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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 Thirtieth day of this instant November, to be then here holden.
The Fortieth Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Tuesday, 30th November, 1954.

Prayers at Eleven of the clock.


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

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

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

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

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, Journal 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 Edward Abdy Fellowes, Esquire, C.B., C.M.G., M.P., the Clerk of this House.

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

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 26th 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 25th November 1954, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Wakefield, West Riding of Yorkshire) (Revolution) Order, 1954.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th November 1954, entitled the Savings Bank Annuities (Tables) Order, 1954.

Copy of an Order, dated 25th November 1954, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) Order, 1954.


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

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Consular Convention signed at Stockholm on the 14th day of March 1952, between Her Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Majesty the King of Sweden (with Protocols of Signature and Notes exchanged) (with further Notes of the 21st day of August 1952) (Ratifications were exchanged at London on the 25th day of August 1952).

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.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1953—Volume 9, Trade L, Spirit Rectifying and Compounding.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th November 1954, entitled the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) (No. 2) Regulations, 1954.

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

Mr. Sandsy, presented, by Her Majesty's Housing Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st October 1954.

Mr. Sandsy also presented, pursuant to the Local Government (Supersession) Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order, dated 24th November 1954, entitled the Sunderland (Amendment 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 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 Chester (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1954.

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 Hospital Endowments Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in respect of the Colonial Development Corporation 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.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had, at the instance of Mr. Secretary Sir Anthony Eden, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 11th November 1954, made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Hove and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

In the Session which lies before you My Ministers will strive unremittingly to promote the welfare of My People and the peace of the world.

My Government are convinced that a strong and united Commonwealth can take a leading part in the councils of the nations. They look forward keenly to the meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers to be held in London early next year.

My Ministers will promote the development of the Colonial Empire, and for this purpose will prolong the Colonial Development and
Welfare Acts and increase the funds available under them. They will also continue to give full support to the Colombo Plan.

My Lords,My belief that the United Nations Organisation is essential to the furtherance of international concord, and will give it their wholehearted support. They will at the same time co-operate fully in the work of the North Atlantic Alliance, which they regard as vital to the preservation of peace.

My Government attach the highest importance to maintaining and strengthening close and friendly relations with the United States of America. It is upon this intimate association that world survival depends.

My Government will continue their efforts to promote security and prosperity in South East Asia and to uphold the Indo-China settlement concluded at Geneva.

My Government will persevere in their efforts to conclude an Austrian State Treaty.

In consultation with other Governments concerned, My Government will seek to give effect to the agreements reached at the recent Conferences in London and Paris, whereby the occupation of Western Germany will end, the German Federal Republic and Italy will accede to the Brussels Treaty, and the German Federal Republic will join the North Atlantic Alliance. My Government trust that these policies, steadfastly pursued in co-operation with other Governments concerned, will so develop the unity and strength of the free nations that the essential basis for the German Federal Republic will join the Commonwealth, My Government are very sensible of the difficulties of many of My Peoples who are old age or disablement pensioners. The first five-yearly review of the National Insurance Scheme enables My Ministers to revise its provisions in the light of all the information available about their effects on both this and future generations. They will introduce early legislation to authorise increases in retirement pensions and the other benefits provided for the victims of industrial accidents and diseases, for widows, the sick and the unemployed. There will be corresponding increases in pensions for those disabled in war and for war widows.

My Ministers will ensure the continuance of a high rate of house-building, for letting and for purchase, and are now able to resume an active campaign to clear the slums.

Legislation will be laid before you to deal with certain problems connected with requisitioned dwellings and other matters relating to housing.

My Ministers are greatly concerned at the grievous toll in death and injury that is taken by road accidents, at the inadequacy of our highway system for the ever-increasing volume of traffic, and at the damage done to our national economy by traffic congestion and delays. My Ministers have accordingly decided to embark upon an expanded programme of road construction and improvements, designed both to increase safety on the roads and to promote the freer flow of traffic. The Road Traffic Acts will also be amended to further these aims.

Legislation will be proposed to authorise an increase in the borrowing powers of the British Transport Commission.

To provide better education for children and young people. My Ministers will continue to encourage the building and improvement of schools and technical colleges. Special attention will be paid to the provision of secondary schools, village halls and playing fields in the rural areas. In consultation with the teachers and local authorities, My Ministers will prepare a new scheme for ensuring a sound financial basis for teachers’ pensions.

My Government will stimulate the expansion of facilities for higher technological education, so that advances in scientific research may be matched by increased industrial efficiency and production.

My Ministers recognise that the transition from control to freedom has brought problems for all engaged in farming and kindred industries. They will not relax their efforts to promote the efficient production and marketing of food. These will enable stability for the industry to be combined with the flexibility of a free market so that the consumer may enjoy plentiful supplies, and the producer a fair return.

My Ministers will continue to foster the interests of the fishing industry, and will introduce a Bill to provide further assistance to the herring industry.

A Bill will be laid before you to enable My Government to carry out their obligations under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement, whilst bringing to an end the present system of state trading in sugar.
In order to relieve pressure of business in my courts of law measures will be laid before you to increase the jurisdiction of the county courts in England and Wales and to set up new criminal courts at Liverpool and Manchester.

My Ministers will give close attention to the development of health services in factories.

Legislation will be proposed to enable my Government to accept the Convention adopted by the International Conference on Pollution of the Sea by Oil.

Legislation will be introduced to amend and consolidate the law relating to crofting and to provide for the appointment of a Crofters' Commission.

The Report of the Royal Commission on Scottish Affairs has received the close attention of my Ministers and steps are being taken to carry out its recommendations.

Other measures will be laid before you in due course.

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

Queen's Speech

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. Browne):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned to-morrow.

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

Ordered. That this House do now adjourn till two o'clock to-morrow.

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

Wednesday, 1st December, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House. That imprisonment for a Member.

Justice Lynskey, which he read to the House, as followeth:—

Central Criminal Court,
City of London,
E.C.4.
30th November 1954.

The Rt. Hon. W. S. Morrison,
Speaker of the House of Commons.

Sir,

It is with regret that I have to inform you that one of Members of the House of Commons, Peter Arthur David Baker, appeared before me here today on an indictment containing seven counts of uttering forged documents knowing them to be forged.

He pleaded guilty to six of those counts and was sentenced by me to seven years' imprisonment on each of those six counts. The sentences to run concurrently.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

G. Justin Lynskey
One of H.M. Judges.

The Committee of Selection was nominated:

Mr. Bowden, Sir Herbert Butcher, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Glanvil Hall, Wing Commander Halbert, Mr. Kenyon, Sir Frederick Messer, Mr. Oliver, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Brigadier Rayner, and Sir Gordon Touche—(Sir Cedric Drewle.)

The House was moved, That the Standing Orders of the 19th day of July 1954, relating to the Kent Water Bill suspended in the last Session of Parliament, might be read; and the same being read;

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 and second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order made upon the 20th day of November 1954, that the Ordinance of the University of St. Andrews Commissioners No. 11 (Election and period of office of the Assessors on the University Court elected by the Senatus Academicus) do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Ordered. That the said Paper be withdrawn.
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Income Tax.  
Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th November 1954, entitled the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 5) Regulations, 1954. 
Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Census (Scotland).  
Mr. Secretary Stour, presented pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume I. Part 31. County of Stirling. 
Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate, Swaziland.  
Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th November 1954, entitled the Basutoland, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland Order in Council, 1954. 

Gold Coast.  
Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th November 1954, entitled the Gold Coast (Validation of Judges' Appointments) Order in Council, 1954. 

Rhodesia and Nyasaland Federation.  
Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th November 1954, entitled the Nyasaland Protectorate (Coinage and Currency) (Revocation) Order in Council, 1954. 

Supplies and Services.  
Copies of Orders in Council, dated 24th November 1954, entitled— 
(1) the Defence Regulations (No. 10) Order, 1954, and 
(2) the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1954. 

Uganda Protectorate.  
Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th November 1954, entitled the Uganda (Amendment) Order in Council, 1954. 

Copies of Statutes— 
(1) made by the Governing Body of Wadham College, Oxford, on the 12th day of July 1954, amending the Statutes of the College, and 
(2) made by the University of Cambridge on the 6th day of August 1954, amending the Statutes of the University. 
Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table. 

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Summary of Returns made to the Minister of Housing and Local Government of the Income and Expenditure of Local Authorities in England and Wales for the year ended the 31st day of March 1953. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. 

Mr. Peake, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an explanatory Memorandum on the Draft National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 1954. 

Mr. Peake also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 1954. 
Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table. 

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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 1954. 

Mr. Peake, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Secretary Stuart, Sir Walter Monckton, Mr. Marples, and Brigadier Smyth, presented a Bill to increase contributions and benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Acts, 1946 to 1953, and the National Insurance Acts, 1946 to 1953, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid:—And the said Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed. 

Sir Walter Monckton, supported by Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. James Thomas, Mr. Secretary Peake, and Mr. Watkinson, presented a Bill to provide for extending the upper age-limit for liability to national service in the case of persons absent from Great Britain in the last year of their said liability, 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. Sandys, supported by Mr. Secretary Stuart and Mr. Brooke, presented a Bill to increase the amount of the advances which may be made to development corporations under section twelve of the New Towns Act, 1946. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed. 

Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. Gammans and Mr. Brooke, presented a Bill to validate certain charges in respect of licences under the Wireless Telegraphy Acts, 1904 to 1926, 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. 

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 and 18th days of February next, the 4th and 18th days of March next, the 1st and 29th days of April next, the 15th day of May next, the 10th and 24th days of June next, and the 8th day of July next; 
(3) on and after Friday the 13th day of May next, Public Bills other than Government Bills shall be arranged on the Order Paper in the following order:—Consideration of Lords Amendments, Third Readings, Consideration of Reports 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 9th day of this instant December, under arrangements to be made by Mr. Speaker, and the Bills shall be presented at the commencement of Public Business on Wednesday the 15th day of this instant December;

(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 28th day of January next, the 11th and 25th days of February next, the 4th and 25th days of May next, the 11th and 25th days of March next, the 6th and 20th days of April next, the 6th and 20th days of May next, the 17th day of June next, and the 1st day of July next, and no Notices of Motions shall be handed in for any of 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 15th day of this instant December, the 26th day of January next, the 9th and 23rd days of February next, the 4th and 25th days of May next, the 11th and 25th days of June next, and the 15th day of July next; and

(7) until after Wednesday the 15th day of this instant December 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).

Ordered. That, during 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 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.)

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.

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

Ordered. That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

Ordered. That the Committee of Privileges Privileges do consist of Ten Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Ashtead, Mr. Attlee, Mr. Attorney General, Captain Crookshank, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Edith, Mr. Elliot, Sir Harley 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 Instrument laid or laid in draft before the House, being an Instrument or Draft of an Instrument upon which proceedings may be or might have been taken in either House in pursuance of any Act of Parliament, with a view to determining whether the special attention of the House should be drawn to it on any of the following grounds:—

(i) that it imposes a charge on the public revenues or contains provisions requiring payments to be made to the Exchequer or any Government Department or to any local or public authority in consideration of any licence or consent, or of any services to be rendered, or prescribes the amount of any such charge or payments;

(ii) that it is made in pursuance of an enactment containing specific provisions excluding it from challenge in the courts, either at all times or after the expiration of a specified period;
Ordered. 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.—(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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Special Educational Treatment (Scotland) Regulations, 1954, dated 21st September 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 27th day of September 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled —(Mr. Hannan)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Peake presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Memorandum on the National Insurance Bill, and a Report by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance on his Review of the Rates and Amounts of National Insurance Benefit.


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

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

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

[No. 3.]

Thursday, 2nd December, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

M R. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Dunoon Burgh (Pavilion Expenditure): 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. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the St. James's and the Green Parks Regulations, 1955.

Ordered. That the said Paper 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 Lancashire River Board, and
(2) of the Lincolnshire River Board.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon 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 Ironstone Restoration Fund showing Receipts and Payments during the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Account relating to Ironstone Restoration 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 concur with the Commons in their Resolution, communicated to them this day, 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 no notices of Motions on going into Committee of Supply on the Navy, Army, Air or Civil Estimates be given in anticipation of the ballot to be held on the first Thursday in February next.—Captain Crookshank.

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

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Old Age Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on the Economic and Financial Problems of the Provision for Old Age.

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

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Treaty Series (No. 69, 1954).

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 9, Trade D. Vinegar and other Condiments.

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 November 1954, entitled the Ware Potatoes (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Selwyn Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Order, dated 29th November 1954, entitled the Iron and Steel Scrap Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Sandy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Cornwall River Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 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:


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

Scheme for effecting the Union of the Benefices and Parishes of Hulme, Saint Mary and Saint Paul, and for authorising the taking down of the Church of Saint Paul, Hulme, in the diocese of Manchester, and the sale of the site and materials thereof.

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

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

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 every such Sub-Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House.—(Mr. Allan.)

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

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

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Kent Water 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, given 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 Dunoon Burgh (Pavilion Expenditure) 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 3rd December 1954, entitled the Strength of Spirits Ascertainment Regulations, 1954.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of a Measure,—Copy of a Scheme of the Cathedral Commissioners for England, entitled the Wakefield Cathedral (Amendment) Scheme.

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

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—County of Berkshire.

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 Regulations, dated 2nd December 1954, entitled the Public Service Vehicles and Trolley Vehicles (Carrying Capacity) Regulations, 1954.

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

Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd December 1954, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.

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


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Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 1st December 1954, entitled—

(1) the Central Land Board Payments Regulations, 1954, and
(2) the Town and Country Planning (Compensation) Regulations, 1954.

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

Mr. 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of November last, 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 Graceful Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament;

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

"but humbly regret that despite the resolution passed by this House on the 5th day of April of this year relating to instruments of mass destruction Her Majesty's Government have not displayed the necessary sense of urgency in seeking means to rid the world of this menace."—(Mr. Noel-Baker.)

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. Popplewell; Mr. Pearson.

Tellers for the Noes: Sir Cedric Drew.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

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

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

[No. 6.]

Tuesday, 7th December, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.


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

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Spain (No. 2, Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Notes 1954), exchanged at London between the 9th and 13th days of November 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom...
and the Government of Spain, amending the Schedule of routes annexed to the Air Service Agreement of the 20th day of July 1950.

C.P. Notes exchanged at Paris on the 6th day of October 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the French Government, extending the provisions of the Notes exchanged on the 3rd day of December 1946 concerning War Damage Compensation to United Kingdom and French overseas territories.

Ordered. That the said Papers 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,—Volume 1, Part 32, County of Sutherland.

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

Supplies and Services.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 1st December, 1954, entitled—

(1) the Agricultural and Vegetable Seeds (Recomposition) Order, 1954, and
(2) the Agricultural Seeds and Growing of Seed Crops (Recomposition) Order, 1954.

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

Road Haulage.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Third Report of the Road Haulage Disposal Board, for the six months ended the 28th day of November 1954.

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

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against—

(1) the Pembroke Rural (Lydstep Housing) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1954, and
(2) the East Worcestershire Water Order, 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 communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.:—That it is desirable that all Consolidation Bills, Statute Law Revision Bills and Bills presented under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949, in the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of November last, 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 moved to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words—

"but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech displays an unwarrantable complacency towards the continued existence of social injustice and a doctrinaire determination to abandon public enterprise, essential controls and other forms of intervention by the community designed to check inflation, protect consumers and encourage economic expansion."—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

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. Pearson, Sir Cedric Bruce.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.

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, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

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

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.
Wednesday, 8th December, 1954.

PRAYERS.

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

Queen's Speech (Answer to Address).

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That Her Majesty, having been attended with their Address of yesterday, was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received with great satisfaction the loyal and dutiful expression of your thanks graciously, and to give the following Answer:

Having been attended with their Address of

Seamen's Savings Banks.

No. 34, 1954.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th November 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.


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 Inspection of Churches Measure, 1954, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

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

One hundred and twenty-second Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee (upon the Inspection of Churches Measure, 1954).

Ordered That the said Papers be printed;

ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Second Reading of the National Insurance 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;

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.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 8th December, 1954.

In pursuance of paragraph (40) of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairman), Mr. Speaker this day nominated Major Amstruther-Gray, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Colegate, Mr. Erroll, Colonel Gomm-Duncan, Mr. Hoy, Sir Austin Hudson, Wing Commander Hulbert, Mr. Henry Hylton, Dr. King, Mr. Malcolm MacPherson, Sir Leonard Roper, Mr. George Thomas, Sir Gordon Touche, and Mr. William Richard Williams to be the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

Thursday, 9th December, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir Waldron Smithers, Member for Orpington, 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 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.:

Blyth Generating Station (Ancillary Powers), Chatham and District Traction, Chatham and District Water,
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Corn Exchange, Dewsbury Moor Crematorium, Esso Petroleum Company, Gloucestershire County Council, Liverpool Corporation, Milford Docks, Monmouthshire County Council, North Wales Hydro-Electric Power, Runcorn-Widnes Bridge, Saint Stephen Coleman Street, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water, Swansea Corporation (Fairwood Common), University of Hull; and that the Bills contained in the following List should originate in the House of Commons, viz.:

Birmingham Corporation, Bristol Corporation, British Transport Commission, Cardiff Corporation, Cheshunt Urban District Council, Crosby Corporation, Ilford Corporation, Leicester Corporation, London County Council (General Powers), London County Council (Loans), Luton Corporation, Mersey Tunnel, Nuneaton Corporation, Poole Corporation, Saltford Corporation, Sandown-Shanklin Urban District Council, Sandown-Swanage Water Supply.

