (which relates to the rights of owners of rentcharges as to payments for war damage), subject to such adaptations and modifications as may be prescribed by the regulations, and may provide for disputes arising under the regulations so far as they relate to rentcharges to be referred to the Lands Tribunal for determination by that Tribunal," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 91, I. 28, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 91, I. 28, at end insert—

"(2) All pledges of claim holdings to the Central Land Board made by the same person, whether or not made at the same time, other than any pledge to which sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 2 of this Schedule applies, shall for the purposes of this Schedule be treated collectively as a single pledge made at the time when the last of those pledges was made.

(3) Where a development charge covered by a pledge to the Central Land Board was determined in respect of land which constitutes the whole or part of the area of a claim holding not comprised in the pledge, being a holding of which the holder is the person who would, apart from the pledge, be liable to pay the unpaid balance of the development charge, then, for the purposes of this Schedule, that claim holding shall be deemed to be comprised in the pledg." 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. 92, I. 25, leave out from "where to "and in I. 26 and insert "a pledge to the Central Land Board comprised one or more claim holdings," 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. 92, I. 33, leave out paragraphs 4 and 5 and insert—

"4. Where a pledge to the Central Land Board comprised only a single claim holding with an area of which every part either consisted of, or formed part of, the land in respect of which some development charge covered by the pledge was determined shall be allocated to the development charge in question or, if more than one, to those development charges collectively.

(3) Any claim holding comprised in the pledge with an area part of which did, and part of which did not, consist of, or form part of, such land as aforesaid shall be treated as if, at the time of the pledge, the claim holding (in this sub-paragraph referred to as "the parent holding") had been divided into two separate claim holdings, that is to say—

(a) a claim holding with an area consisting of so much of the area of the parent holding as consisted of, or formed part of, such land as aforesaid and with a value equal to that fraction of the value of the parent holding which then attached to that part of the area of the parent holding and the claim holding referred to in head (a) of this sub-paragraph shall be allocated to the development charge in question or, if more than one, to those development charges collectively.

(b) a claim holding with an area consisting of the residue of the area of the parent holding and with a value equal to that fraction of the value of the parent holding which then attached to the residue of the area of the parent holding and the claim holding referred to in head (a) of this sub-paragraph shall be allocated to the development charge in question or, if more than one, to those development charges collectively.

(4) Paragraph 3 or 4 of this Schedule shall then apply in relation to each claim holding, if any, allocated in accordance with the two last preceding sub-paragraphs to any development charge, or to any development charges collectively, as if the pledge had comprised only that claim holding and had covered only that development charge or those development charges.

(5) If after the application of the preceding provisions of this sub-paragraph there remains outstanding any claim holding not allocated in accordance with those provisions, or any claim holding so allocated which has been reduced in value but not extinguished, an amount equal to the aggregate of—

(a) the unpaid balance of any development charge covered by the pledge to which no claim holding was allocated as aforesaid; and

(b) the amount, if any, by which the value of any claim holding allocated as aforesaid which is deemed to have been extinguished falls short of the unpaid balance of the development charge, or the
aggregate of the unpaid balances of the development charges, to which it was so allocated,

shall be deducted from the value of the claim holding so remaining outstanding, or, if more than one, shall be deducted rateably from the respective values of those claim holdings, and the value of any such holding shall be deemed to have been reduced accordingly as from the time of the pledge."

The next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 96, l. 31, at end insert Schedule A (Apportionment of unexpended balance of established development value), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intention 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Amendments be now taken into consideration—(Commander Galbraith);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir Cedric Drewre, Yeas, Mr. Galbraith: 140.
Tellers for the Mr. Wallace, Noes, Mr. John Taylor: 113.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 38, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 6, l. 38, at end insert "or whose interest has subsequently become merged in that interest," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 8, l. 33, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 9, l. 25, leave out "first day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-eight" and insert "said thirteenth day of August," 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. 9, l. 29, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 10, l. 26, at end, insert—

"(7) Where an interest in land is the subject of a compulsory acquisition or sale such as is mentioned in subsection (3) of this section and—

(a) on or after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, but before the date of the compulsory acquisition or sale, another interest had become merged with that interest; and

(b) the person entitled to the interest compulsorily acquired or sold was at the date of the compulsory acquisition or sale entitled to a claim holding or claim holdings which related to either or each of the merged interests,

this section shall apply as if those interests had not merged but had been separately acquired from or sold by the person entitled to the interest acquired or sold; and the compensation payable in respect of the compulsory acquisition or, as the case may be, the sale price shall be treated as apportioned between those interests accordingly:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall prejudice the operation of the proviso to subsection (4) of the next following section."