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

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of the amount of Notes issued from the total amount of Notes issued from the Issue Department of the Bank of England. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th December 1954, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.

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 6th December 1954, entitled the Strategic Goods (Control) Order, 1954.

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

Mr. Sands presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th December 1954, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations, 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 Receipts and Expenditure under Petroleum. Section 5 of the Petroleum (Production) Act, 1934, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon:

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee of the House be now read a second time;

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. Kaberry.)

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

Mr. Peake, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Insurance (Money) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House. Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase contributions and benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Acts, 1946 to 1953, and the National Insurance Acts, 1946 to 1953, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys so provided under—

(i) paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section sixty of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946; or

(ii) subsection (3) of section sixty of the National Insurance Act, 1946 as amended by section one of the National Insurance Act, 1951, or subsection (1) of section thirty-eight of the National Insurance Act, 1946, which is attributable to any provision made by the said Act of the present Session for increasing any rates or amounts of contributions or benefits under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, or the National Insurance Act, 1946;

(b) of contributions to the National Insurance Fund (additional to the Exchequer supplements) in respect of the period of
five years beginning with the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, not exceeding in all three hundred and twenty-five million pounds.—(Mr. Peake.)

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, 

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

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

[No. 9.]

Friday, 10th December, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Agriculture.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parlia­
ment,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th December 1954, entitled the Agriculture (Delegation of Pest Control Functions to County Agricultural Executive Committees) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.

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

Food and Drugs.

Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) Order, 1955.

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

Census of Production.

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 7, Trade A. Asbestos.

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 offices of the Dental Estimates Board and Executive Councils of the National Health Service which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preser­vation in the Public Record Office.

Wireless

Telegraphy

(Validation of Charges) Bill,

The Wireless Telegraphy (Validation of Charges) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The New Towns Bill was, according to New Towns 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.

Mr. Secretary Stuart, by Her Majesty’s New Town Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to New Towns (Money) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House;—Where­upon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session, to increase the amount of the advances which may be made to development corporations under section twelve of the New Towns Act, 1946, it is expedient to authorise any increase, attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session raising to two hundred and fifty million pounds the limit of one hundred and fifty million pounds imposed in respect of such advances by subsection (1) of the said section twelve (as amended by the New Towns Act, 1952, and the New Towns Act, 1953), in the sums which, under or by virtue of the said Act of 1946, section two of the Licensed Premises in New Towns Act, 1952, or section sixty-eight of the Licensing Act, 1953, are to be or may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament, raised by borrowing, remitted, or paid into the Exchequer.—(Commander Galbraith.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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. Allan.)

And accordingly the House, having con­
tinued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
3 ELIZ. II 13th December 17

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

PRAYERS.

Fire Services. Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th December 1954, entitled the Fire Services (Nomenclature) Regulations, 1954.

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

Fire Services. Mr. Secretary Simon presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd December 1954, entitled the Fire Services (Nomenclature) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.

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:

Scheme for effecting the union of the benefice of All Hal lows, Leeds, and the benefice of Saint Simon, Leeds, and for authorising the taking down of the church of Saint Simon, Leeds, in the diocese of Ripon, and the sale of the site and materials thereof.

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.)

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on National Insurance [Money], a Resolution ; which was read, as followeth :—

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase contributions and benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Acts, 1946 to 1953, and the National Insurance Acts, 1946 to 1955, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any increase in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under—

(i) paragraph (b) of section two or subsection (1) of section sixty of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946 ; or

(ii) subsection (3) of section two of the National Insurance Act, 1946 (as amended by section one of the National Insurance Act, 1951), or subsection (1) of section thirty-eight of the National Insurance Act, 1946, which is attributable to any provision made by the said Act of the present Session for increasing any rates or amounts of contributions or benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, or the National Insurance Act, 1946 ;

(b) of contributions to the National Insurance Fund (additional to the Exchequer supplements) in respect of the period of five years beginning with the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, not exceeding in all three hundred and twenty-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 National Insurance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Higher rates, etc., of contributions and benefit under Industrial Injuries Act).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 5, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. George Brown.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wilts : 272.

Mr. John Taylor : 226.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Higher rates, etc., of contributions and benefit under National Insurance Act, 1946, and additional contributions from Exchequer).

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 3, to leave out from the word “ to ” to the first word the “ in ” line 4.—(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. Redmayne : 274.

Mr. Holmes : 255.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. John Taylor : 236.

Mr. Oakshott : 226.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 10 agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of s. 65 of the National Insurance Act, 1946)—(Mr. Houghton)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. James Griffiths.)

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. Oakshott.)

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

[No. 11.]

Tuesday, 14th December, 1954.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. R. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1954, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 9) Order, 1954.

Isle of Man.

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 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington between the 29th day of June and the 12th day of July 1954 between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America regarding Technical Assistance for British Guiana.

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

Mr. Secretary Sturmy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninety-ninth Annual Report of the Registrar-General for Scotland, 1953.

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 9th December 1954, entitled the Northern Sea Fisheries District (Extension of District) Order, 1954.

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 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 Regulations, dated 9th December 1954, entitled—(1) the Housing (Form of Orders and Notices) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954, and (2) the Housing (Declaration of Unfitness) Regulations, 1954.

Copy of the Fifth Report of the National Parks Commission, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to National Parks 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 Procedural) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Sunderland (Amendment of Local Enactment) 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 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 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

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 certified copies of the Indictment, Conviction and Sentence of the Court in the case of The Queen against Peter Arthur David Baker, a Member of this House, tried at the Central Criminal Court on the 30th day of November 1954; And a Certificate from the Governor of Her Majesty's Prison at Wormwood Scrubs that the said Peter Arthur David Baker is held in custody by him in pursuance of the said Sentence.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

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 Head, supported by Mr. Amy Bill, Harold Macmillan, Mr. James Thomas, Mr. Bill & Word, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the
army: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next and to be printed.


Mr. Ward, supported by Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. James Thomas, Mr. Secretary Head, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the air force: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next and to be printed.


Mr. Secretary Head, supported by Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. James Thomas, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to continue the Army and Air Force Acts until the appointed day, and to make, with respect to the replacement thereof by new provisions, certain transitional provisions and savings and amendments of other enactments relating to those Acts or otherwise to the armed forces of the Crown; to make permanent certain provisions contained in the said Acts; and to repeal certain enactments relating to the armed forces of the Crown which are rendered unnecessary by the expiry of those Acts or are otherwise obsolete: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next and to be printed.


Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, supported by Mr. Brooke and Mr. Molson, presented a Bill to increase the limit imposed by paragraph 60 of subsection (1) of section twenty-six of the Transport Act, 1953, on the amount outstanding in respect of the borrowings of the British Transport Commission: 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.

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.—(Captain Crookshank.)

National Insurance Bill.

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

(In the Committee.)

Schedule No. 1 agreed to.

Schedule No. 2.

Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 27, column 4, to leave out the words "sixty-seven shillings and sixpence" and insert the words "seventy shillings".—(Mr. Blyton.)

Question put, That the words "sixty-seven shillings and sixpence" stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Blyton, Mr. Allen.]

Yeas, [Mr. Lough; Mr. Wallace.

Noes, [Mr. Redmayne.]

250. 247.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 7, line 36, column 4, to leave out the words "twenty-seven shillings and sixpence" and insert the words "forty shillings".—(Mr. Finch.)

Question put. That the words "twenty-seven shillings and sixpence" stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Redmayne, Mr. Allen.]

Yeas, [Mr. Lough; Mr. Wallace.

Noes, [Mr. Wallace.

280. 247.

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

Schedule agreed to.

Schedule No. 3.

Amendment proposed, in page 11, lines 20 to 26, to leave out columns 2 to 5 and add—

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—(Mr. Houghton.)

Question put. That columns 2 to 5 stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Kaberry, Mr. Wakefield.]

Yeas, [Mr. Wakefield.

Noes, [Mr. Arthur Allen.

285. 252.

Schedule agreed to.

Schedule No. 4.

Amendment proposed, in page 12, line 17, column 1, to leave out the words "not being a married woman"—(Mr. Mitchison.)

Question put. That the words "not being a married woman" stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Kaberry, Mr. Wakefield.]

Yeas, [Mr. Wakefield.

Noes, [Mr. Kaberry.

246. 10.

Schedule agreed to.

Schedule No. 5 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.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be nominated 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
Consolidation, Bills, and Bills presented under the Consolidation Acts, Statute Law Revision Acts, and Bills, and Bills presented under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949, in the present Session, be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration—(Mr. Galbraith).—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. Galbraith).

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day of December communicating for a Return relating to Mr. Peter Arthur Baker, Mr. Peter Arthur Baker. No. 11.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question 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 Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 15th December, 1954:

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

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

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Third Annual Report of the Consultative Committee for Co-operative Economic Development in South and South-East Asia.

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

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Accounts 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 1954, 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, 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 nominated Sixteen Members to be the Panel of Members to serve on Committees on Unopposed Bills under the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Reference to Committees of Opposed and Unopposed Bills), viz.: Mr. Darling, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Garner-Evans, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hayman, Mr. Holt, Sir Austin Hudson, Mr. Ianner, Sir Hugh Linstead, Mr. Logan, Mr. Longden, Mr. William Reid, Colonel Sioddar-Scott, Sir Gordon Touche, Mr. Willey, and Mr. Llewelyn Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Eight Members to serve on the Standing Orders Committee under the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Appointment of
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Standing Orders Committee, viz.:—Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Lester Lever, Mr. Nall Macpherson, Mr. Mori, Sir Leonard Rossiter, 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 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, viz.: Mr. Cowie, Commander Donaldson, Captain Duncan, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Forman, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Hector Hughes, Sir Ian Hamilton, Sir G. Lloyd, Major McCollum, Mr. Mackie, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Manuel, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pryde, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Ross, Mr. Spence, Mr. Steele, Mr. Thomson, Lady Tweedsmuir, and Mr. Thornton-Kemsley.

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

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Nabarro, supported by Mr. Robena Colonel Lancaster, Mr. Noel-Baker, Mr. Maude, Mr. Marquand, Mr. Powell, Mr. Greenwood, Sir William Darling, Dr. King, Sir John Barlow, and Mr. Leslie Lever, presented a Bill to confer powers on local authorities to establish smokeless zones and control smoke areas, and to require use of approved types of industrial furnaces and auxiliary plant and domestic heating appliances; and generally for securing in all connections the abatement of atmospheric pollution and smoke: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Short, supported by Mr. David Jones, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Blekinop, Mr. Woodhall, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Willey, Mr. Lee, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Champion, Mr. Callaghan, and Mr. Gibson, presented a Bill to confer further powers upon local authorities and the British Transport Commission with respect to the running of public service vehicles and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Stephen Davies, supported by Mr. Gorovoy Roberts, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thomas Jones, Mr. Cedwyn Hughes, Mr. Peter Freeman, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Macmillan-Millen, Mr. Carmichael, and Mr. Timmons, presented a Bill to provide for the better government of Wales, and for other matters relating thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next and to be printed.

Mr. George Thomas, supported by Mr. Grenfell, Sir Lyn Ungoed-Thomas, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Skeffington, Mr. Hale, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Morris, Mr. Cedwyn Hughes, Mr. Llywelyn Williams, and Mr. West, presented a Bill to make provision for the enrichment of residential property held under long leases; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of March next and to be printed.

Mr. Harold Davies, supported by Mrs. Jeger, Mr. Gooch, Mr. Swingley, Dr. Stross, Mr. Mulley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Houson, Mr. Padley, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Darling, presented a Bill to make specific provisions for health, welfare and safety in shops, offices and catering establishments; theatres, cinemas and music halls; railway and certain road transport premises; agriculture and forestry; and dental mechanics' workrooms: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of April next and to be printed.

Mr. Crouch, supported by Sir Thomas Slaughter of Moore, Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Peter Freeman, Mr. Phelim O'Neill, Mr. Leslie Thomas, 'Mr. Brockway, Brigadier Rayner, Mr. Stokes, Mr. McGhee, and Mr. Bowen, presented a Bill to amend the Slaughter of Animals 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 29th day of April next and to be printed.

Sir Eric Errington, supported by Mr. Lotteries Bill. Barber, Mr. Philip Bell, Sir William Darling, Mr. Nield, Dr. Bennett, Mr. Mulley, Mr. Mitchison, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, and Mr. Nally, presented a Bill to authorise the conduct on behalf of certain registered societies of small lotteries for raising money for charitable, sporting and other objects; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Crowder, supported by Mr. Erroll, Mr. Walker-Smith, Mr. Ronald Bell, Lieutenant-Commander Ballock, Sir John Crowder, Dr. Bennett, Sir John Barlow, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Doughty, Sir William Darling, and Mr. Barber, presented a Bill to modify certain enactments relating to the burden of proof in criminal proceedings against directors and certain officers of bodies corporate: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of April next and to be printed.

Mr. Sorensen, supported by Mrs. Hill, Mr. Legitimacy Bill. Grimond, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Eric Johnson, Mr. Llywelyn Williams, Lieutenant-Colonel Schofield, Squadron Leader Cooper, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Frederick Jones, Mr. McAdden,
and Mr. Reeves, presented a Bill to extend the provisions of the law enabling the legitimation of children born out of wedlock; to amend the law relating to birth certificates; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of March next and to be printed.

Mr. Marlowe, supported by Sir Patrick Spera, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Walker-Smith, Mr. Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Simon, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Hay, Mr. Renton, and Mr. Philip Bell, presented a Bill to extend the rights of appeal to the courts of law against certain administrative decisions and the decisions of certain tribunals; and for procedural matters connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next and to be printed.

Sir Herbert Butcher, supported by Miss Pitt, Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre, Mr. Ballard, Mr. Godber, and Mr. Ridgale, presented a Bill to extend the powers of friendly societies, and amend the Friendly Societies Acts, 1896 to 1948; to make provision with respect to the furnishing of information by the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in connection with claims for benefit from friendly societies and trade unions; 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 April next and to be printed.

Miss Herison, supported by Mr. Ronald Williams, Mr. McChesney, Mr. Stranz, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Bernard Taylor, Mr. Steele, Mr. Pryde, Mr. Finch, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Bence, and Mr. John Jones, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of allowances out of the Industrial Injuries Fund to workmen to whom the Workmen’s Compensation Acts apply; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of February next and to be printed.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood, supported by Mr. Thornton-Kemsley, Mr. Hayman, Mr. Channon, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Spearman, and Mr. Peter Freeman, 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 4th day of March next and to be printed.

Mr. Burgis, supported by Mr. Lindgren, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. MacColl, Mr. Fannell, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Skeffington, and Mr. Sparks, presented a Bill to repeal sections sixty-seven and sixty-eight of the Local Government Act, 1929, and partially to restore the rating of agricultural land and buildings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Tinsley, supported by Mr. Thompson, Mr. Atkin, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Ian Winterbottom, Sir Victor Raikes, Mr. Fremoung, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Eric Johnson, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Brooman-White, and Mr. Logan, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the mode of payment of family allowances in certain cases: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Breckway, supported by Mr. Bottomley, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Hale, Mr. Greenwood, Miss Lee, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Padley, Sir Leslie Plummer, Mr. Awbery, Mr. Manuel, and Mr. George Craddock, presented a Bill to provide for the administration and control of all persons detained or imprisoned in any of Her Majesty’s colonies, territories or other areas where the Secretary of State has power to regulate penal or detentive discipline; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of April next and to be printed.

Mr. Mott-Radclyffe, supported by Mr. Thornton-Kemsley, Mr. Wood, Mr. Gough, Sir Patrick Spera, Sir Guy Lloyd, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. Holliday-Martin, presented a Bill to restrict the publication of particulars as to the estates of deceased persons and the contents of wills, codicils and other testamentary documents; 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 March next and to be printed.

Mr. Thorntom-Kemsley, supported by Major Hanrahan-Gray, Captain Duncan, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Lawson, Sir Guy Lloyd, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Malcolm McMillan, Mr. Malcolm MacPherson, and Mr. Neil MacPherson, presented a Bill to authorise local authorities in Scotland to contribute to the expenses incurred by front-papers and others in connection with the construction, maintenance or making up of private streets, new streets and footways: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of March next and to be printed.

Lieutenant-Commander Baldock, supported by Captain Ryder, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Air Commodore Harvey, Lieutenant-Commander Maydon, and Mr. Crowder, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the Board of Trustees of the Imperial War Museum, and to extend their powers of lending objects belonging to the Museum: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Mackie, supported by Sir Thomas Moore, Sir William Darling, Sir David Robertson, Mr. Spearman, and Mr. Gerald Williams, presented a Bill to prevent the poaching of deer in Scotland and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of March next and to be printed.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the first periodical reports of the Boundary Commissions for England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. James Griffiths moved, That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

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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 [Sir Cedric Drewe], 286. Yes, [Mr. Kaberry];
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson], 259. Noes, [Mr. Popplewell];
So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Question being accordingly put, That this House takes note of the first periodical reports of the Boundary Commissions for England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland:
The House divided. The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir Cedric Drewe], 285. Yes, [Mr. Kaberry];
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson], 259. Noes, [Mr. Popplewell];
So it was resolved in the Affirmative. Resolved, That this House takes note of the first periodical reports of the Boundary Commissions for England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (East Aberdeenshire, West Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen North and Aberdeen South) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Stuart.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Edinburgh Central and Edinburgh Pentlands) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Stuart.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Glasgow Bridgehead, of the People. Glasgow Provan and Glasgow Shettleston) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Stuart.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Glasgow Pollok, Glasgow Craigton, Glasgow Govan and Glasgow Gorbals) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Stuart.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Glasgow Springburn, Glasgow Central and Glasgow Kelvingrove) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Stuart.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Midlothian, Rox­burh, Selkirk and Peebles and Edinburgh East) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Stuart.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Attlee)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. And the Original Question being put;
Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Bute and North Ayrshire and Central Ayrshire) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.

Mr. Pryde 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 \{ Mr. Galbraith, Yeas, Mr. Wills: \} 203.  
Tellers for the \{ Mr. Oswald, Noes, Mr. Chanche: \} 164.  

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.  

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Midlothian, Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles and Edinburgh East) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.  


Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (West Stirlingshire and Stirling and Falkirk Burghs) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, entitled the Firemen’s Pension Scheme (No. 2) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, be approved.–(Mr. Secretary Heath);  

adjourn—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George).  

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

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

Thursday, 16th December, 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 Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.  

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, for the year ended 31st March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts—  

(1) Classes I-V, and  

(2) Classes VI-X.  

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, for the year ended 31st March 1954, entitled the Firemen’s Pension Scheme (No. 2) Order, 1954.  

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

Mr. Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Treaty Series (No. 73, 1954), Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Lisbon on the 23rd day of November 1954 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Portuguese Government regarding the Reciprocal Abolition of Visas.  

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Census the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Fifteenth Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume 1, Part 33, County of West Lothian.  

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 the Fifteenth Annual Report of the National Camps Corporation Limited, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.  

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

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to Therapeutic Substances, Copies of Regulations, dated 10th December 1954, entitled—  

(1) the Therapeutic Substances Amendment Regulations, 1954,  

(2) the Therapeutic Substances (Control of Sale and Supply) Regulations, 1954, and  

(3) the Therapeutic Substances (Supply of Oxytetracyline for Agricultural Purposes) Regulations, 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 from the Lords contained the following:—  

The Lords have agreed to the Dunoon Burgh (Pavilion Expenditure) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.  

Mr. John Morrison presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of certain charities in the County of Kent: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of January next and to be printed.  

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a Letter from Mr. Peter Arthur David Baker, which he read to the House, as follows:—  

Wormwood Scrubs Prison,  

2nd December 1954.  

Dear Mr. Speaker,  

By the kind dispensation of the Governor I am at last able to write you this short letter, in order to offer my most humble apologies
Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation of the People.

Constituencies (Crewe, Knutsford, Nantwich and Southwich) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Derby and South East Derbyshire) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George):

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Allen, YES, Mr. Waterfield: ]—192.
Tellers for the [Mr. George Brown, NOES, Mr. Champion: ]—210.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Plymouth) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George):

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Redmayne, YES, Mr. Lough: ]—226.
Tellers for the [Sir Richard Arland, NOES, Mr. Turner-Samuels: ]—193.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation of the People.

Constituencies (Gateshead and Jarrow) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation of the People.

Constituencies (Billinghay, South East Essex, Romford and Southend) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation of the People.

Constituencies (Chelmsford, Chigwell and Woodford) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Gloucestershire Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth):

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Wills, YES, Mr. Allen: ]—252.
Tellers for the [Mr. Turner-Samuels, NOES, Mr. Mikardo: ]—212.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Peter Arthur David Baker.

Ordered, That the Letter addressed to Mr. Speaker by Mr. Justice Lynskey and the Record of the Proceedings upon the Trial of the Indictment against Mr. Peter Arthur David Baker be now taken into consideration—(Captain Crookshank):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Letter and Record of Proceedings into consideration.

Resolved, That Mr. Peter Arthur David Baker be expelled this House.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Your humble and obedient Servant,

PETER BAKER.

Mr. Peter Arthur David Baker.

Order, That the Letter addressed to Mr. Speaker by Mr. Justice Lynskey and the Record of the Proceedings upon the Trial of the Indictment against Mr. Peter Arthur David Baker be now taken into consideration—(Captain Crookshank):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Letter and Record of Proceedings into consideration.

Resolved, That Mr. Peter Arthur David Baker be expelled this House.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Representative of the People.

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation of the People.

Constituencies (Bedford and Mid-Bedfordshire) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Reading, Newbury and Wokingham) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Wills, YES, Mr. Allen: ]—252.
Tellers for the [Mr. Turner-Samuels, NOES, Mr. Mikardo: ]—212.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Hertfordshire) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea, Mr. Allen; Mr. Legh; 215.
Tellers for the Noe, Mr. Morley, Dr. King; 173.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Hertfordshire) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea, Mr. Wedgwood Benn; 178.
Tellers for the Noe, Mr. Evans; 219.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (North Kent) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea, Mr. Makepeace; Mr. Legh; 215.
Tellers for the Noe, Mr. Morley, Dr. King; 173.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (North Kent) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea, Mr. Wedgwood Benn; 178.
Tellers for the Noe, Mr. Ashton; 143.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Liverpool and South-West Lancashire) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea, Mr. Wakefield; Mr. Ashton; 143.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Liverpool and South-West Lancashire) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea, Mr. Wakefield; Mr. Oldfield; 133.
Tellers for the Noe, Mr. Herbert Butler; 98.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Manchester, Oldham and Ashton under Lyne) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George);—And a Debate arising thereupon;
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Ede);—It passed in the Negative.
And the Original Question being put;
Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Warrington and Newton) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.
Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Bosworth and Loughborough) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George).
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Bethnal Green, Hackney and Stoke Newington) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea, Mr. Wakefield; Mr. Ashtown; 126.
Tellers for the Noe, Mr. Weitzman; 84.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:
Friday, 17th December, 1954:
And the Question being put;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea, Mr. Legh; Mr. Oldfield; 133.
Tellers for the Noe, Mr. William Richard Williams; 98.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Fulham and Hammersmith) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—

(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wills, Mr. Allan; 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. William Thomas: 74.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

**Adjournment.**

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Captain Crookshank.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Nine of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th December 1954, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 10) Order, 1954.

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

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Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Warsaw on the 11th day of November 1954 (with Notes exchanged) between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Polish Government regarding the Settlement of Financial Matters.

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 Regulations, dated 13th December 1954, entitled the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (Slough) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.

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

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Mr. Birch 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 October 1954, amending the Statutes of the House.

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 Regulations, dated 13th December 1954, entitled the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (Slough) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.

Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December 1954, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Crew Shipment. Accommodation) (Amendment) 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:—

First Schedule containing a List and particulars of certain Clauses of Documents existing or accruing in the Lord Chancellor's Office and Crown Office in Chancery which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wireless Telegraphy (Validation of Charges) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Validation of charges for wireless licences).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 20, to leave out the words "eleventh day of November" and insert the words "first day of December".—(Mr. Simon.)

Question proposed, That the words "eleventh day of November" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 8, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Simon.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Mr. 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 National Service Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committal of Bills).

Sir Walter Monckton, by Her Majesty's National Service Bill, acquainting the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to National Service (Money) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a
Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House do now adjourn—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson; Mr. Studholme);

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

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that the House do now adjourn—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson; 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.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories for 1953.

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

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

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

Account of the Royal Naval Prize 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 Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories for 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 Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories for 1953.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Chairmen's Panel, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

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

2. That if, during the Consideration of a Bill before one of the Standing Committees, it shall appear that the business would be expedited by postponing the further Consideration of the Bill in hand until the Bill next on the list has been reported, and if the Member in charge of the Bill rises and makes a motion to that effect, the Chairman will be in order in proposing such a Question.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Brooke, and Mr. Snadden, presented a Bill to make provision for the reorganisation, development and regulation of crofting in the crofting counties of Scotland; to authorise the making of grants and loans for the development of agricultural production on crofts and the making of grants and loans towards the provision of houses and buildings for crofters, cottars and others of like economic status; 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 Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Draft National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant December, be approved—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn);

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. (Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Scotland).

Copies of Regulations, dated 15th December, 1954, entitled—
(1) the Central Land Board Payments (Scotland) Regulations, 1954, and
(2) the Town and Country Planning (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1954.

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

Mr. Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme, entitled the Coastal Flooding (Emergency Provisions), 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 the Fourth Report of the Law Society 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 1954.

Legal Aid and Advice.

Colonel Lancaster reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petition presented upon the 9th day 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.

Public Petitions. First Report.

Adjournment (Christmas).

Bills of Exchange Act, 1882 (Amendment).

Question put pursuant to S.O. (Motion 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. Page, Mr. Holt, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Stevens, Sir Wavell Wakefield, and Mr. Geoffrey Wilson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Page accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, 1882, so that endorsement of order cheques and similar instruments received for collection by the banker, of whom the payee is a customer, shall be unnecessary:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of February next and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the Draft National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant December, be approved.

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

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That the Draft National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations, 1954, dated 8th December 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations, 1954, dated 8th December 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Regulations, 1954, dated 8th December 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Commander Galbraith):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original Question being again proposed:—And it appearing that the copy of the Regulations laid before the House was incorrect, Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Question thereon could not be put.

Resolved, That the Draft Lace Furnishings Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

Resolved, That the Draft Lace Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Henry Strauss.)

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.—(Colonel Harrison.)

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

[NO. 17.]

Wednesday, 22nd December, 1954.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order made upon the 9th day of this instant December, That the Paper relating to Town and Country Planning (Scotland) do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged. Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Brooke 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 1954, with Salaries and Allowances, with a List of those holding more than one Appointment.

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 Home Guard, 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 15th December 1954, entitled the Kitchen Waste (Licensing of Private Collectors) Revocation 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 an Order, dated 21st December 1954, entitled the Puerperal Pyrexia (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.

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

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;

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the National Insurance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Wireless Telegraphy (Validation of Charges) Bill, without any Amendment.

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

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assent.

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;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 25th day of January next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

The House met at half past two o'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 Robert Richards, Esquire, Member for Wrexham, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the Honourable Member.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had issued, during the Adjournment, Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown to make out new Warrants for the election of Members to serve in this present Parliament: for Orpington, in the room of Sir Waldron Smithers, deceased; for Twicknham, in the room of Sir Edward Herbert Keeling, M.C., deceased; for Edinburgh, North, in the room of the Right Honourable James Latham McDonald, Q.C., appointed to the Office of Lord Justice General and President of the Court of Session in Scotland; and for Stockport, South, in the room of Sir Arnold Babb Gridley, K.B.E., called up to the House of Peers.

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 a Statement showing the Numbers of Registered Disabled Persons in Government Employment in Great Britain on the 1st day of October 1954, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of a Report of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in accordance with Section 61 of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, on the question whether Raynaud's phenomenon should be prescribed under the Act.

Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 30th November 1954.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 8th January 1955, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of Ordinary Shares in Coftilles Limited.

Copy of a Statement showing Electorates of Local Government Areas in counties affected by the recommendations of the Boundary Commission for England.

Copy of a Cultural Convention, signed at Lisbon on the 19th day of November 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Portuguese Government (the Convention has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government).

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.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on the 29th day of November 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Ethiopia relating to certain matters connected with the withdrawal of British Military Administration from the territories designated as the Reserved Area and the Ogaden.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Tehran on the 5th day of April 1954, relating to the Frequency of Sessions of the South Pacific Commission.

Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board Constructional Scheme No. 26 (Mucomir Project).

Copy of the Agreement, signed at London between the 30th day of September and the 21st day of October 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on behalf and on behalf of the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland and the Government of the United States of America amending the Agreement of the 18th day of July 1951 regarding the development of the Rhodesia Railways.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at Canberra on the 9th day of April 1955, relating to the Border Commission for England.

Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 25th day of October 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Ethiopia relating to certain matters connected with the withdrawal of British Military Administration from the territories designated as the Reserved Area and the Ogaden.

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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:—

24th December 1954:—

Supplies and Services.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1954, entitled the Paper (Miscellaneous Controls (Revocation) Order, 1954.

29th December 1954:—

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland).

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1954, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 26) Confirmation Order, 1954.

Kuwait.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st December 1954, entitled the Kuwait (Amendment) Order, 1954.

Rhodesia and Nyasaland Federation.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st December 1954, entitled the Northern Rhodesia (No. 2) Order in Council, 1954.

30th December 1954:—

Pensions.

Copy of Rules, dated 22nd December 1954, entitled the Superannuation (Civil Service and Metropolitan Police Staff) Transfer Rules, 1954.

Juvenile Courts and Offenders.

Copy of Rules, dated 17th December 1954, entitled the Juvenile Courts (Constitution) Rules, 1954.

Supplies and Services.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st December 1954, entitled the Kitchen Waste (Licensing of Private Collectors) (Revocation) (Scotland) Order, 1954.

Landlord and Tenant.

Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd December 1954, entitled the Landlord and Tenant (Notice) (No. 2) Regulations, 1954.

31st December 1954:—

Town and Country Planning.


2nd January 1955:—

National Health Service (Scotland).

Copies of Orders, dated 27th December 1954, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Glasgow Royal Infirmary and Associated Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954, and

(2) the National Health Service (Glasgow and District Children's Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1954.

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Acquisition of Land. Copy of Regulations, dated 15th January 1955, entitled the Acquisition of Land (Division of Unexpended Balanced) Regulations, 1955.

Purchase Tax. Copies of Orders, dated 19th January 1955, entitled—

(1) the Purchase Tax (No. 1) Order, 1955,
(2) the Purchase Tax (No. 2) Order, 1955.


24th January 1955:

National Health Service (Scotland). Copies of Orders, dated 15th January 1955, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Hawkhead Mental Hospital Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and
(2) the National Health Service (Fife Mental Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.


Inland Revenue. Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Ninety-seventh Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Bank Notes. No. 25. Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th January 1955, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Bank Notes and National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) be printed.


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

20th January 1955:

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Mr. Secretary Laird, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Documents relating to the Termination of the Occupation Regime in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at London Treaty Series on the 19th day of June 1951, regarding the Status of Forces of Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (with Appendix and Agreement Minute of the 4th day of April 1952) the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 13th day of May 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to Army Purchase Tax (No. 2) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, Africa by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report for 1955 showing the Quantities of Spirituous Beverages imported into certain Territories in Africa for whose National Relations Her Majesty's Government are Responsible, and Import Duties levied thereon.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd also presented, Malta (Reconstruction and Development) Act, 1947, Account of the Sums issued to the Government of Malta out of the Consolidated Fund under Section 1 of the Malta (Reconstruction and Development) Act, 1947, in respect of Expenses incurred by that Government in making good War Damage and in carrying out Works in connection with general Reconstruction and Planning, 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 Malta (Reconstruction) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to National Health Insurance (Substitution) Act, 1947, entitled the National Health Service (Ayrshire Mental Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 303 (University of Edinburgh No. 104) (Alteration of Title of Chair of History and Amendment of Ordinance No. 30 of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889).

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th January 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Ayshire Mental Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th January 1955, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue.

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

(1) during the 1914 World War, and
(2) after the 2nd day of September 1939.
Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Queens' College, Cambridge, on the 5th day of November 1954, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Statistical Abstract for the Commonwealth and Sterling Area for the years 1950 to 1953.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Distribution for 1950—Volume 3, Wholesale Trades.

Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

(1) Volume 1, Trade I, Glass (other than containers),
(2) Volume 3, Trade D, Steel Sheets,
(3) Volume 3, Trade E, Tinplate,
(4) Volume 5, Trade J, Watch and Clock,
(5) Volume 6, Trade M, Canvas Goods and Sacks,
(6) Volume 7, Trade F, Leather Goods, and
(7) Volume 9, Trade H, Tea Blending and Coffee Roasting.

Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended the 30th day of June 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to the National Research Development Corporation be printed.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1955, entitled the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Protected Area) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—

(1) County of Bedfordshire,
(2) County of Gloucestershire,
(3) County of Hampshire,
(4) Counties of Herefordshire and Shropshire, and
(5) County of Oxfordshire.

Copy of Regulations, dated 20th January 1955, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Sands presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th January 1955, entitling the Stockport Extension (Amendment) Order, 1955, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 7th December 1954, made by the County Council of the Government of the Administrative County of the West Riding of Yorkshire and approved with modification by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copies of the Annual Reports, for the year River Boards ended the 31st day of March 1954—

(1) of the Devon River Board,
(2) of the Great Ouse River Board, and
(3) of the Somerset River Board.

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

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders by Her Majesty, dated 8th January 1955—

(1) to amend certain Orders concerning Retired Pay, Pensions, and other Grants for Officers, Nurses, and Airmen disabled, and for the Widows and Children of Officers and Airmen deceased, in consequence of Service during the 1914 World War,
and
(2) to amend the Order of the 27th day of September 1949 concerning Retired Pay, Pensions, and other Grants for Members of the Air Forces and of the Nursing and Auxiliary Services thereof disabled, and for the Widows, Children, Parents, and other Dependants of such Members deceased, in consequence of Service after the 2nd day of September 1939.

Ordered. That the said Papers 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 all applications made by the First Bank of England, Lords 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 1954 to the 5th day of January 1955, and the Answers of the said Court thereto.

Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bills, and other Government Securities, which have been purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or on which any Sum or Sums have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1955; and an Account of the Amount of Balances of Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends due and not demanded, and which remained in the hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England on the 3rd day of April 1954, the 3rd day of July 1954, the 4th day of October 1954, and the 4th day of January 1955.
Account of the Sugar Industry (Research and Education) Fund showing the Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Wool Textiles.

Accounts—

(1) of the Sums recovered under the Wool Textile Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Order, 1950, and of their Disposal for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and

(2) of the Sums recovered under the Wool Textile Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Order, 1950, and of their Disposal for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

War Damage

(Public Utility Undertakings).

Account of the Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund and of the Payments made and Contributions recovered by the Treasury under the War Damage (Public Utility Undertakings, &c.) Act, 1949, in the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, in respect of War Damage to Land, Goods, and Commodities of Public Utility Undertakings, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Measures, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

1. Scheme for effecting the union of the benefices of Blackburn and Saint Paul, Blackburn, in the diocese of Blackburn.

2. Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Saint Peter, Hunset Moor, and Saint Cuthbert, Handley, in the diocese of Ripon.

Japanese Treaty

of Peace.

No. 28.

Account of the Sums received and paid by the Administrator of Japanese Property for the period ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Papers relating to the Sugar Industry (Research and Education) Fund, Wool Textiles, and the Japanese Treaty of Peace be printed.

New Members

sworn.

Neil Loudon Desmond McLean, Esquire, Member for Inverness, was sworn.

John Edward Bernard Hill, Esquire, Member for South Norfolk, was sworn.

William Donald Massey Summer, Esquire, Member for Orpington, was sworn.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, supported by Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth and Mr. Brooke, presented a Bill to make further provision as to the salary and expenses of the Governor of Northern Ireland; to transfer to the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland jurisdiction in respect of certain appeals by way of case stated; to enlarge the legislative power of the Parliament of Northern Ireland in respect of the administration and distribution of estates of deceased persons, the printing and publication of statutory rules, and the appointment, removal, remuneration, jurisdiction and functions of coroners; 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 the Bill be 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 Air Force Bill was, according to Order, read Army Bill, 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 Revision of the Army and Air Force Acts (Transitional Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transport (Borrowing Powers) Bill;

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

Mr. Redmayne reported from the Committee on New Towns (Money), a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the amount of the advances which may be made to development corporations under section twelve of the New Towns Act, 1946, it is expedient to authorise any increase, attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session raising to two hundred and fifty million pounds the limit of one hundred and fifty million pounds imposed in respect of such advances by subsection (1) of the said section twelve as amended by the New Towns Act, 1952, and the New Towns Act, 1953), in the sums which, under or by virtue of the said Act of 1946, section two of the Licensed Premises in New Towns Act, 1952, or section sixty-eight of the Licensing Act, 1953, are to be or may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament, raised by borrowing, remitted, or paid into the Exchequer.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the New Towns Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Redmayne.)

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

MEMORANDA.


In pursuance of the Standing Order (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker this day certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Crofters (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 Angus Maude, Esquire, to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee, in the room of Sir Edward Keeling, deceased.

[No. 19.]

Wednesday, 26th January, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Air Navigation.

No. 32. 

R. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 21st day of December 1954, on loans proposed to be raised by the British European Airways Corporation.

Electricity.

No. 33.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 21st day of December 1954, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Electricity Authority.

Gas.

No. 34.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 21st day of December 1954, on loans proposed to be raised by the Gas Council.

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Account of Receipts into and Payments out Road Fund.

No. 35.

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

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, by Colonial Secretary Lennox-Boyd, a Bill to enable Her Majesty to place the Cocos or Keeling Islands under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia, 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.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd, supported by Mr. Brooke, Colonial Secretary Lennox-Boyd, supported by Mr. Brooke, presented a Bill to extend the period for which schemes may continue in force under section one of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940; to increase the amount payable out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purposes of such schemes; and to include the New Hebrides among the territories for which such schemes may be made: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

Mr. Hopkinson, supported by Mr. Brooke, Colonial Secretary Lennox-Boyd, supported by Mr. Brooke, and Mr. Dodds-Parker, presented a Bill to enable Her Majesty to place the Cocos or Keeling Islands under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia, 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the superannuation benefits payable in respect of service with trustee savings banks and their inspection committee; And that Mr. Erroll, Mr.
Mr. Erroll accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the superannuation benefits payable in respect of service with trustee savings banks and their inspection committee: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of February next and to be printed.

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Woolwich) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Spelthorne, Feltham and Ickenworth) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Harrow) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Newcastle upon Tyne) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Kingston upon Thames, Surbiton and Wimbledon) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Nottinghamshire) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Birmingham and North Warwickshire) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Yorkshire, East Riding) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth);

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

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation of the People. (Cardiganshire) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth);

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation of the People. (Swansea) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth);

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation of the People. (Newport and Monmouth) Order, 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 18th day of November 1954, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth);

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Legh); 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 ten minutes before Four of the clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

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

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Navy Accounts.

Abstract Account showing the Issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, 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.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services thereon, and upon other Air Services Accounts.

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

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Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 21st day of June 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America regarding the terms of use by the United States Government of land at Madingley, near Cambridge, as a United States Military Cemetery.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Stockholm between the 20th and 29th days of October 1954, between Her Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and in New Zealand and the Government of Sweden terminating the agreement of the 30th day of May 1938 respecting Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

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

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:

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee A, viz.: Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Collins, Mr. Delargy, Mr. Fell, Mr. John Hall, Mr. John Thomas Hall, Vice-Admiral Hughes Hallett, Mrs. Jeger, Captain Kerby, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, Mr. Massey, Mr. Parkin, Mr. Probert, Mr. Rees-Davies, Captain Ryder, Major Sharples, Mr. William Taylor, and Mr. Leslie Thomas.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the National Service Bill, viz.: Mr. Beith, Mr. Bing, Mr. Bower, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Burden, Mr. Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Godber, Colonel Harrison, Mr. Harvey, Sir Hugh Innes, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Phelim O'Neill, Mr. William Paling, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Strachey, Mr. Swingler, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ward, Mr. Watkinson, Mr. Wigg, Mr. Woollam, and Mr. Wyatt.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee B, viz.: Mr. Alport, Mr. Amery, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. William Bennett, Brigadier Clarke, Mr. Dodds, Sir Eric Eriksen, Mr. David Griffiths, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Cleland Hughes, Mr. Howard Johnson, Mr. Moody, Mr. Owen, Mr. Henry Price, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Sylvester, Mr. Ivor Thomas, Mr. Paul Williams, and Mr. Richard Winterbottom.

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.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Crofters (Scotland) [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The Crofters (Scotland) Bill was, according Crofters (Scotland) Bill, committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committing of Bills).

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 Crofters (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 for the reorganisation, development and regulation of crofting in the crofting counties of Scotland, and to authorise the making of grants and loans for the development of agricultural production on crofts and the making of grants and loans towards the provision of houses and buildings for crofters, cottars and others of like economic status, it is expedient to authorise:

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of the Secretary of State incurred under the said Act:

(i) in defraying the expenses of the Crofters Commission established under the said Act and in paying remuneration and allowances to the members of such Commission;

(ii) in acquiring compulsorily land which the Secretary of State is authorised or required by the said Act to acquire by reason of its having ceased to be required in connection with the occupation of a croft or in connection with the putting into effect of a scheme for the reorganisation of a crofting township, and in paying compensation to the owners and occupiers of such land;

(iii) in providing grants and loans to persons being the tenants of crofts situate in the counties of Argyll, Caithness, Inverness, Orkney, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland and Zetland (in this Resolution referred to as "crofters") for the purpose of aiding and developing agricultural production on crofts;

(iv) in providing assistance by way of grants or loans or by the supply for payment in cash of building or other materials
towards the erection, improvement or rebuilding of dwelling-houses and other buildings for crofters, for occupants of holdings constituted under the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897, on land acquired by the Congested Districts (Scotland) Commissioners, and for persons being the owners and occupiers of crofts who at the time of their making application for such assistance were the tenants of such crofts;

(v) in providing assistance as aforesaid towards the erection, improvement or rebuilding of buildings other than dwelling-houses for owners of holdings which are situated in the counties hereinbefore mentioned, are either of an area not exceeding fifty acres or of an annual value not exceeding fifty pounds, are owned by persons of substantially the like economic status as crofters and are occupied by the owners thereof.

B. The payment into the Exchequer of sums received under the said Act by the Secretary of State.—(Mr. Secretary Gower.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee on National Service [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for extending the upper age-limit for liability to national service in the case of persons absent from Great Britain in the last year of their said liability, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under section fifty-five of the National Service Act, 1948.

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

The Chatham Intra Charity of Richard Watts and other Charities Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes before Eleven 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 National Service Bill to Standing Committee A.

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Friday, 28th January, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.


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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty’s Command.—Copy of the Report of a Working Party appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland and the National Joint Council to deal with the Salaries of Teachers in Scotland on the Structure of Further Education Salaries.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented,—Trade and Navigation.—No. 41.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft also presented, Census of Production.

pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

(1) Volume 2, Trade I, Paint and Varnish,

(2) Volume 5, Trade L, Musical Instruments, and

(3) Volume 7, Trade E, Fellmongery.

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

Resolved, That this House is impressed by the social, industrial and economic benefits which accrue from co-partnership schemes, pension schemes and other similar schemes in industry; takes note of their extension in recent years; and urges the Government to take steps to equip itself with comprehensive information about them, and to consider how it can remove obstacles which may impede the introduction of suitable schemes, in appropriate industries and trades, on a wider scale.—(Mr. Gower.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Eider Sick, proposed, That this House is greatly impressed by the inadequate provisions which now exist for the elderly and strongly urges the Government to take immediate steps to increase, improve and extend those provisions—(Mr. Hector Hughes).—And a Debate arising thereupon:

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

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

MEMORANDUM.
Friday, 28th January, 1955.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of the National Service Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eric Johnson.

Mr. Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum by the Foreign Office containing Comments on the Seventh Report of the Select Committee on Estimates, Session 1955-56.

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, pursuant to the directions of the National Service Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eric Johnson.

Sir Walter Monckton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report by the Delegates of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on the Thirty-seventh Session of the International Labour Conference, held at Geneva from the 2nd to the 24th days of June 1954.

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 24th January 1955, entitled—


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

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of the National Service Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eric Johnson.

The Right Honourable William Rankine New Member Milligan, Q.C., Member for Edinburgh, North, was sworn.
Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Northern Ireland [Money] and on the Motion in the name of Sir Cedric Drews relating to the Select Committees on Estimates and Private Bill Procedure be exempted, at that day's 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 Cocos Islands Bill:

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

Mr. Hopkinson acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from Her Majesty to acquaint the House that Her Majesty places Her prerogative and interests, so far as concerns the matters dealt with by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament.

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

The Northern Ireland Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Colonel Harrison.)
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision as to the salary and expenses of the Governor of Northern Ireland, it is expedient to authorise the payment to the said Governor out of the Consolidated Fund of—
(a) a salary at the rate of four thousand pounds per annum; and
(b) an allowance in respect of expenses of an amount not exceeding ten thousand pounds per annum.—(Mr. Secretary 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 to-morrow.
The House was moved, That the Resolution of the House of the 1st day of December last relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee, which Resolution was communicated to the Lords, and the Lords Message of the 2nd day of December last signifying their concurrence in the said Resolution might be read; and the same being read:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee of Seven Members be appointed to join with a Committee to be appointed by the Lords 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—(Mr. Oakshott);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "Seven," and inserting the word "Eight,"—(Mr. Emrys Hughes).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "Seven" stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Seven Members be appointed to join with a Committee to be appointed by the Lords 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 Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to report from time to time.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.

The Committee was nominated of Mr. Bowe, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Gwlad Hall, Lieutenant-Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Powell, and Mr. Geoffrey Wilson.—(Mr. Oakshott).

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 Lords, ships 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.

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

Tuesday, 1st February, 1955:

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
A Bill to confer further powers upon the Corporation of Salford and Citizens of the City of Salford to authorise a street work in the City and to acquire lands therefor and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Sandown-Shanklin to acquire the undertaking of the Shanklin Lift Company Limited and to construct and maintain a lift at Shanklin; to confer powers on the Council in regard to lands and to make further and better provision for the health local government finance and improvement of their district; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend the enactments relating to the discharge of compensation water by the Taf Fechan Water Supply Board and to confer further powers upon that Board; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the Army ( Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Army Accounts.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1932—

—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 Borough of Beverley,
(2) to the Borough of Macclesfield,
(3) to the Urban District of Hadleigh, and
(4) to the Urban District of Horncastle.

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

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Treaty Series—

Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Vienna on the 31st day of May 1954 and at London on the 14th day of October 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Austrian Government constituting an Agreement for the Validation in Austria of Foreign Currency Bonds.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Brussels Treaty Series between the 20th day of October and the 5th day of November 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Belgian Government regarding Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to National Health Service, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copies of Orders, dated 22nd January 1955, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Ross (Mainland) Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and
(2) the National Health Service (Nairn Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to Coal Mines, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—


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. B* 3

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

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report of the Royal Commission on Scottish Affairs.—(Commander Galbraith.)

Mr. Kaberry reported from the Committee on Crofters (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the re-organisation, development and regulation of crofting in the crofting counties of Scotland, and to authorise the making of grants and loans for the development of agricultural production on crofts and the making of grants and loans towards the provision of houses and buildings for crofters, cottars and others of like economic status, it is expedient to authorise:

A. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of the Secretary of State incurred under the said Act—

(i) in defraying the expenses of the Crofters Commission established under the said Act and in paying remuneration and allowances to the members of such Commission;

(ii) in acquiring compulsorily land which the Secretary of State is authorised or required by the said Act to acquire by reason of its having ceased to be required in connection with the occupation of a croft or in connection with the putting into effect of a scheme for the reorganisation of a crofting township, and in paying compensation to the owners and occupiers of such land;

(iii) in providing grants and loans to persons being the tenants of crofts situate in the counties of Argyll, Caithness, Inverness, Orkney, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland and Zetland (in this Resolution referred to as "crofters") for the purpose of aiding and developing agricultural production on crofts;

(iv) in providing assistance by way of grants or loans or by the supply for payment in cash of building or other materials towards the erection, improvement or re-building of dwelling-houses and other buildings for crofters, for occupiers of holdings constituted under the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897, on land acquired by the Congested Districts (Scotland) Commissioners, and for persons being the owners and occupiers of crofts who at the time of their making application for such assistance were the tenants of such crofts;

(v) in providing assistance as aforesaid towards the erection, improvement or re-building of buildings other than dwelling-houses for owners of holdings which are situate in the counties hereinbefore mentioned, are either of an area not exceeding fifty acres or of an annual value not exceeding fifty pounds, are owned by persons of substantially the like economic status as crofters and are occupied by the owners thereof.

B. The payment into the Exchequer of sums received under the said Act by the Secretary of State.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Public Service Vehicles, Trams, and Trolley Vehicles (Carrying Capacity) Regulations, 1954, dated 2nd December 1954, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 6th day of December last, be annulled—(Mr. Ernest Davies)—It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.  
(Colonel Harrison.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 1st February, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (i) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Hoy Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Crofters (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 24.]

Wednesday, 2nd February, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Equal Pay Command—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd February 1955, concerning payment from a single Supplementary Estimate of sums required in the event of the implementation of a scheme for the gradual introduction of equal pay for men and women civil servants.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the Duchy of Cornwall directions of an Act of Parliament, Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of a Housing Re (Scotland) Bill for Scotland, dated 31st December 1954.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Health Service Copies of Orders, dated 25th January 1955, entitled—

(i) the National Health Service (Lochaber Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and
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(2) the National Health Service (Skye Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made by the University of Oxford on the 2nd day of November 1954 amending the Statutes of the University.

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

Mr. Sandys presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 31st December 1954.

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


Report by the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1955, 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 Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee on the National Insurance (Scotland) Act, 1950; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And that Mr. Peake do prepare and bring it in.

Sir Robert MacColl, Mr. Peart, Mr. Philips Price, Mr. Ritchie, Colonel Stoddart-Scott, Mr. Sumner, Major Wall, and Mr. Wellwood expressed themselves prepared to join with the other Members of the Committee appointed by their Lordships, to move a Message as follows:

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart, supported by Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, Mr. Amory, Mr. Brooke, and Mr. Henderson Stewart, presented a Bill to increase the maximum amount of the grants which may be made out of moneys provided by Parliament to the Housing Industry Board for the promotion of the sale of houses and for other purposes; to confer on the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State powers to make grants and loans for the execution, for the benefit of the fishing industry, of harbour and other works and to determine certain existing powers in that behalf; to empower the Secretary of State to operate dredgers; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And that Mr. Peake do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Sandys, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Stuart, and Mr. Deedes, presented a Bill to repeal the power to requisition land for housing purposes under Defence Regulations and transfer to local authorities in England and Wales the right to possession of requisitioned houses for a limited period; to make provision for the earlier re-lease of such houses in certain cases and for matters connected therewith; to authorise payments out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of expenditure of local authorities to whom the said right is transferred; to regulate the payment of sums issued out of the consolidated fund under subsection (1) of section eight of the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944; to amend sections ninety-four and one hundred and fifty of the Housing (Scotland) Act, 1950; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And that Mr. Sandys do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Colonial Development and Welfare be exempted, 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 amend section twenty-nine of the National Insurance Act, 1946: And that Mr. Langford-Holt, Mr. Boardman, Dr. Broughton, Mr. Gower-Evans, Mr. William Price, and Mr. Henry Price do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Langford-Holt accordingly presented a Bill to amend section twenty-nine of the National Insurance Act, 1946: And that Mr. Langford-Holt do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the introduction of a decimal currency; And that Mr. Follick, Sir
Mr. Follick accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the introduction of a decimal currency: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of this instant February and to be printed.