The next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Special Entry Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 11, l. 1, at beginning insert—

"(1) In this Act any reference to the sale or purchase of an interest in land includes a reference to the sale or purchase of such an interest by way of feu; and in relation to any such sale or purchase—

(a) the price shall be taken for the purposes of this Act to be the capital value of the feu-duty, or, as the case may be, the aggregate consideration represented by the grassum and the capital value of the feu-duty; and

(b) the last preceding section and sections eleven and forty-five of this Act shall have effect as if the interest sold were identical with the seller's whole interest in the land immediately before the sale."

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. 26, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 12, l. 16 after "forty-eight" insert "and at the date of the sale the development specified in the certificate had not been completed," 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, l. 23, leave out from "of" to "if" in l. 25 and insert "so much of that development as had not been completed if it had been completed and," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 10, at end insert—

"Provided that where the whole or part of any liability or prospective liability which was or, as the case may be, would have been taken into account in calculating that restricted value had ceased to exist before the date of the compulsory acquisition or sale, the Board, or, as the case may be, the Lands Tribunal may, if they think it just and proper so to do, waive in whole or in part, as may appear to them appropriate, any reduction otherwise falling to be made under this subsection, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 20, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 13, l. 21, after "related" insert "or another interest in which that interest had merged," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 14, l. 3, at end insert—

"Provided that where the whole or part of any liability or prospective liability which was or, as the case may be, would have been taken into account in calculating that restricted value had ceased to exist before the date on which the gift in question was made, the Board or, as the case may be, the Lands Tribunal may, if they think it just and proper so to do, waive in whole or in part, as may appear to them appropriate, any reduction otherwise falling to be made under this subsection, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 14, l. 14, leave out from "related" to "was" in l. 15 and insert "or another interest in which that interest had merged," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make good an omission in the Bill, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 22, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 22, l. 12, leave out subsections (3) and (4) and insert—

"(3) Where two or more payments are (subject as aforesaid) payable in respect of the same claim holding by virtue of the last preceding section, the aggregate of the principal amounts of those payments shall not exceed the value of the claim holding, where that value is treated as reduced in accordance with subsection (6) of the last preceding section, that value as so reduced," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Special Entry, Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 22, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 19, l. 8, leave out from beginning to end of Clause 12 and insert "the authority determining the amount of any such payment shall apportion that amount between the different parts of the area of the claim holding in such manner as appears to that authority proper, and if the aggregate of the portions of the principal amounts of the respective payments so apportioned to any part of the area of the claim holding would, apart from the provisions of this subsection, exceed the fraction of the value of the claim holding attaching to that part of the area thereof, those portions shall be reduced rateably so that the aggregate of them is equal to the said fraction, and the said principal amounts shall be treated as reduced accordingly.

(2) Where two or more payments are (subject as aforesaid) payable in respect of the same claim holding by virtue of the last preceding section, the aggregate of the principal amounts of those payments shall not exceed the value of the claim holding, where that value is treated as reduced in accordance with subsection (6) of the last preceding section, that value as so reduced," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Special Entry, Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 22, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 19, l. 8, leave out from beginning to end of Clause 12 and insert "the authority determining the amount of any such payment shall apportion that amount between the different parts of the area of the claim holding in such manner as appears to that authority proper, and if the aggregate of the portions of the principal amounts of the respective payments so apportioned to any part of the area of the claim holding would, apart from the provisions of this subsection, exceed the fraction of the value of the claim holding attaching to that part of the area thereof, those portions shall be reduced rateably so that the aggregate of them is equal to the said fraction, and the said principal amounts shall be treated as reduced accordingly.

(2) Where two or more payments are (subject as aforesaid) payable in respect of the same claim holding by virtue of the last preceding section, the aggregate of the principal amounts of those payments shall not exceed the value of the claim holding, where that value is treated as reduced in accordance with subsection (6) of the last preceding section, that value as so reduced," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Special Entry, Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 22, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 19, l. 8, leave out from beginning to end of Clause 12 and insert "the authority determining the amount of any such payment shall apportion that amount between the different parts of the area of the claim holding in such manner as appears to that authority proper, and if the aggregate of the portions of the principal amounts of the respective payments so apportioned to any part of the area of the claim holding would, apart from the provisions of this subsection, exceed the fraction of the value of the claim holding attaching to that part of the area thereof, those portions shall be reduced rateably so that the aggregate of them is equal to the said fraction, and the said principal amounts shall be treated as reduced accordingly.