The Colonial Development and Welfare Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The Lord Advocate, by Her Majesty's Command, acquaints the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Colonial Development and Welfare [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the period for which such schemes may continue in force under section one of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, to increase the amounts payable out of moneys so provided for the purposes of such schemes, including schemes for promoting research or inquiry, the following limits, namely:—

(a) in respect of all such schemes, an aggregate limit of two hundred and twenty million pounds, excluding sums paid as aforesaid before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and excluding sums required by the Secretary of State in the period ending on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, for making payments pursuant to any such scheme as is described in section two of the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1954; (b) in respect of all such schemes, a limit of thirty million pounds in any financial year; excluding sums required by the Secretary of State as aforesaid; and (c) in respect of schemes for promoting research or inquiry, a limit of three million pounds in any financial year; (d) applying section one of the said Act of 1940 in relation to the New Hebrides as it applies in relation to a colony.

(3) applying section one of the said Act of 1940 in relation to the New Hebrides as it applies in relation to a colony.

B. The payment into the Exchequer of any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums required to be so paid under subsection (3) of the said section one.—(Mr. Hopkins.) Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Chatham Intra Charity of Richard Watts and other Charities Bill.

(In the Committee.)

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(No. 25.)

Thursday, 3rd February, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

M. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Iron and Steel Command.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 31st January 1955, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of...
Ordinary Shares in the Whitehead Iron and Steel Company Limited.

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 26th January 1955, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955.


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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—


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

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

Copy of an Order, dated 6th May 1954, entitled the City of Plymouth (City Centre) Compulsory Purchase Order No. 15, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 10th January 1955, made by the Huddersfield County Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to S.O. (Dilatory motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon;

Mr. Herbert Morrison 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.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "dispute" to the end of the Question and adding the words "but regrets that Her Majesty's Government has wrecked the constructive policy of transport coordination and integration pursued by the Labour Government and is persisting in the sale of publicly-owned road haulage vehicles, thus depriving the country of the benefit of a comprehensive transport service and the British Transport Commission of a profitable source of revenue"—(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;

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 put 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 "Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Yeas, (Sir Cedric Drewe; Noes, (Mr. Pearson;)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House welcomes the settlement of the recent wages dispute and believes that the steps proposed by the British Transport Commission will, with the co-operation of all concerned, lead to the establishment of a modern and economic railway system for the benefit both of industry and of the travelling public.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Cinema Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Beverley, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant February, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Cinema Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Hadleigh, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant February, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Sunday Cinema Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Maclesfield, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant February, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)
Resolved, That the Inspection of Churches 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.)

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.

[No. 26.]

Friday, 4th February, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further Sum required to be voted for the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Inspector under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900, for 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 an Amendment to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

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 Scheme, dated 10th January 1955, made by the Huddersfield County Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Mr. Sandys, supported by Mr. Secretary Stuart, Mr. Brooke, and Mr. Deedes, presented a Bill to amend the requirements of the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944, with respect to undertakings under section one of that Act to make contributions towards expenses incurred by local authorities in connection with water supplies, sewerage and sewage disposal in rural localities; 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 Clean Air Bill.

Second Reading of the Clean Air 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".—(Dr. Strachey.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Industrial and Agricultural Rates Bill;

And it being Four of the clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Business.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of May next.

The Family Allowances (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committal of Bills).

The Imperial War Museum Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and ordered to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committal of Bills).

The Trustee Savings Banks (Pensions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committal of Bills).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

[No. 27.]

Monday, 7th February, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Birmingham Corporation Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant February.

The Bristol Corporation Bill was read a second time and committed.
Ordered, That the British Transport Commission Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Cheshunt Urban District Council Bill was read a second time and committed.

The Crosby Corporation Bill was read a second time and committed.

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

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

Ordered, That the London County Council (General Powers) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The London County Council (Loans) Bill was read a second time and committed.

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

The Mersey Tunnel Bill was read a second time and committed.

The Nuneaton Corporation Bill was read a second time and committed.

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

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

The Sandown-Shanklin Urban District Council Bill was read a second time and committed.

Ordered, That the Tafern Urban District Council Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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 5th day of this instant February pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 1st February 1955, entitled—

(1) the Consular Conventions (Income Tax) (Kingdom of Norway) Order, 1955,
(2) the Consular Conventions (Income Tax) (United States of America) Order, 1955,
(3) the Consular Conventions (Income Tax) (Kingdom of Sweden) Order, 1955,
(4) the Consular Conventions (Income Tax) (French Republic) Order, 1955,
(5) the Consular Conventions (Income Tax) (Kingdom of Greece) Order, 1955, and
(6) the Consular Conventions (Income Tax) (United States of Mexico) Order, 1955.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st February 1955, entitled the Singapore Colony Order in Council, 1955.
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The House accordingly proceeded to take or Keeling Islands all those same rights which the United Kingdom and colonies "—(Mr. Dugdale.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the
Mr. Wilkins,
Yea,
Mr. John Taylor:
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Tellers for the
Mr. Redmayne,
Noes,
Mr. Wills:
163.

An Amendment made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 2 agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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.

Creech Jones.)—(Mr. Wills reported from the Committee on Colonial Development and Welfare [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the period for which schemes may continue in force under section one of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1940, to increase the amounts payable out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purposes of such schemes, and to include the New Hebrides among the territories for which such schemes may be made, it is expedient to authorise—

A. The payment out of moneys so provided of any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session—
(1) extending to the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty, the time during which such schemes, other than schemes for promoting research or inquiry, may continue in force:
(2) substituting for the limits imposed by the said Act of 1940 (as amended by subsequent enactments) on the sums to be paid out of moneys so provided for the purposes of such schemes, including schemes for promoting research or inquiry, the following limits, namely:
(a) in respect of all such schemes, an aggregate limit of two hundred and twenty million pounds, excluding sums paid as aforesaid before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and excluding sums required by the Secretary of State in the period ending on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, for making payments pursuant to any such scheme as is described in section two of the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1954;
(b) in respect of all such schemes, a limit of thirty million pounds in any financial year, excluding sums required by the Secretary of State as aforesaid; and
(c) in respect of schemes for promoting research or inquiry, a limit of three million pounds in any financial year;
(3) applying section one of the said Act of 1940 in relation to the New Hebrides as it applies in relation to a colony.

B. The payment into the Exchequer of any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums required to be so paid under sub-section (3) of the said section one.

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

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

(In the Committee.)
Clause No. 1 (Amendment of 3 & 4 Geo. 6. c. 40, s. 1 (b)).
Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 10, to leave out the word "sixty" and insert the word "fifty-eight".—(Mr. Creech Jones.)
Question, That the word "sixty" stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—
"(b) in the case of schemes for providing education, health services, housing and water supplies, twelve million pounds".
—(Mr. Marquand.)

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

Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.
A Clause (Advisory Committee)—(Mr. Dugdale)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill 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 Import Duties (Substitution) (No. 1) Order, 1955, dated 21st January 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 25th day of January last, be approved.—(Mr. Low.)
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Second Reading of the London County Council

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The Order of the day being read, for the Poole Corporation

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Erroll, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Census of Production for 1951,—Volume 8, Trade F, Preserved Meat.

Ordered, That the said Message 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.—Volume 8, Trade F, Preserved Meat.

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 2nd February 1955, entitled the Macclesfield (Extension) Order, 1955, 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. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd February 1955, entitled the Non-Contributory Old Age Pensions Amendment Regulations, 1955.

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 Stockport Extension (Amendment) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Erroll reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the National Service 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.

No. 52.

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 New Towns Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Transport (Borrowing Powers) [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The Transport (Borrowing Powers) 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.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the limit imposed by paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section twenty-six of the Transport Act, 1953, on the amount outstanding in respect of borrowings of the British Transport Commission, it is expedient to authorise such increased charges on the Consolidated Fund and payments into the Exchequer under that Act and the Transport Act, 1947, as may, by reason of the Treasury power to give guarantees in connection with the borrowings of the British Transport Commission, result from increasing the said limit from two hundred and seventy-five million pounds to six hundred million pounds.—(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.

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

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

[No. 29.]

Wednesday, 9th February, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, Marriages, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st January 1955, entitled the Marriages Validity (Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Name, Manchester) Order, 1955, 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.
Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Correspondence exchanged at Moscow between the 13th day of January and the 3rd day of February 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Soviet Government regarding Bacteriological and Chemical Warfare.

Copy of Correspondence exchanged at Moscow between the 20th day of December 1954 and the 26th day of January 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Soviet Government regarding the Anglo-Soviet Treaty for Collaboration and Mutual Assistance of the 26th day of May 1942.

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

Mr. Ward presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimates for Air Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Local Financial Returns for Scotland for the year ended the 31st day of March 1950.

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 University College, Oxford, on the 10th day of November 1954, 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 Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1951, Text Volume.

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 an Order, dated 7th February 1955, entitled the Bread (Amendment) Order, 1955.

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

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

Account of the Sums 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 1954, 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 from Standing Committee A Mr. Rees-Davies; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robson-Brown.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged Twenty-five Members from Standing Committee B Mr. Ramsden; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Remnant.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee B in respect of the Imperial War Museum Bill and the Trustee Savings Banks (Pensions) Bill, vizz: Lieutenant-Commander Baldock, Mr. Brooke, Dr. Broughton, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Bullard, Mr. Erroll, Mr. Finch, Mr. Fleetwood-Hesketh, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Grimond, Air Commodore Harvey, Captain Hewlton, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Walter Hudson, Sir Ian Hutchison, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Lieutenant-Commander Maydon, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Movie, Mr. Porter, Brigadier Prior-Parker, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Albert Roberts, Captain Ryder, and Mr. Slater.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee B in respect of the Family Allowances (Amendment) Bill, vizz: Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Blyton, Mrs. Bridgock, Mr. Brogan-White, Mr. Albers Evans, Mr. Grinmond, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Bill, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Ireweeney, Mr. Jardine, Mr. Logan, Mr. Marples, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Monslow, Mr. Penrose, Mr. Peake, Sir Victor Rattray, Sir Harold Sutcliffe, Mr. Bernard Taylor, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Tierny, and Mr. Ian Winterbottom.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged Mr. Paton, the Scottish Standing Committee Mr. Sumner and Major Wall (added in respect of the Crofters (Scotland) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bullard and Mr. Ramsden.

Ordered, That the Memorandum by the Committee, That the said Estimates be referred to the Select Committee on Airports and Private Charters (Scotland) Bill, be referred to the Select Committee on Estimates.—(Captain Waterhouse.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend Licensing Regulations at Airports in Great Britain.—(Mr. Harvey);

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 proceeded to a Division. Mr. Harvey and Mr. Russell were appointed Tellers for the Yeas, and Mr. James Hudson and Mr. Hastings for the Noes, but it appeared, on the Tellers coming to the Table, that a Member who had not been appointed had told for the Yeas;
Mr. Speaker directed House to proceed again to a Division.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker directed the House to proceed again to a Division.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the JMr. Harvey, Yeas, 234.
Mr. Russell:
Tellers for the JMr. James Hudson, Noes, 137.
Mr. Hastings:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Harvey, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Russell, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Crosland, Mr. Maude, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Pienburgh do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Harvey accordingly presented a Bill to amend Licensing Regulations at Airports in Great Britain: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant February and to be printed.

Airports Licensing Bill.

Bill 42.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Change of conditions of service after enlistment for term of twenty-two years).

Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—
"(c) to terminate his service at the end of a period of three years by giving three months notice in writing".—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 6 to 23 agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Aiding the enemy).

Amendment proposed, in page 17, line 23, to leave out from the word " morale " to the word " or " in line 25.—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 17, line 30, to leave out the word " death " and insert the word " imprisonment".—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

Question put, That the word " death " stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the JMr. Studholme, Yeas, 205.
Mr. Bedwayne:
Tellers for the JMr. Emrys Hughes, Noes, 10.
Mr. Hale:

The Chairman, being of opinion that the principle of the Clause and any matters arising thereon had been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the Amendments proposed thereto, forthwith put the Question, pursuant to the Standing Order (Debate on Clause standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question agreed to.

Clausess No. 25 to 28 agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Offences by or in relation to sentries, etc.).

Amendment proposed, in page 19, line 42, to leave out the words " two years " and insert the words " one year ".—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

Question, That the words " two years " stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 30 to 62 agreed to.

Clause No. 63 (Offences against civilian population).

Amendment proposed, in page 23, line 14, after the word " shall ", to insert the words " be tried by court-martial and ".—(Lieutenant-Colonel Lipson.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 64 (Scandalous conduct of officer).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the JSir Cedric Drew, Yeas, 207.
Mr. Wakefield:
Tellers for the JMr. Pearson, Noes, 120.
Mr. Arthur Allen:

Clauses Nos. 65 to 69 agreed to.

Clause No. 70 (Civil offences).

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 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Air Force Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Revision of the Army and Air Force Acts (Transitional Provisional) Bill;

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Trustee Savings Banks (Pensions).

Resolved, That any Act of the present Session relating to the superannuation benefits payable in respect of service with trustee savings banks and their inspection committee may exclude relief under the Income Tax Acts in respect of contributions to be made towards the cost of pensions payable under provisions corresponding to Part I or Part II of the Superannuation Act, 1949.—(Mr. Kaberry.)

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —[Mr. Kaberry]

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

[No. 30.]

Thursday, 10th February, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.


SECRETARY Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Belgrade on the 22nd day of December 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Yugoslav Government regarding certain Financial Obligations of the Yugoslav Government.

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

Slaughterhouses (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Inter-departmental Committee on Slaughterhouses (Scotland).

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

Scientific and Industrial Research.

Mr. Birch presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for the year ended the 30th day of September 1954.

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 the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—Counties of Lincolnshire and Rutland.

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

Nuneaton Corporation Bill.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations).—Report on the Nuneaton Corporation Bill.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—
(Mr. Kuhery).—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.
Thursday, 10th February, 1955.
In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Henry Brooke Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Imperial War Museum Bill and the Trustee Savings Banks (Pensions) Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, conscious of the need for achieving a substantial increase in the production of food, raw materials and manufactured goods in order to raise the standards of life of the people throughout the world, urges upon the Government—
(a) the creation of a National Planning Commission which will, in consultation with those engaged in industry, representative organisations and others directly concerned, prepare national production and economic development plans; and
(b) the development of closer economic cooperation with other members of the Commonwealth and through the United Nations and other world organisations—
(Mr. Ellis Smith);
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-six minutes after Two of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

[No. 31.]
Friday, 11th February, 1955.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Forty-fifth Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise, for the year ended the 31st day of March 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 the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—
(1) Volume I, Trade D, Slate Quarries and Mines,
(2) Volume 6, Trade J, Lace,
(3) Volume 8, Trade A, Grain Milling, and
(4) Volume 8, Trade I, Sugar and Glucose.
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 Regulations, dated 7th February 1955, entitling the Local Education Authorities Recoupment (Further Education) Amending Regulations, 1955.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sands 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 Essex River Board, and
(2) of the Isle of Wight River Board.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

[No. 32.]
Monday, 14th February, 1955.
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 British Transport Commission Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Cardiff Corporation Bill was, according Cardiff to Order, read a second time and committed.

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 Thursday the 3rd day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leicester Corporation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant February.

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 the 3rd day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poole Corporation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 3rd day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salford Corporation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 3rd day of March instant February.

The Taf Fechan Water Supply Bill was, according to Order, 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 12th day of this instant February, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd February 1955, regarding the Agriculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Regulations, 1955.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th February 1955, regarding the application of Surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954 to meet Deficits on other Air Votes for the same year.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Cambridge, dated the 29th day of November 1954, amending the Statutes of the University.

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

Mr. Harold Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate for the Ministry of Defence for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum, entitled a Programme of Nuclear Power.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Wakefield.)
Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909, of advances for the construction or improvement of harbours; and

(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in operating dredgers;

(2) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of—

(a) any sums received under or by virtue of the said Act of the present Session by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State; and

(b) any moneys in the hands of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer representing any part of sums heretofore provided by Parliament for the purposes of the Fisheries Act, 1824; and

(3) to authorise the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State respectively, as respects—

(a) any loan made by him under the said Act of the present Session; or

(b) any loan in respect of which rights and liabilities of the Treasury vest in him by virtue of the said Act of the present Session;

to remit (with the consent of the Treasury) payment of interest on, or repayment of the principal of, the loan, or both.—(Mr. Amery.)

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 said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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

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-four minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 27th day of November 1954, namely, the Aberdeen Corporation Order, the British Transport Commission Order, the Clyde Navigation (Superannuation) Order, the Glasgow Corporation (Extension of Time) Order, the Stromness Harbour (Guarantee) Order, and the Writers to the Signet Widows' Fund Order, and are of opinion that the Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Orders.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1955, entitled the Savings Bank Annuities (Tables) Order, 1955.