(2) Where two or more payments are (subject as aforesaid) payable in respect of the same claim holding by virtue of the last preceding section, the aggregate of the principal amounts of those payments shall not exceed the value of the claim holding, where that value is treated as reduced in accordance with subsection (6) of the last preceding section, that value as so reduced," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Special Entry, Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 22, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 19, l. 8, leave out from beginning to end of Clause 12 and insert "the authority determining the amount of any such payment shall apportion that amount between the different parts of the area of the claim holding in such manner as appears to that authority proper, and if the aggregate of the portions of the principal amounts of the respective payments so apportioned to any part of the area of the claim holding would, apart from the provisions of this subsection, exceed the fraction of the value of the claim holding attaching to that part of the area thereof, those portions shall be reduced rateably so that the aggregate of them is equal to the said fraction, and the said principal amounts shall be treated as reduced accordingly.

(2) Where two or more payments are (subject as aforesaid) payable in respect of the same claim holding by virtue of the last preceding section, the aggregate of the principal amounts of those payments shall not exceed the value of the claim holding, where that value is treated as reduced in accordance with subsection (6) of the last preceding section, that value as so reduced," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Special Entry, Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 22, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 19, l. 8, leave out from beginning to end of Clause 12 and insert "the authority determining the amount of any such payment shall apportion that amount between the different parts of the area of the claim holding in such manner as appears to that authority proper, and if the aggregate of the portions of the principal amounts of the respective payments so apportioned to any part of the area of the claim holding would, apart from the provisions of this subsection, exceed the fraction of the value of the claim holding attaching to that part of the area thereof, those portions shall be reduced rateably so that the aggregate of them is equal to the said fraction, and the said principal amounts shall be treated as reduced accordingly.
shall be taken to be a payment payable under this Part of this Act in respect of that claim holding."

The Lords Amendment in p. 23, l. 18, at end insert—

"(3) Where, on an application for planning permission for the carrying out of new development of land to which this section applies, a planning decision is made after the commencement of this Act whereby that permission is granted (whether unconditionally or not) and the Secretary of State certifies that he is satisfied that particular buildings or works to which the application related were only included therein because the applicant had reason to believe that permission for the other development to which the application related would not have been granted except subject to a condition requiring the erection or construction of those buildings or works, then, for the purposes of this Part of this Act—

(a) the application shall be deemed to have included, in place of those buildings or works, such other development of the land on which the buildings or works were to be erected or constructed as might reasonably have been expected to have been included having regard to the other development to which the application related; and

(b) the permission shall be deemed to have been granted for the other development to which the application related subject to the condition 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—

(The Lord Advocate):—

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 23rd November, 1954:

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

The Lords Amendment in p. 23, l. 30, after " 1932)" insert " or by virtue of any regulations made under paragraph 13 of the said Schedule (which relates to certain applications under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935)," 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. 26, l. 9, after " power " insert " not being statutory undertakers or the National Coal Board," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 27, l. 4, leave out from " shall " to end of line 6, and insert " be without prejudice to the operation of any regulations made under section (Provision for diversion of payments) of this Act," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 29, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 29, l. 12, leave out "ten" and insert "seven," 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. 30, l. 30, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 30, l. 30, leave out from " decision " to end of l. 32 and insert—

" , by any grant of planning permission made after that decision and in force immediately before the Secretary of State gives notice of his determination of the claim for compensation in respect of that decision, and by any undertaking to grant planning permission so in force; and

(c) on the assumption that, after the relevant decision and apart from any such permission or undertaking as aforesaid, planning permission would be granted for development of any class specified in the Third Schedule to the principal Act but not for any other development,"

the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry. their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 30, l. 36, leave out from " Part " to end of l. 40 and insert " or Part V of this Act or compensation for depreciation within the meaning of subsection (3) of section forty of this Act, has become, or becomes, payable in respect of another planning decision or in respect of an order to which the said section forty applies, being a planning decision or order made before the relevant decision in respect of, or of land which includes, the whole or part of the land to which the relevant decision relates, the calculation called for by the last preceding subsection shall be made on the assumption that that other planning decision was a decision to the contrary effect or, as the case may be, that that order was not made," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Special Entry. Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 33, l. 25, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 33, l. 25, at end insert—

" (5) In giving any direction under this section, the Secretary of State shall have regard—

(a) to the provisions of the development plan for the area in which the land in question is situated, or
(b) where a development plan has not by that time become operative with respect to that area to any direction which he may have given to the local planning authority as to the provisions to be included in such a plan and to any other provisions which in his opinion will be required to be so included for securing the proper planning of that area, so far as those provisions are material to the development of that land, and shall also have regard to the local circumstances affecting the proposed development, including the use which prevails generally in the case of contiguous or adjacent land, and to any other material considerations,"

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. 39, l. 35, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 39, l. 35, leave out from " to " to end of l. 46 on p. 40 and insert " section thirty-five of this Act there shall be added to the compensation payable in respect of the acquisition of the relevant interest apart from the provisions of this section—
(a) where the relevant interest is the only interest (other than excepted interests) subsisting at that time in any of the relevant land which has such a balance—
(i) if the restricted value of the relevant interest is a minus quantity, an amount equal to so much, if any, of that balance at that time as remains after the deduction therefrom of an amount equal to the minus quantity; or
(ii) in any other case, an amount equal to that balance at that time; or

(b) where the relevant interest is one of two or more interests (other than excepted interests) so subsisting, an amount equal to so much of that balance at that time as is ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule (Appportionment of Unexpended Balance of Established Development Value) to this Act to be attributable to the relevant interest:

Provided that, in a case where the relevant interest is the interest of the lessee under a lease, no payment shall be made by virtue of this section if the person entitled to the relevant interest is, at the time immediately before the service of the notice to treat, prohibited by the terms of his lease from carrying out any new development of the relevant land.

(2) Regulations made under this section shall provide," 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. 41, l. 27, at end insert " or

(b) if the compensation on the basis of existing use payable in respect of the acquisition would be the same whether or not the said subsection (4) operated; and where, if the notice to treat had extended to a part only of the relevant land, the amount of the compensation on the basis of existing use payable in respect of the relevant interest in so far as it subsisted in that part would have been the same whether or not the said subsection (4) operated, this section shall have effect as respects the acquisition of the relevant interest as if the notice to treat had extended only to the remainder of the relevant land," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 42, l. 13, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in p. 42, l. 13, leave out from " propose" to " is " in l. 24 and insert—

" and have not been notified of any proposal of another authority, to acquire within the next five years any interest in any land specified in the notice (in this subsection referred to as ' the specified land '), being the whole or part of the land to which the application related; and

(b) the person to whom the notice was given has within three months of the service of the notice made a bona fide contract for the purchase of an interest in the specified land or any part thereof and given notice of the making of the contract to the local planning authority, and

(c) that interest, or that interest in so far as it subsists in any part of that land," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.
Provided that the amount of any such contribution shall not exceed—

(a) the amount of the compensation for depreciation paid by the local planning authority; or

(b) the unexpended balance of established development value at the date of the making of the order of the land in respect of which that compensation was paid,”

then the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 49, l. 6, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 49, l. 2, 1, leave out from “holding” to “and” in l. 7, the next Amendment, being read 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.

Provided that if the compensation payable in respect of the acquisition of the relevant interest would, apart from this proviso, be less than it would have been if this section had not been enacted, the said subsection (2) shall have effect in the case of that acquisition,”

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. 43, l. 24, at end insert Clause A (Additional payments in cases where no claim has been established), 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. 44, l. 32, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 44, l. 32, at end insert—

“Provided that in the event of a subsequent compulsory acquisition of any such outstanding interest, being a compulsory acquisition to which this Part of this Act applies, the said section thirty-three shall have effect for the purposes of assessing the compensation payable as if this subsection had not been enacted,”

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. 47, l. 19, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 47, l. 19, at end insert—

“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. 47, l. 19, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 47, l. 19, at end insert—
assignor would have been entitled to such compensation if he had continued to be the holder of the relevant holding."

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. 10, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 50, l. 10, at end insert "and in the application of subsection (2) of the said section twenty-three in a case to which paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section applies, no account shall be taken of any grant of, or undertaking to grant, planning permission made or given after the making of the contract of sale," 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. 50, l. 13, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 50, l. 16, at end insert—

"Provided that, in a case to which paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section applies, for the reference in the said section twenty-two to the Secretary of State's giving notice of his determination in respect of the claim for compensation there shall be substituted a reference to the making of the contract of sale.