Account of all sums received from and paid to Trustees during the year ended the 20th day of November 1954, with a Statement showing the aggregate amount of the Liabilities of the Government to Trustees of Savings Banks on the 20th day of November 1954, 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 Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Treaty Series (No. 13, 1955),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Stockholm Treaty Series (No. 11, 1955), between the 25th day of November and the 3rd day of December 1954 and the Annex to the Notes exchanged on the 18th day of December 1953 which extended the provisions of the Anglo-Swedish Double Taxation Convention of the 30th day of March 1949 to certain Colonial Territories of the United Kingdom.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 27th day of November 1954, namely, the Aberdeen Corporation Order, the British Transport Commission Order, the Clyde Navigation (Superannuation) Order, the Glasgow Corporation (Extension of Time) Order, the Stromness Harbour (Guarantee) Order, and the Writers to the Signet Widows' Fund Order, and are of opinion that the Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Orders.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1955, entitled the Savings Bank Annuities (Tables) Order, 1955.


Copies of Orders in Council, dated 10th February 1955, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping Act, 1954 (Channel Islands) Order, 1955, and
(2) the Merchant Shipping Act, 1954 (Isle of Man) Order, 1955.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th February 1955, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Justices of the Peace) (Scotland) Order, 1955.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 10th February 1955, entitled—
(1) the Somaliland (Constitution) Order in Council, 1955,
(2) the Somaliland Order in Council, 1955, and
(3) the Somaliland (Ethiopia) Order in Council, 1955.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fourth Annual Report on Smallholdings in England and Wales, for the year ended the 31st day of March 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, dated 10th February 1955, entitled—
(1) the Blackpool (Extension) Order, 1955,
(2) the Durham and Farnwalgate (Extension) Order, 1955, and
(3) the Swinton and Pendlebury (Extension) Order, 1955, 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. 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.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Requisitioned Houses and Housing (Amendment) [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)
relating to requisitioned land, and for the purchase of the land by the local authority in certain cases;
(3) requiring contributions to be made to the housing revenue account in respect of certain houses leased or purchased by the said authorities.
B. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums required by the Minister of Housing and Local Government for making the following payments in respect of expenditure of the said local authorities, that is to say:—
(1) sums equal to any compensation paid by those authorities in respect of such land as aforesaid under paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section two of the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, or under any agreement for the payment of compensation in lieu of compensation under that paragraph (including any such compensation which would be so paid if the local authority were not at the material time the owners of the land);
(2) contributions in respect of any deficit incurred by those authorities (as assessed by the said Minister) in connection with such land while in their possession under the said Act of the present Session, and in respect of payments made by those authorities to owners of such land under provisions of the said Act enabling such owners to accept as statutory tenant of a dwelling the person occupying it as lessee of the local authority, at the following rate, that is to say—
(a) in respect of deficit incurred and payments falling to be made in the period beginning with the commencement of the said Act of the present Session and ending with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, one hundred per cent.;
(b) in respect of deficit incurred and payments falling to be made in the years ending with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, one hundred per cent.;
(c) special grants to such authorities, payable at the discretion of the said Minister, with the consent of the Treasury, and of such amounts as he may, with the like consent, determine, in respect of the year ending with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, one hundred per cent.;
(3) contributions in respect of any deficit (as estimated by the said Minister in accordance with the provisions of the said Act of the present Session) likely to be incurred in respect of houses leased or purchased by the said authorities and approved by the Minister in accordance with the said Act, of an amount equal to seventy-five per cent. of that deficit and payable for the following period, that is to say:
(a) in the case of a house taken on lease, the term of the lease or ten years, whichever is the shorter; and
(b) in the case of a house purchased, a period of twenty years.
C. The repayment into the Exchequer, out of moneys provided by Parliament—
(1) of the aggregate amount remaining outstanding on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, of all sums paid into the Exchequer as mentioned in this paragraph and the application of sums so issued in redemption or payment of debt, or, in so far as they represent interest, towards meeting such part of the annual charges for the National Debt as represents interest.
D. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the said Minister in pursuance of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Sandys.)
Resolution to be reported.
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[No. 34.]

Wednesday, 16th February, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke 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 1955 for the Ministry of Health.

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

Mr. Secretary Head presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum of the Secretary of State for War relating to the Army Estimates, 1955-56.

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

Mr. Ward presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum of the Secretary of State for Air relating to the Air Estimates, 1955-56.

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

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement by the Ministers of Defence and Supply on the Supply of Military Aircraft.

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

Mr. Longden deposed and Mr. Royle, and Mr. Royle do prepare and bring it in.

Supreme Court Report. 1939-54).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Justices of the Peace Act 1936; and that Mr. Leather, Sir Lionel Heald, Mr. Simon, Mr. William Thomas Williams, Mr. Royle, and Mr. Longden do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Leather accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Justices of the Peace Act, 1936; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next, the 11th day of March next and to be printed.

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

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1954-55.

Class V.

1. £4,848,000 (Supplementary), for the provision of a comprehensive health service for England and Wales and other services connected therewith, including medical services for pensioners, &c., disabled as a result of war, or of service in the Armed Forces after the 2nd day of September 1939, the treatment abroad of respiratory tuberculosis, certain training arrangements, the purchase of appliances, equipment, stores, &c., necessary for the services, and certain expenses in connection with civil defence.

Vote 11. National Health Service (Scotland).
2. £1,233,000 (Supplementary), for the provision of a comprehensive health service for Scotland and other services connected therewith, including medical services for pensioners, &c., disabled as a result of war, or of service in the Armed Forces after the 2nd day of September 1939, the treatment abroad of respiratory tuberculosis, certain training arrangements, the purchase of appliances, equipment, stores, &c., necessary for the services, certain expenses in connection with civil defence, and sundry other services.

Class VI.

Vote 1. Board of Trade.
3. £23,700 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and subordinate departments, including assistance and subsidies to certain industries; certain grants in aid; and other services.

Class II.


The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Bills of Exchange Act, 1882 (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next.
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AND it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair, to report Progress and ask leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Central Land Board Payments Regulations, 1954, dated 1st December 1954, be annulled; and the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

Adjourned.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 16th February, 1955.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Requisitioned Houses and Housing (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee A.

[No. 35.]

Thursday, 17th February, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

THERE 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 Wednesday next, at Seven of the clock.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimates for Civil and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, with a Memorandum.

Estimate showing the several Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956.

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

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Cairo on the 19th day of October 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Egypt governing Reserves of Petroleum Products in accordance with certain provisions of the Agreement of the 19th day of October 1954 regarding the Suez Canal Base.

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 Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for 1954.

Copies of Orders, dated 8th February 1955, entitled—

(i) the National Health Service (Glasgow Victoria Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and
(ii) the National Health Service (Greenock and District Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

Copy of University of St. Andrews Commissioners Ordinance No. 12 (Redesignation of certain Chairs and Professorships in the University of St. Andrews).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) be printed.


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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to London the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Traffic.

Copies of Regulations, dated 11th February 1955, entitled—

(i) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (Lambeth) Regulations, 1955, and

Report by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of his Proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act, 1862 (for 1955).

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

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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 Amendment proposed in page 46, line 37, to leave out the word “officers” and insert the words “members of Her Majesty’s forces”.—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.) Question, That the word “officers” stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 89 to 102 agreed to.

Clause No. 103 (Rules of Procedure).

Amendment proposed, in page 55, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

“(6) requiring the accused to give notice prior to trial of his intention to raise any special defence, such as insanity, alibi or self defence”.—(Mr. Hector Hughes.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 104 amended and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 105 to 123 agreed to.

Clause No. 124 (Restrictions on serving of sentences of detention in prison).

Amendment proposed, in page 69, line 32, at the end, to add the words—

“Provided also that a person sentenced to a period of more than six months’ detention may be allowed on request to serve such sentence in a civil prison and at the end of that period be entitled to ask for his discharge from Her Majesty’s forces”.—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.) Question, That those words be there added, put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 125 to 150 agreed to.

Clause No. 131 amended and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 132 to 142 agreed to.

Clause No. 143 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 144 agreed to.

Clause No. 145 amended and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 146 to 191 agreed to.

Clause No. 192 (Punishment for procuring and assisting desertion).

Amendment proposed, in page 104, line 11, to leave out the word “fifty” and insert the word “twenty”.—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.) Question, That the word “fifty” stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 193 to 204 agreed to.

Clause No. 205 amended and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 206 to 210 agreed to.

Clause No. 211 amended and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 212 and 213 agreed to.

Clause No. 214 (Application to Scotland).

Amendment proposed, in page 118, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

“(6) Section one hundred and eighty-two shall not apply to Scotland”.—(Mr. Hector Hughes.) Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

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Clause agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 215 to 219 agreed to.  
Clause No. 220 (Jurisdiction of courts).  
Amendment proposed, in page 121, line 21, after the word "Act", to insert the words "except an offence committed in Scotland".  
—(Mr. Ross.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.  
Clause agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 221 to 224 agreed to.  
Clause No. 225 amended and agreed to.  
A Clause (Discharge, or designation for non-combatant duties, on grounds of conscience at termination of boy's service)—(Mr. James Hudson) 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, 55.  
Sir Cedric Drews, Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.  
Tellers for the Noes, 133.  
Schedules Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.  
Bill, as amended, to be reported.  

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.  
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.  

Bill 46.  
Air Force Bill.  
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Air Force Bill.  
(Clin the Committee.)  
Clauses Nos. 1 to 23 agreed to.  
Clause No. 24 (Aiding the enemy).  
Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—  

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Question put and agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 25 to 73 agreed to.  
Clause No. 74 amended and agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 75 to 94 agreed to.  
Clause No. 95 amended and agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 96 to 103 agreed to.  
Clause No. 104 amended and agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 105 to 130 agreed to.  
Clause No. 131 amended and agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 132 to 142 agreed to.  
Clause No. 143 amended and agreed to.  
Clause No. 144 agreed to.  
Clause No. 145 amended and agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 146 to 204 agreed to.  
Clause No. 205 amended and agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 206 to 209 agreed to.  
Clause No. 210 amended and agreed to.  
Clause No. 211 agreed to.  
Clause No. 212 amended and agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 213 to 222 agreed to.  
Clause No. 223 amended and agreed to.  
Clause No. 224 agreed to.  
Schedules Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.  

Bill 47.  
(In the Committee.)  
Clause No. 1 amended and agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 2 to 6 agreed to.  
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.  
Schedule No. 4 amended and agreed to.  
Bill, as amended, to be reported.  

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.  
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.  

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Adjournment.  
—(Mr. Allan.)  
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.  

[No. 36.]  
Friday, 18th February, 1955.  
The House met at Eleven of the clock.  

PRAYERS.  
Mr. Brooke presented, Return to a Supreme Court (Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1939-54). No. 66.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.  

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Regulations, dated 9th February 1955, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

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

- Accounts of the House of Commons Members' Fund for the year ended the 30th day of September 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
- Account showing the Money issued out of the Consolidated Fund and the Expenditure therefrom under the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
- Account of the Receipts and Expenses of the Law Society of Scotland paid into and out of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Fund for the year ended the 30th day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
- The Public Service Vehicles (Contract Carriages and Special Travel Facilities) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committee of Selection).

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lotteries 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 then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And being four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementary) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Insurance (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Decimal Currency Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Trustee Savings Banks (Pensions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

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

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

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

Mr. James Thomas presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement by the First Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1955-56.

Mr. James Thomas also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other Monies between the 1st day of April 1953 and the 31st day of March 1954.

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


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

Resolved, That this House approves the European Coal and Steel Community, signed on the 21st day of December 1954.—(Mr. Sainsbury.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Purchase Tax, proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Purchase Tax (No. 2) Order, 1955, dated 19th

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January 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 21st day of January last, be annulled—(Mr. Jay).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Adjournment.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.


In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Public Service Vehicles (Contract Carriages and Special Travel Facilities) Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 38.]

Tuesday, 22nd February, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Birmingham Corporation Bill.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Account of Security transferred, and Money paid, to the National Debt Commissioners, and Annuities and Insurances granted, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1955, under the Government Annuities Act, 1929.

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

National Debt Annuities and Insurances.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (Scotland) Order, 1955.

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


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 Macclesfield (Extension) Order, 1955, and
(2) the Marriages Validity (Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Name, Manchester) Order, 1955.

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

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

- Accounts of the Special Account, the American Aid (Agreed Schemes) Deposit Account, the American Aid Revolving Fund Account, the Agricultural Revolving Loan (American Aid) Fund Account, and the American Aid (Productivity Assistance—Colonies) Deposit Account for 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 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 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
- Account of the Sums issued out of and received from the Consolidated Fund under subsection 1 of Section 11 of the Development of Inventions Act, 1948, and of the Sums 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.
- Food and Drugs (Scotland).
- Iron and Steel. No. 49.
- Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).
- American Aid and European Payments. No. 71.
- Cinematograph Films. No. 72.
- Development of Inventions. No. 73.
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 Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money), 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.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the requirements of the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under section one of the said Act of 1944, under Part 1 of the Local Government Act, 1944, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954—[Mr. Deedes];

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Question put and agreed to.

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 this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the National Service Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, by inserting, after the word "if", the words "except in the case of a person employed in the merchant navy ".—[Mr. Michael Stewart]

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee on Requisitioned Houses and Housing (Amendment) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to repeal the power to requisition land for housing purposes under Defence Regulations and transfer to local authorities in England and Wales the right to possession of requisitioned houses for a limited period,
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 in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other enactment which may be attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(1) transferring to local authorities the right to possession of land in England and Wales used or held for use for housing purposes under emergency powers, and enabling those authorities to retain possession of such land until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty;

(2) regulating the use, retention and release of such land, and making provision for matters connected therewith, including provision for payments to be made by the said authorities to owners of such land, for the application thereto of enactments relating to requisitioned land, and for the purchase of the land by the local authority in certain cases;

(3) requiring contributions to be made to the housing revenue account in respect of certain houses leased or purchased by the said authorities.

B. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of sums required by the Minister of Housing and Local Government for making the following payments in respect of expenditure of the said local authorities, that is to say—

(1) sums equal to any compensation paid by those authorities in respect of such land as aforesaid under paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section two of the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, or under any agreement for the payment of compensation in lieu of compensation under that paragraph (including any such compensation in lieu of compensation under that section of the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944, together with interest on the said aggregate amount, by seven equal annual instalments;

(2) special grants to such authorities, payable at the discretion of the said Minister, with the consent of the Treasury, and of such amounts as he may, with the like consent, determine, in respect of the year ending with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, one hundred per cent.;

(3) contributions in respect of any deficit (as estimated by the said Minister in accordance with the provisions of the said Act of the present Session) likely to be incurred in respect of houses leased or purchased by the said authorities and approved by the Minister in accordance with the said Act, of an amount equal to seventy-five per cent. of that deficit and payable for the following period, that is to say:

(a) in the case of a house taken on lease, the term of the lease or ten years, whichever is the shorter; and

(b) in the case of a house purchased, a period of twenty years.

C. The repayment into the Exchequer, out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(1) of the aggregate amount remaining outstanding on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, of all sums issued before that date out of the Consolidated Fund under subsection (1) of section eight of the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1944, together with interest on the said aggregate amount, by seven equal annual instalments;

(2) of any sums issued as aforesaid after the said date, by payments made before the expiration of the financial year in which those sums are issued, and the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer as mentioned in this paragraph and the application of sums so issued in redemption or payment of debt, or, in so far as they represent interest, towards meeting such part of the annual charges for the National Debt as represents interest.

D. The payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the said Minister in pursuance of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
first time; and ordered to be read a second time
upon Friday the 4th day of March next
and to be printed.

Mr. Galbraith reported from the Committee
on Transport (Borrowing Powers) [Money],
that the said Resolution, being read a second
time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved Transport
itself into a Committee on the Transport
(Borrowing Powers) Bill.

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

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That the Town and Country Plan-
ing (Minerals) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955,
dated 28th January 1955, a copy of which was
laid before this House on the 3rd day of this
instant February, be approved—(Commander
Galbraith);

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 Busi-
ness), further Proceeding stood postponed.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the British Transport
Commission Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Quest-
ion 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. Fell.)

And the Question being proposed, That
the word "now" stand part of the Quest-
ion.—The said proposed Amendment was,
with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

The House resumed the postponed Proceeding on the Question, That the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955, dated 28th January 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 3rd day of this instant February, be approved;

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955, dated 28th January 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 3rd day of this instant February, be approved.

Adjourned.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

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In pursuance of paragraph 1 of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Arthur Colegate Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Public Service Vehicles (Contract Carriages and Special Travel Facilities) Bill.

[No. 40.]

Thursday, 24th February, 1955.

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 Leicester 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 London County Council (General 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 Salford Corporation Bill;

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments) Communication, dated 24th February 1955, declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had been brought into operation this day, and explaining why copies thereof had not been laid before Parliament beforehand:—

Order in Council, dated 24th February 1955, Supplies and Services.

Mr. Brooke presented,—Return to an Order in Council made upon the 22nd day of this instant February for a Return relating to the Civil Contingencies Fund. No. 76.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the supply and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Services, an Order in Council, dated 24th February 1955, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 1) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to supply and directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Services, an Order in Council, dated 24th February 1955, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) Order, 1955.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Collins, Mr. Delargy, Mr. John Thomas Hall, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipson, Mr. Mason, Mr. Probert, and Mr. Leslie Thomas; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Herbert Butler, Mr. Albert Evans, Mr. Glover, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shurmer, Mr. Sparks, and Mr. Wheeldon.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee B Mr. Dodds, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Howard Johnson, and Mr. Sylvester; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Astor, Mr. Hardy, Mr. McLeavy, and Mr. Stockton.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee B Mr. Dodds, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Howard Johnson, and Mr. Sylvester; and had appointed in substitution Sir Harold Roper.