(4) In determining for the purposes of a claim for compensation under this Part of this Act whether, or to what extent, the value of an interest in land was depreciated by such an order as aforesaid—

(a) regard shall be had to any compensation which has become payable to the person entitled to that interest in respect of that order under section twenty of the principal Act otherwise than by virtue of the proviso to subsection (1) of that section;

(b) any grant of, or undertaking to grant, planning permission made or given during the period between the making of the order and the time when the Secretary of State gives notice of his determination in respect of that claim, being a grant or undertaking which is in force at the end of that period, shall be taken into account as if it had been in force at the beginning of that period;

(c) Part VI of the principal Act shall be deemed not to have applied after the date when the order was made:

Provided that, in a case to which paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section applies, no account shall be taken of any grant or undertaking made or given after the making of the contract of sale.

(5) Where the interest to which the holder of the relevant holding is entitled or, as the case may be, which he sold, is or was subject to a lease granted after the planning decision or order and on or after the eighteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, the preceding provisions of this section shall have effect as if that lease had not been granted,"

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. 50, l. 29, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 50, l. 33, at end insert—

"Provided that where the same person is entitled to such compensation as aforesaid in respect of more than one relevant holding or in respect of more than one interest, or in respect both of more than one relevant holding and of more than one interest, the aggregate principal amount payable to that person by way of such compensation in respect of all interests in respect of which he is so entitled in so far as they subsisted in the same land shall not exceed whichever is the less of the following amounts, that is to say—

(i) the aggregate of the amounts by which the value of each respectively of those interests in so far as it subsisted in that land was depreciated by the decision or order; or

(ii) the aggregate of the fractions of the respective values of all relevant holdings of which that person is the holder which attached to that land;"

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. 51, l. 14, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 51, l. 14, leave out "in such a case" and insert "the claim is in respect of a refusal of permission or of a grant of permission subject to conditions and,"

the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 51, l. 19, leave out from "relates" to end of l. 1 and insert—

"In this subsection, the reference to a decision more favourable to the applicant shall be construed—

(a) in relation to a refusal of permission, as a reference to a decision granting the permission, either unconditionally or subject to conditions, and either as respects the whole or as respects part of the land to which the application for permission related; and

(b) in relation to a grant of permission subject to conditions, as a reference to a decision granting the permission applied for unconditionally or subject to less stringent conditions,"

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. 51, l. 33, leave out subsection (5), 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. 52, l. 29, at end insert—

"Provided that if at any time an amount becomes recoverable under section thirty-one of
this Act, as applied by the subsequent provisions of this section, in respect of that compensation, then, for the purposes of Parts II and III of this Act, paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection shall have effect as from that time as if the principal amount of that compensation had been reduced by a sum equal to seven-eighths of the amount which has so become recoverable.

(3) Where in the case of any claim holding (in this subsection referred to as "the parent holding") compensation under this Part of this Act is payable in respect of the depreciation of an interest in land by one or more planning decisions or orders, and any such decision or order did not extend to the whole of the area of the parent holding, then, both for the purposes of the last preceding subsection and for the purposes of Parts II and III of this Act—

(a) the parent holding shall be treated as having been divided immediately before the commencement of this Act into as many separate claim holdings, with such areas, as may be necessary to ensure that in the case of each holding either any such decision or order extending to the area of that holding extended to the whole thereof or that no such decision or order extended to the area of that holding;

(b) the value of each of the separate holdings respectively shall be taken to be that fraction of the value of the parent holding which then attached to the part of the area of the parent holding constituting the area of the separate holding;

(c) the authority determining the amount of any such compensation shall apportion that amount between the areas of the separate claim holdings to which the decision or order in question extended in such manner as appears to that authority proper, and the portion of that amount apportioned to the area of any separate claim holding shall be taken to be compensation payable under this Part of this Act in respect of that claim holding; the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry, their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 56, l. 7, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 56, l. 7, being leave out subsections (4) and (5) and insert—

"(4) Where, for the purposes of the Second Schedule to this Act, one or more development charges such as are mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) of that Schedule are covered by an assignation of one or more claim holdings to the Central Land Board, and by virtue of the provisions of that Schedule one or more of those claim holdings are deemed to have been extinguished or reduced in value by reference to the unpaid balance of the charge or, as the case may be, the aggregate of the unpaid balances of the charges, as therein mentioned, a sum equal to, or to the aggregate of—

(a) the value of any such holding which is deemed to have been extinguished; and

(b) the amount of the reduction in the value of any such holding which is deemed to have been reduced in value but not extinguished,

shall be deducted from that balance or that aggregate of balances and—

(i) if that sum is equal to that balance or aggregate of balances, the charge or charges and any liability of any person in respect thereof shall be discharged;

(ii) if that sum is less than that balance or aggregate of balances, the charge or charges, or the balance or respective balances thereof remaining unpaid at the commencement of this Act, shall be reduced by an amount, or, as the case may be, shall be reduced rateably by an aggregate amount, equal to that sum:

Provided that where paragraph 2 of the Second Schedule to this Act applies, any development charge in connection with which the claim holding in question was assigned in accordance with the arrangements mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph and any liability of any person in respect thereof shall be discharged without regard to the treatment of the claim holding in question in the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry, their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 59, l. 8, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 59, l. 8, at end insert—

"Provided that, in relation to—

(i) land acquired for use as a public open space; or

(ii) such part, if any, of any land appropriated as mentioned in subsection (2) of this section as is intended for such use, the regulations may provide that, if in any particular case the Secretary of State is satisfied that, having regard to the expenditure in respect of which the grant is to be made and the financial circumstances of the local planning authority concerned, it is just that a higher grant should be made, the amount of the grant in that particular case shall be an amount equal to such percentage, not exceeding fifty but not exceeding seventy-five per cent., of the costs, excess or expenditure aforesaid as the Secretary of State may determine," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry, their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 67, l. 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 67, l. 21, at end insert "or which would be so recoverable but for the provisions of paragraph (i) of the proviso to that subsection," the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Special Entry, Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 67, l. 38, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 68, l. 1, leave out paragraph (b), the next 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. 68, l. 27, at end insert Clause C (Applications for permission for industrial development), 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. 69, l. 20, leave out "derives title" and insert "is, or derives title from a person who was, entitled," 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. 74, l. 5, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 74, l. 5, at end insert Clause D (Provision for diversion of payments), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 74, l. 6, leave out Clause 65, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 74, l. 22, leave out Clause 66, 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. 84, l. 18, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in p. 84, l. 18, at end insert—

"(2) All assignations of claim holdings to the Central Land Board made by the same person, whether or not made at the same time, other than any assignation to which sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 2 of this Schedule applies, shall for the purposes of this Schedule be treated collectively as a single assignation made at the time when the last of those assignations was made.

(3) Where a development charge covered by an assignation to the Central Land Board was determined in respect of land which constitutes the whole or part of the area of a claim holding not comprised in the assignation, being a holding of which the holder is the person who would, apart from the assignation, be liable to pay the unpaid balance of the development charge, then, for the purposes of this Schedule, that claim holding shall be deemed to be comprised in the assignation, 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. 85, l. 12, leave out from where "and," and in l. 13 and insert "an assignation to the Central Land Board comprised one or more claim holdings," 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. 85, l. 20, leave out paragraphs 4 and 5 and insert—

4. Where an assignation to the Central Land Board comprised only a single holding with an area of which every part either consisted of, or formed part of, the land in respect of which some development charge was determined, and the last preceding paragraph does not apply, the unpaid balance of the development charge covered by the assignation, or, if more than one, the aggregate of the unpaid balances of all the development charges covered by the assignation, shall be deducted from the value of the holding, and the value of that holding shall be deemed to have been reduced accordingly as from the time of the assignation.

5.—(1) The provisions of this paragraph shall have effect in the case of an assignation of one or more claim holdings, to the Central Land Board to which neither of the two last preceding paragraphs applies.

(2) Any claim holding comprised in the assignation with an area of which every part either consisted of, or formed part of, the land in respect of which some development charge was determined shall be allocated to the development charge in question or, if more than one, to those development charges collectively.

(3) Any claim holding comprised in the assignation with an area of which did, and part of which did not, consist of, or form part of, such land as aforesaid shall be treated as if, at the time of the assignation, the claim holding (in this sub-paragraph referred to as "the parent holding") had been divided into two separate claim holdings, that is to say—

(a) a claim holding with an area consisting of so much of the area of the parent holding as consisted of, or formed part of, such land as aforesaid and with a value equal to that fraction of the value of the parent holding which then attached to that part of the area of the parent holding; and

(b) a claim holding with an area consisting of the residue of the area of the parent holding and with a value equal to that fraction of the value of the parent holding which then attached to the residue of the area of the parent holding.

and the claim referred to in head (a) of this sub-paragraph shall be allocated to the development charge in question, or, if more than one, to those development charges collectively.