Mr. Benson reported from the Committee on Public Accounts, That they had made Pro-First Report, No. 77.

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

Ordered, That this day Business other than Business of the House (Supply), Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

(In the Committee.)

(Vote on Account.)

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £953,224,000, 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 1956, viz.:

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Class II.

| Foreign Service | 5,500,000 |
| Foreign Office Grants and Services | 10,000,000 |
| British Council | 60,000 |
| United Nations | 1,250,000 |
| Commonwealth Relations Office | 700,000 |
| Commonwealth Services | 600,000 |
| Overseas Settlement | 65,000 |
| Colonial Office | 375,000 |
| Colonial Services | 11,000,000 |
| Development and Welfare of Colonies | 5,000,000 |
| Development and Welfare (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and South African High Commission Territories) | 300,000 |
| Imperial War Graves Commission | 380,000 |

Class III.

| Home Office | 1,075,000 |
| House of Office (Civil Defence Services) | 4,122,000 |
| Police, England and Wales | 11,150,000 |
| Prisons, England and Wales | 2,850,000 |
| Child Care, England and Wales | 2,581,000 |
| Fire Services, England and Wales | 1,237,000 |
| Central State Management District | 10 |
| Superintendent and Court of Judicature, &c. | 3,500 |
| County Courts | 110,000 |
| Legal Aid Fund | 500,000 |
| Land Registry | 10 |
| Public Trustee | 10 |
| Law Charges | 162,000 |
| Miscellaneous Legal Expenses | 42,000 |

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Ireland:—

23. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland | 19,000 |
24. Irish Land Purchase Services | 603,000 |

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<td>3. Services to Agriculture</td>
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<td>4. Fishery Grants and Services</td>
<td>1,300,000</td>
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<td>5. Surveys of Great Britain, &amp;c</td>
<td>950,000</td>
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<td>7. Agricultural Research Council and Nature Conservancy</td>
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<td>9. Forestry Commission</td>
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<td>10. Ministry of Food</td>
<td>90,000,000</td>
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<td>11. Ministry of Food (Strategic Reserves)</td>
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<td>5. Ministry of Fuel and Power</td>
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<td>3. War Pension, &amp;c</td>
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<td>4. National Insurance and Family Allowances</td>
<td>69,000,000</td>
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<td>6. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c</td>
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<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
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<td>3. Post Office</td>
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<td><strong>Total for Revenue Departments</strong></td>
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**Ministry of Defence**

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**Resolution to be reported.**
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 Public Records of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Resolved. That this House urges Her Majesty’s Government to bear in mind the importance of the future development and progress of our mercantile air service and of an adequate supply of men of the highest quality and qualifications for aircrew duties.—(Sir Wavell Wakefield)

Resolved. That this House welcomes the possibility of the benefits to be obtained from the peaceful applications of atomic energy, with particular reference to the programme outlined by the Government for the development of electricity from nuclear power and to the use of radioactive isotopes in research, medicine, industry, and agriculture.—(Mr: Ronald Bell)

The Order of the day being read, for the Airports Licensing Bill:

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

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

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

Adjournment.

—(Mr. Galbraith.)
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 Receipts and Payments of White Fish Authority, under Section 1 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953, 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 be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from considering the Family Allowances (Amendment) Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Committee B be discharged, from considering the Family Allowances (Amendment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Northern Ireland Bill and the Fisheries Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

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.—(Colonel Harrison.)

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

Colonel Harrison reported from the Committee on Northern Ireland (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision as to the salary and expenses of the Governor of Northern Ireland, it is expedient to authorise the payment to the said Governor out of the Consolidated Fund of—

(a) a salary at the rate of four thousand pounds per annum; and

(b) an allowance in respect of expenses of an amount not exceeding ten thousand pounds per annum.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland Bill (in the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Salary and expenses of Governor).

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 1, to leave out the word "ten" and insert the word "four".—(Mr. Healy.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Legislative power in respect of coroners).
Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 1, to leave out the word "removal".—(Mr. Healy.)

Question, That the word "removal" stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, 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. Kaberry reported from the Committee on Fisheries [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the maximum amount of the grants which may be made out of moneys provided by Parliament to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for the purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient—

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

(a) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys so provided which is attributable to any provisions of the said Act raising by five hundred thousand pounds the limit imposed by subsection (1) of section five of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1948, upon the aggregate amount of the grants which may be made under that subsection out of moneys so provided and enabling that limit to be further raised by an amount not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand pounds;

(b) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State in giving, to public authorities or associations of persons or companies not trading for profit, financial assistance in respect of—

(i) the execution of works for the construction, improvement or repair of harbours, piers, quays, jetties, boat slips or slipways in Great Britain, the landward approaches thereto or buildings, structures or apparatus thereon;

(ii) costs incurred in or in connection with the preparation of plans and specifications of such works, reports with respect thereto and estimates of expenses to be incurred for the purposes of the execution thereof; or

(iii) the remuneration of persons employed in an advisory or supervisory capacity in connection with the execution of such works;

(c) any expenses incurred by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State by virtue of any provision of the said Act vesting in the one or the other of them liabilities of the Treasury under agreements made by the Treasury for the making, under Part I of the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909, of advances for the construction or improvement of harbours; and

(d) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in operating dredgers;

(2) to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of—

(a) any sums received under or by virtue of the said Act of the present Session by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Secretary of State; and

(b) any moneys in the hands of the Queen's Remembrancer representing any part of sums heretofore provided by Parliament for the purposes of the Fisheries Act, 1824; and

(3) to authorise the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State respectively, as respects—

(a) any loan made by him under the said Act of the present Session; or

(b) any loan in respect of which rights and liabilities of the Treasury vest in him by virtue of the said Act of the present Session;

(to remit (with the consent of the Treasury) payment of interest on, or repayment of the principal of, the loan, or both.)

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. 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-five minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

No. 43.
Tuesday, 1st March, 1955.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Marriages.
Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pur­suant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1955, entitled the Marriages Validity (The Alfred Tilly Memorial Baptist Church, Rumney) Order, 1955, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Copy of a Charter of Incorporation creating the Borough of Rhondda.

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.

Savings Banks.
Mr. Gammans presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Post Office Savings Bank Amendment (No. 4) Regulations, 1955.

Telegraphs.
Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd February, 1955, entitled—

(1) the Wireless Telegraphy (Control of Interference from Electric Motors) Regulations, 1955, and

(2) the Wireless Telegraphy (Control of Interference from Refrigerators) Regulations, 1955.

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

Local Government Superannuation.
Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes made by the undersigned local authorities and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—

(1) Chelsea Metropolitan Borough Council:

(2) Coventry City Council.

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 Receipts and Payments by the Local Loans—National Debt Commissioners in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Shurmer:—Standing Committee A.

and had appointed in substitution Mr. Probert.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Hay added in respect of the Requisitioned Houses and Housing (Amendment) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gerald Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Deedes added in respect of the Public Service Vehicles (Con­tract Carriages and Special Travel Facilities) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Commander Scott-Miller.

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 the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve The University College of Hull and to transfer the rights property and liabili­ties of that College to The University of Hull; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The University of Hull Bill [Lords] was read University of Hull Bill [Lords].

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, 1955—(The Prime Minister):

As 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 "regrets that the Statement on Defence, 1955, while recognising that thermo-nuclear weapons have effected a revo­ lution in the character of warfare, and that until effective world disarmament has been achieved it is necessary as a deterrent to aggression to rely on the threat of using thermo-nuclear weapons, fails to make prop­osals for the reorganisation of Her Majesty's
forces and of Civil Defence, to indicate what future defence expenditure may be called for or to explain the grave and admitted deficiencies in the weapons with which Her Majesty's forces are at present furnished, in spite of the expenditure of some £4,000 millions for defence purposes over the past three years."—(Mr. Shinwell.)—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.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the defence expenditure for the year may be called for; and that forces and of Civil Defence, to indicate what proposals for the reorganisation of Her Majesty's forces are at present furnished, in spite of the deficiencies in the weapons with which Her Majesty's forces are at present furnished, in spite of the expenditure of some £4,000 millions for defence purposes over the past three years:—And the Question being put, That the Question be now put; and that the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Negative.

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

Mr. Sandys, presented, by Her Majesty's Command, for Civil Defence, 1955, while recognising that thermo-nuclear weapons have effected a revolution in the character of warfare, and that until effective world disarmament has been achieved it is necessary as a deterrent to aggression to rely on the threat of using thermo-nuclear weapons, fails to make proposals for the reorganisation of Her Majesty's forces and of Civil Defence, to indicate what future defence expenditure may be called for or to explain the grave and admitted deficiencies in the weapons with which Her Majesty's forces are at present furnished, in spite of the expenditure of some £4,000 millions for defence purposes over the past three years:—And the Question being again proposed, That the Question be now put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Brooke, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Statement of the Sums required to be voted in order to make good Excesses on certain grants for Civil Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st January 1955.

Mr. Sandys also presented, pursuant to the Public Health, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th February 1955, entitled the Southport (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1955, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee B, That they had discharged Gresham Cooke from the Committee, That they had discharged Mr. Gresham Cooke as a member of the Public Service Vehicles (Contract Carriages and Special Travel Facilities) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eden.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Cocos Islands Cocos Islands Housing. Bill, without any Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which was proposed to be made to the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the Statement on Defence, 1955; Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "regrets that the Statement on Defence, 1955, while recognising that thermo-nuclear weapons have effected a revolution in the character of warfare, and that until effective world disarmament has been achieved it is necessary as a deterrent to aggression to rely on the threat of using thermo-nuclear weapons, fails to make proposals for the reorganisation of Her Majesty's forces and of Civil Defence, to indicate what future defence expenditure may be called for or to explain the grave and admitted deficiencies in the weapons with which Her Majesty's forces are at present furnished, in spite of the expenditure of some £4,000 millions for defence purposes over the past three years":—instead thereof.

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.

PRAYERS.

Civil Estimates (Excesses), 1955-56.

No. 81.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Statement of the Sums required to be voted in order to make good Excesses on certain grants for Civil Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account 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 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Paper relating to Civil Estimates (Excesses), 1955-56, be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed; and that the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


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Adjournment.

The Order of the day being read, the Second Reading of the Ilford Corporation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poole Corporation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant March.

The Birmingham 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 Leicester 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 London County Council (General 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 Salford 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 Luton Corporation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant March.

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under the Will of the late William C. Hazlitt, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Two hundred and twelve pounds; and about Nine thousand two hundred and twenty-two 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 with benefit to the Public be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Brooke 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 1955 for Commonwealth Services.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 1954.

Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency for the period from the 13th day of July 1953 to the 30th day of September 1954.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed; that the said Account do lie upon the Table, and that the Paper relating to Iron and Steel do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Regulations, entitled—

(1) the Draft Police Pensions Regulations, 1955, and

(2) the Draft Police Pensions (No. 2) Regulations, 1955.

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

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a European Cultural Convention signed at Paris on 10th March 1954 (the Convention 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 Stany presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Dunoon Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd February 1955, entitled the Central Land Board (Production of Information) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by Winchester College for administering certain funds of the College.

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


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

The Lords have agreed to the Colonial Development and Welfare Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have 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.

Sir Charles Taylor, supported by Mr. Nott, Renton, Sir Peter Macdonald, and Mr. Erroll, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to inn and innkeepers: And the same was read Bill 50.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Bill may be taken after Ten of the clock and shall be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—The Prime Minister.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question was put:—The House resumed the Debate.

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

And the House adjourned—(Captain Crookshank):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the House adjourned—(Mr. George Thomas),—instead thereof.

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Ordered, That this day the Business of the Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock and shall be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—The Prime Minister.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question was put:—The House resumed the Debate.

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

And the House adjourned—(Captain Crookshank):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

And the House adjourned—(Mr. George Thomas),—instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being again proposed;

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

Friday, 4th March, 1955:

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being again proposed;

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

Friday, 4th March, 1955:

And the Question being put;

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

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 1954, 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. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 22nd February 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Bellsdyke Mental Hospital Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955,

(2) dated 22nd February 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Lochgilphead Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and

(3) dated 24th February 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Edinburgh Royal Victoria and Associated Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Income and Expenditure of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom for 1954.

Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure of the General Medical Council, Branch Councils, Councils, and Committees, for 1954, and an Approximate Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the 31st day of December 1954.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Government of Wales 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. Stephen Davies rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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

And the Question being accordingly put, That the 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. Stephen Davies,

Mr. Watkins;

Tellers for the Noes, 

Mr. George Thomas,

Mr. Llewellyn;

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 4th March 1955, regarding the Application of Surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954 to meet the deficits on other Army Votes for the same year.

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

Mr. Legh.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wills, &c. (Publication) 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 Museum 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) 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 Wills, &c. (Publication) Bill; Ordered, That this House do now adjourn—And a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—And the Question having been proposed, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-two minutes before Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Polls 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 Airports Licensing 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 Decimal Currency Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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 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.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant Census to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Production—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

(1) Volume 2, Trade B, Dyes and Dyestuffs, and
(2) Volume 9, Trade N, Tobacco.

Copy of the Accounts of the National Wool Textile Export Corporation for the eight months ended the 30th day of September 1954, with the Report of the Auditors thereon.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) Bill; Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

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 Norfolk.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to London Traffic, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th February 1955, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (City of London and Stepney) Regulations, 1955,
(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (St. Marylebone) Regulations, 1955, and
(3) the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (High Street and London Road, Sevenoaks) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Allan reported from the Committee on Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage (Money). A Resolution; which was read, as followeth: [Money].

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the requirements of the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under section one of the said Act of 1944, 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Government contributions under Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944).

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

Mr. George Brown 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 Question.

Question put:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Oakshott,

Yeas, 182.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Wills,

Noes, 140.

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 a third time and passed.

To the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Consolidation, Message of the 3rd day of this instant March as relates 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.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of 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. Philip Bell, Mr. Forman, Mr. Janner, Sir Hugh Linstead, 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.—(Sir Cedric Drewe.)

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. Adjourned till tomorrow.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:

University of Hull Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Coventry Corporation.

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

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, &c., 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Regulations, entitled—

(1) the Police Pensions (Scotland) Regulations, 1955, and
(2) the Police Pensions (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations, 1955.

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

Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 304 (University of Glasgow No. 77) (Foundation of the Chair of Genetics).

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Selwyn College, Cambridge, on the 5th day of January 1955, 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 an Order, dated 7th March 1955, entitled the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order, 1955.

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 Sums paid into and out of the Forestry Fund for the year ended 31st March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.


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 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 Oil in Navigable Waters Bill [Lords] to enable effect to be given to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, and otherwise to make new provision for preventing the pollution of navigable waters by oil; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Oil in Navigable Waters Bill [Lords] for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

The Lords, upon the Motion of Mr. Philip Bell, 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 Nature Conservancy for the year ending the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

The Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be printed.

The Oil in Navigable Waters Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That this day the Business of Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock and shall be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

A Motion was made, and the Question being Treason proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that persons who give aid and comfort or adhere to the enemies of the United Nations shall, if the armed forces of the Queen are operating with the United Nations, be deemed guilty of treason—Mr. Philip Bell; 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 the commencement of Public Business):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Philip Bell,
Mr. Orr-Ewing:

153.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Sydney Silverman,
Mr. Emrys Hughes:

39.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Philip Bell and Mr. Orr-Ewing do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Treason Bill.
Bill 51.

Mr. Philip Bell accordingly presented a Bill to provide that persons who give aid and comfort or adhere to the enemies of the United Nations shall, if the armed forces of the Queen are operating with the United Nations, be deemed guilty of treason: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 8th day of July next and to be printed.

Supply (4th allotted Day).

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Mr. Secretary Head);

Education.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House, while welcoming the education provided in Army schools overseas for the children of serving officers and men, urges Her Majesty's Government to make better provision for the education of such children in the United Kingdom"—(Mr. Nicolson),—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 House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 9th March, 1955:

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, 1955-56.

Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

Resolved, That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 523,000, 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 1956.

Resolution to be reported.
Mr. Sands, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 14th February 1955, made by the Cardiff City Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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 on the Leicester Corporation Bill.

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

Mr. Hovmø reported from the Committee on the Mersey Tunnel Bill. That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto, and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday the 18th day of this instant March, the Liberties of the Subject Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of April next.

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

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee of Supply of the 24th day of February last, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:


That a sum, not exceeding £953,224,000, 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 1956, viz.:

Civil Estimates.

Class I.