(4) Paragraph 3 or 4 of this Schedule shall then apply in relation to each claim holding, if any, allocated in accordance with the two last preceding sub-paragraphs to any development charge, or to any development charges collectively, as if the assignation had comprised only that claim holding and had covered only that development charge or those development charges.

(5) If after the application of the preceding provision to the paragraph there remains outstanding any claim holding not allocated in accordance with those provisions, or any claim holding so allocated which has been reduced in value but not extinguished, an amount equal to the aggregate of—

(a) the unpaid balance of any development charge covered by the assignation to which no claim holding was allocated as aforesaid; and
the amount, if any, by which the value of any claim holding allocated as aforesaid which is deemed to have been extinguished falls short of the unpaid balance of the development charge, or the aggregate of the unpaid balances of the development charges, to which it was so allocated,

shall be deducted from the value of the claim holding so remaining outstanding, or, if more than one, shall be deducted rateably from the respective values of those claim holdings, and the value of any such holding shall be deemed to have been reduced accordingly as from the time of the assignation,

the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lord Amendment in p. 89, l. 12, at end insert Schedule A (Apportionment of unexpended balance of established development value), 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Allan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.


Tuesday, 23rd November, 1954.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order made upon the 27th day of July last, that the Paper relating to Parks Regulation do lie upon the Table, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington on the 16th day of September 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Swedish Government regarding the liquidation of German assets in Sweden.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1954, entitled the Control of Seeds (Revocation) (Scotland) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of St. John's College, Cambridge, on the 11th day of June 1954, amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to London Traffic, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th November 1954, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Unilateral Waiting) (No. 1) Regulations, 1954,
(2) the London Traffic (Unilateral Waiting) (No. 2) Regulations, 1954,
(3) the London Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1954, and

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th May 1954, entitled the Pembroke Rural (Lydstep Housing) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Churches and Universities (Scotland) Widows' and Orphans' Fund Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Christopher Wyborne Armstrong, Esquire, Member for Armagh, was sworn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft British Transport Commission (Organisation) Scheme Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of this instant November, be approved—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter):

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The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea side:
Mr. Wills: 286.
Mr. Allen: 286.
Tellers for the Noes side:
Mr. Wallace: 266.
Mr. John Taylor: 266.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its alarm at the manner in which the Television Act is operating; and requests Her Majesty's Government to bring forward legislation to amend or repeal the Act—(Mr. Herbert Morrison)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Bowden rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House expresses its alarm at the manner in which the Television Act is operating; and requests Her Majesty's Government to bring forward legislation to amend or repeal the Act;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea side:
Mr. Bowden: 268.
Mr. Pearson: 268.
Tellers for the Noes side:
Sir Cedric Drewe: 300.
Mr. BUCHAN-Hepburn: 300.
So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Wade 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 Mr. Clement Davies resigned.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Cold Storage (Control of Undertakings) (Revocation) Order, 1954, dated 6th October 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 11th day of October last, be annulled—(Mr. Callaghan);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea side:
Mr. Popplewell: 139.
Mr. Rogers: 139.
Tellers for the Noes side:
Lieutenant-Commander Thompson: 168.
Colonel Harrison: 168.
So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Allan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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during Session 1953-54 (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:

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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 Session 1953-54:

Ordered. That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Public Petitions presented and printed in Session 1953-54, with the total number of signatures in that Session.—(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 Session 1953-54, 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 Session 1953-54 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 and by each of the Standing Committees, the number of Bills considered in relation to their principle and the number of Estimates considered by the Scottish Standing Committee, the number of sittings of each Committee 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 sittings at which it was considered by the Committee, the number of Members present at each of those
Adjournment.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Government Command,--Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of October 1954, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to Census, 1951, the directions of an Act of Parliament,--Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951--Counties of Brecknockshire and Carmarthenshire.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid 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 Adjournment Motions under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance).

Return to an Order yesterday, for a Return relating to Closure of Debate.

Return to an Order yesterday, for a Return relating to Private Bills and Private Business.

Return to an Order yesterday, for a Return relating to Public Bills. No. 301.

Return to an Order yesterday, for a Return Public Petitions 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. No. 302.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

I am grievously distressed at the sufferings caused by the recent hurricane in Ontario, and by the calamitous floods in India and Pakistan, and in the Kingdom of Nepal. In token of their sympathy My Government have sent aid to the afflicted.

My Government have maintained their firm support of the United Nations, and in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation have helped to develop the combined strength of the West.

In concert with the Governments of France and the United States My Government have strained to reach agreement with the Soviet Government on the future of Germany and Austria.

My Government have sought for means of ending the occupation of Western Germany, of associating the German Federal Republic more closely with the West and of enabling Germany to contribute to the defence of the free world. It is a matter of profound satisfaction to Me that at the Conferences held recently in London and Paris agreement was reached on the methods of achieving these ends.

My Government took a leading part in the meeting of Foreign Ministers at Geneva where agreements were reached bringing to an end the fighting in Indo-China. They have been encouraged by the readiness with which My Government in Canada and the Government of India have accepted membership of the Commissions to supervise the Geneva settlement.

My Government also took part in the Manila Conference in company with My Governments in Australia, New Zealand and Pakistan, and signed the South East Asia collective Defence Treaty negotiated there.

My Government have signed an Agreement with the Egyptian Government about the future of the Suez Canal Base. It is my sincere hope that this Agreement will mark the beginning of a new era of friendly co-operation with Egypt.

My Government welcome the settlement of the oil dispute with Persia and the resumption of the traditional relations between the two countries.

In concert with the Governments of the United States of America, Italy and Yugoslavia, My Government have concluded a Memorandum of Understanding providing for the future of the Free Territory of Trieste. My Forces and those of the United States have thus completed their task in that area.

My Government have supported the efforts of the United Nations to bring about peaceful relations between Israel and the Arab States, and to alleviate the lot of the Arab refugees from Palestine.

I was glad to receive a visit from Their Majesties the King and Queen of Sweden in a year which marked the three hundredth anniversary of the Treaty by which the interests of our two countries are so closely linked.

I have also been happy to welcome to My capital and country His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Ethiopia, and to have had this opportunity of strengthening the ties between our countries.

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The Government of the Rhodesia and Nyasaland Federation has progressively assumed the powers awarded to it under its constitution. The Federal Assembly has been elected and opened its first session.

Important constitutional reforms have been introduced in the Gold Coast, Nigeria, the Gambia and Kenya.

In Malaya and Kenya My Forces, together with the local security forces, have vigorously pursued their campaign, which must be continued until complete success has been achieved.

Finance Ministers of the Commonwealth met in Sydney last January, and Ministers of the Member Governments of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation in London last July, to consolidate the progress made in our advance towards freer trade and currencies and to agree upon future steps towards that end.

A measure has been passed to strengthen My Reserve Forces. The National Service Scheme has been extended for a further five years, and a Bill has been passed to enable civil defence training to be given to certain National Service Reservists.

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:
Farmers and farm workers have striven to maintain and increase their output and have shown great determination and resourcefulness in getting in the harvest.

My Ministers have ended food rationing and a large number of controls. With the restoration of private trade, guarantees of price and market for home food production have been continued in new forms, and certain import duties have been revised in the interest of the horticultural industry.

Acts have been passed to effect leasehold reform in England and Wales, and in Scotland.

Measures have been enacted which make further provision for the clearance and replacement of slums; for the improvement of structurally sound houses or their conversion into more convenient dwellings; and for allowing sufficient increase in the rental income of older houses to enable them to be maintained in good repair.

The number of houses built, both for letting and owner-occupation, has continued to increase.

Legislation has been passed to amend the financial provisions of the Town and Country Planning Acts.

I have given My assent to measures to provide benefit for certain further cases of disablement from industrial diseases, to improve and consolidate the law concerning the safety, health and welfare of mine and quarry workers, and to restrict night-working in the baking industry.

A measure has been enacted to amend the law relating to Food and Drugs in England and Wales.

An Act has been passed providing for the dissolution of the Raw Cotton Commission.

Legislation has been passed establishing the Independent Television Authority to provide additional television broadcast programmes.

Measures have been enacted to increase the Exchequer Equalisation Grant payable to local authorities in Scotland and to authorise the Secretary of State to appoint a new Board with responsibility for the supply of electricity in southern Scotland.

I have given My assent to a measure setting up the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

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 Her Majesty’s Commission under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty’s Name and in obedience to Her Majesty’s Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Tuesday the thirtieth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, to be then here holden: and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the thirtieth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.
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