1. House of Lords .... 43,000
2. House of Commons .... 365,000
3. Registration of Electors 300,000
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments .... 1,350,000
5. Privy Council Office .... 11,000
6. Privy Seal Office .... 3,170
7. Charity Commission .... 32,000
8. Civil Service Commission .... 129,000
9. Exchequer and Audit Department .... 169,000
10. Friendly Societies Registry .... 25,000
11. Government Actuary .... 14,000
12. Government Chemist .... 97,000
13. Government Hospitality .... 20,000
14. The Royal Mint .... 10
15. National Debt Office .... 10
16. National Savings Committee 250,000

17. Public Record Office .... 37,000
18. Public Works Loan Com mission .... 10
19. Royal Commissions, &c. .... 60,000
20. Secret Service .... 1,790,000
21. Silver .... 2,000,000
22. Tithe Redemption Commission .... 10
23. Flood and Tempest Distress Relief .... 159,000
24. Miscellaneous Expenses .... 60,000
25. Scottish Home Department .... 490,000
26. Scottish Record Office .... 13,000

Scotland:

1. Foreign Service .... 5,530,000
2. Foreign Office Grants and Services .... 10,000,000
3. British Council .... 650,000
4. United Nations .... 1,250,000
5. Commonwealth Relations Office .... 700,000
6. Commonwealth Services .... 600,000
7. Overseas Settlement .... 65,000
8. Colonial Office .... 375,000
9. Colonial Services .... 11,000,000
10. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) .... 5,000,000
11. Development and Welfare (Pension of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and South African High Commission Territories) .... 300,000
12. Imperial War Graves Commission .... 380,000

Class II.

1. Home Office .... 1,075,000
2. Home Office (Civil Defence Services) .... 4,122,000
3. Police, England and Wales .... 11,350,000
4. Prisons, England and Wales .... 2,800,000
5. Child Care, England and Wales .... 2,281,000
6. Fire Services, England and Wales .... 1,237,000
7. Carlisle State Management District .... 10
8. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. .... 3,500
9. Country Courts .... 160,000
10. Legal Aid Fund .... 500,000
11. Land Registry .... 10
12. Public Trustee .... 10
13. Law Charges .... 162,000
14. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses .... 42,000

Class III.

1. Home Office .... 228,000
2. Police .... 37,000
3. Prisons .... 240,000
4. Approved Schools .... 84,000
5. Fire Services .... 12,000
6. State Management Districts .... 10
7. Law Charges and Courts of Law .... 83,000
8. Department of the Registers of Scotland .... 10
9. Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services) .... 228,000
10. Police .... 37,000
11. Prisons .... 240,000
12. Approved Schools .... 84,000
13. Fire Services .... 12,000
14. State Management Districts .... 10
15. Law Charges and Courts of Law .... 83,000
16. Department of the Registers of Scotland .... 10

Ireland:

1. Ministry of Education .... 86,000,000
2. British Museum .... 195,000
3. British Museum (Natural History) .... 100,000
4. Imperial War Museum .... 15,000
5. London Museum .... 5,000
6. National Gallery .... 30,000
7. Tate Gallery .... 22,000
8. National Maritime Museum .... 17,000
9. National Portrait Gallery .... 9,000
10. Wallace Collection .... 11,000
11. Grants for Science and the Arts .... 560,000
12. Government Chemist .... 97,000
13. National Maritime Museum .... 17,000
14. The Royal Mint .... 10
15. National Debt Office .... 10
16. National Savings Committee 250,000

The Order of the House (Supply).—

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18. Public Works Loan Com mission .... 10
19. Royal Commissions, &c. .... 60,000
20. Secret Service .... 1,790,000
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A Motion was made, and the Question being Cotto, proposed, That this House notes with concern the serious situation which is developing in the cotton industry, and regrets the failure of Her Majesty’s Government to take effective action to remedy the position—(Mr. Harold Wilson;)

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 "noting the diverse character of the problems confronting the cotton textile industry, supports the representations made to the Government of India on the level of import duties on United Kingdom cotton textile exports to India, and approves the declared intention of Her Majesty’s Government to take such safeguarding action on imports as may prove to be essential and appropriate having regard to the position of the United Kingdom as a world-wide trading nation; and welcomes the steps which Her Majesty’s Government have taken to obtain from the Cotton Board their detailed views of the problems and their specific proposals for action"—(Mr. Peter Thorneycroft; 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. Bowden,

Mr. Pearson,

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn,

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, noting the diverse character of the problems confronting the cotton textile industry, supports the representations made to the Government of India on the level of import duty on United Kingdom cotton textile exports to India, and approves the declared intention of Her Majesty's Government to take such safeguarding action on imports as may prove to be essential and appropriate having regard to the position of the United Kingdom as a world-wide trading nation; and welcomes the steps which Her Majesty's Government have taken to obtain from the Cotton Board their detailed views of the problems and their specific proposals for action.

Adjournment.

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'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.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 9th March, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) 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 Requisitioned Houses and Housing (Amendment) Bill, in place of Sir Leonard Ropner.

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

Mr. Amory presented, by Her Majesty's Agriculture, Command,—Copy of the Annual Review and Determination of Agricultural Guarantees, 1955.

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

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Colliery Workers Supplementary Scheme) Amendment Order, 1955.

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:—


PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 7th day of this instant March 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) (South Africa) Order, 1955, and the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (South Africa) Order, 1955, be made in the form of the respective Drafts laid before Parliament. I will comply with your request.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leicester 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 London County Council (General Powers) Bill:

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

The Salford Corporation Bill was, according Salford Order, read a second time and committed.


Copy of the First Annual Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1954.

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

Mr. Amory presented, by Her Majesty's Agriculture, Command,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Cotton Board and the Welsh Agricultural Land Commission and the Draft Order, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Colliery Workers Supplementary Scheme) Amendment Order, 1955.

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

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[No. 50.]

Thursday, 10th March, 1955.

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

Prayers.

He Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 7th day of this instant March relating to Double Taxation Relief had been
Public Records. Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Offices of the National Assistance Board which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Wheat Fund. Account showing the Revenue and Expenditure of the Wheat Fund, attributable to the year ended the 31st day of July 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Town Polls Bill. The Order for reading a second time, tomorrow, the Town Polls Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of June next.

Pensions (India, Pakistan and Burma) Bill. Mr. Dodds-Parker, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Brooke, presented a Bill to enable effect to be given to arrangements as to pensions and connected matters made or to be made between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of India or the Government of Pakistan, and to amend the law in relation to certain pensions and other benefits arising out of service in or connected with India, Pakistan or Burma: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day the Business of Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock on Friday morning.

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 that continued efforts should be made to increase the numbers of personnel serving on long engagements with the Royal Air Force in order to increase efficiency with economy"—(Mr. Higgs),—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 Friday morning:

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Ward);

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Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Redmayne.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 10th March, 1955.

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 (Street Works) (Scotland) Bill and the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Western European Union, Air Estimates, 1955-56.

Vote A. Number for Air Force Service. Resolved, That a number of Officers, Airmen and Airwomen, not exceeding 272,000, all ranks, be maintained for Air Force Service, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956.

Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

FRIDAY, 11th MARCH, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M R. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's United States of America to the Prime Minister containing assurances to the Western European Union countries.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the Import Duties directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1955, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1955. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question Agriculture, being proposed, That, in view of the contribution which a prosperous and thriving agriculture makes to the well-being of the country
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
adding the words "welcomes the successful efforts which Her Majesty's Government have made towards the reduction of world tension, supports their proposals for the limitation and control of armaments of all kinds, and recognises that a high-level meeting with the Soviet Union should await the ratification of the London and Paris agreements by all the countries concerned".—(The Prime Minister),—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. Bowdler, Yeas, Mr. Pearson:—
Mr. Studholme:—368.

Tellers for the Sir Cedric Drew, 299.
Mr. Studholme:—
Noes, Mr. Pearson:—

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added after the word "civilisation" in the Main Question:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Studholme, Yeas, Mr. Galbraith:—
Mr. Bowdler, Noes, Mr. Pearson:—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:
Resolved, That this House, believing that in a world war waged with weapons of mass destruction, such as the hydrogen bomb, there can be no victors but only the destruction of civilisation, welcomes the successful efforts which Her Majesty's Government have made towards the reduction of world tension, supports their proposals for the limitation and control of armaments of all kinds, and recognises that a high-level meeting with the Soviet Union should await the ratification of the London and Paris agreements by all the countries concerned.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Kaberry)

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

[No. 53.]

Tuesday, 15th March, 1955.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mersey Tunnel Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University Court Ordinance No. 3 (University of Edinburgh No. 103) (Regulations for Degrees in Technological Science).

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 Devon.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Air Navigation, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of the Minister of Transport, Civil Aviation concerning the Pension payable to the Chairman of the British European Airways Corporation.

Copy of the Thirty-third Annual Report of Transport. the Transport Tribunal, for 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 Southport (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1955.

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 1954, with the Trading Account and Balance Sheet of the Fund, 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 re-arranging the Benefices and Parishes of Saint James, Wolverhampton, Saint Stephen, Wolverhampton, and Wolverhampton, in the diocese of Lichfield, and for authorising the taking down of the Church of Saint James, Wolverhampton, and the sale of the site and materials thereof.

Ordered, That the said Account 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.

Sir Austin Hudson reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Public Service Vehicles (Contract Carriages and Special Travel Facilities) Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to make provision with respect to the allowing of free travel or reduced fares on public service vehicles run by local authorities and for purposes connected therewith.

Standing Committee B,

Ordered, The said Standing Committee B be discharged from the Public Service Vehicles (Contract Carriages and Special Travel Facilities) Bill and from the Special Travel Facilities (facilities) Bill, changed to Public Service Vehicles (Travel Concessions) Bill.

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

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

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Standing Committee B,
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 13th day of May next; and be printed.

No. 90.

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

Mr. Hoy reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Crofters (Scotland) Bill and made Amendments thereto.

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

No. 89.

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 Chatham Intra Charity of Richard Watts and other Charities Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to obscene publications: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

Mr. Roy Jenkins accordingly presented a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to obscene publications: And that Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Foster, Mr. Foot, Mr. Maude, Mrs. White, Mr. Nicolaescu, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Simon do prepare and bring it in.

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

(In the Committee.)


Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

1. £50,604,000, for the pay, &c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Vote 2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy.

2. £15,945,000, for victualling and clothing for the Navy, including the cost of victualling establishments at home and abroad.


3. £15,224,000, for scientific services, including a grant in aid to the National Institute of Oceanography.


4. £27,845,000, for naval armaments.

Vote 10. Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad.

5. £17,888,000, for works, buildings and repairs at home and abroad, including the cost of superintendence, purchase of sites, grants and other charges connected therewith.


6. £16,448,000, for non-effective services.


7. £21,000, for merchant shipbuilding and repairs and certain miscellaneous expenses.

Vote 15. Additional Married Quarters.

8. £100, for certain additional married quarters at home.

Army Estimates, 1955-56.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army.

9. £1,119,620,000, for the pay, &c., of the Army.

Vote 2. Reserve Forces, Territorial Army, Home Guard and Cadet Forces.

10. £19,600,000, for the Reserve Forces to a number not exceeding 310,000, all ranks, including a number not exceeding 300,000 other ranks, Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 524,400, all ranks), Home Guard (to a number not exceeding 55,000, all ranks), Cadet Forces and Malta Territorial Force.


11. £30,466,000, for works, buildings and lands.


12. £7,880,000, for miscellaneous effective services.


13. £19,440,000, for non-effective services.

Vote 11. Additional Married Quarters.

14. £100, for certain additional married quarters.


15. £88,960,000, for the pay, &c., of the Air Force.

Vote 2. Reserve and Auxiliary Services.

16. £2,709,900, for the reserve and auxiliary services (to a number not exceeding 230,000, all ranks, for the Royal Air Force Reserve, and 11,000, all ranks, for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force).

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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to­morrow.

The Chairman of Ways and Means also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; 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.

(Received the Chair.)
The House met at half an hour after Ten of the clock.

Prayers.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1955, entitled the Exchange Control (Import and Export) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Ministry of Food) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Amory, supported by Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, Mr. Secretary Stuart, Mr. Brooke, and Mr. Nugent, presented a Bill to make provision, by means of Exchequer grants and otherwise, for the improvement of certain roads situated in, or affording access to, live-stock rearing areas; 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 Friday 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.)

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.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply (9th allotted Day) into itself the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1954-55.

Chas. H.


1. £3,973,550 (Supplementary), for sundry colonial services, including grants in aid; and certain expenditure in connection with the liabilities of the former Government of Palestine.


2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a supplementary sum, not exceeding £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 grants in aid of expenses of the United Nations and of technical assistance for economic development.

And it being half-past Nine o'clock, the Question put, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £282,370,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge of 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.—Air Estimates, 1955-56.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £282,370,100, 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 1956, for expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:—

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£282,370,000

Question put and agreed to.

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimates, 1954-55.

4. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £27,945,362, 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 following Supplementary Estimates, viz.:—

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Question put and agreed to.

Civil (Excesses), 1953-54.

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Civil Estimates, 1954-55.

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Revenue Departments.

1. Customs and Excise                               | £219,400     |
3. Post Office                                      | £6,420,000   |

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Resolutions to be reported.
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 ending on the 31st day of March 1954, the sum of £148 7s. 11d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Brooke.)

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 1955, the sum of £29,623,912 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Brooke.)

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 1956, the sum of £1,668,239,200 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Brooke.)

Resolved to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Resolved, That the Draft Police Pensions Regulations, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 3rd day of this instant March, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Draft Police Pensions (Scotland) Regulations, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 3rd day of this instant March, be approved.—(Sir Cedric Drew.)

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time.—(Sir Cedric Drew.)

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

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

PRAYERS.

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 the 31st day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poole Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 31st day of this instant March.
The Leicester 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 London County Council (General Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Seven of the clock.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copies of Regulations, dated 11th March 1955, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1955.

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 Regulations, dated 14th March 1955, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955.

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 the Report on the Census of Production,

(1) Volume 1, Trade E, Metalliferous Mines and Quarries,
(2) Volume 3, Trade N, Carts, Perambulators, &c.,
(3) Volume 5, Trade B, Cutlery,
(4) Volume 8, Trade C, Biscuits, and
(5) Volume 9, Trade K, Spirit Distilling.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th March 1955, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (City of London) Regulations, 1955, and

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

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

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee of Supply of the 10th day of this instant March, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:


Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.

That a number of officers, airmen and airwomen, not exceeding 272,000, all ranks, be maintained for Air Force Service, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956.

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

Colonel Harrison reported from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant

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March, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

Army Estimates, 1955-56.

Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 523,000, all ranks, be maintained for the safety of the United Kingdom and the defence Forces of the possessions of Her Majesty's Crown, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

And it being half an hour after Nine of the Question put clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the provisions of 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 Questions on outstanding Resolutions for Supply, pursuant to St. 3, Standing Order (Business of Supply, to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Resolution under consideration.

That 133,000 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 Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, be employed for the Sea Service, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956.


Vote A. Numbers.

That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

 Colonel Harrison reported from the Committee of Supply of the 8th day of this instant

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| Vote 9. Naval Armaments. | That a sum, not exceeding £27,845,000, 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 1956. |
| Vote 10. Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad. | That a sum, not exceeding £17,888,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of works, buildings and repairs at home and abroad, including the cost of superintendence, purchase of sites, grants and other charges connected therewith, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956. |
| Vote 11. Additional Married Quarters. | That a sum, not exceeding £100, 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 1956. |
| Vote 12. Reserve and Auxiliary Forces. | That a sum, not exceeding £2,709,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the reserve and auxiliary services (less a number not exceeding 230,000 all ranks, for the Royal Air Force Reserve, and 11,000, all ranks, for the Royal Air Auxiliary Force), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956. |
| Vote 13. Non-effective Services. | That a sum, not exceeding £16,448,000, 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 1956. |
| Vote 14. Merchant Shipbuilding and Repair. | That a sum, not exceeding £21,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Directorate of Merchant Shipbuilding and Repair and of certain miscellaneous expenses, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956. |
| Vote 15. Additional Married Quarters. | 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 1956. |
| Vote 16. Reserve, Home Guard and Cadet Forces. | That a sum, not exceeding £224,400, be granted to Her Majesty, for the payment of the pay, &c., of the Home Guard (to a number not exceeding 55,000, all ranks), Cadet Forces and Malta Territorial Force, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956. |
| Vote 17. Works, Buildings and Lands. | That a sum, not exceeding £30,460,000, 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 1956. |
| Vote 18. Miscellaneous Services. | That a sum, not exceeding £6,400,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of miscellaneous services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956. |
### Class VI.

**Vote 1. Board of Trade.**

That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £3,700, 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 the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and subordinate departments, including assistance and subsidies to certain industries; certain grants in aid; and other services.

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**Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1954-55.**

**Vote 9. Colonial Services.**

That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £3,973,550, 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 sundry colonial services, including grants in aid; and certain expenditure in connection with the liabilities of the former Government of Palestine.

**Vote 4. United Nations.**

That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £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 grants in aid of expenses of the United Nations and of technical assistance for economic development.

### Air Estimates, 1955-56.

That a sum, not exceeding £282,370,100, 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 1956, for expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:

- 7. Aircraft and Stores
- 8. Works and Landing grounds
- 9. Miscellaneous Effective Service
- 11. Additional Married Quarters

£282,370,100.

### Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimates, 1954-55.

That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £27,945,362, 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 following Supplementary Estimates, viz.:

#### Civil Estimates.

**Class 1.**

1. House of Lords
   - £10
2. Treasury and Subordinate Departments
   - £15,000
3. Privy Council Office
   - £325
4. Charity Commission
   - £2,181
5. Exchequer and Audit Department
   - £1,900
6. Friendly Societies Registry
   - £800
7. Government Actuary
   - £10
8. National Debt Office
   - £10
9. National Record Office
   - £10
10. Ministry of Works
    - £720,000
11. Civil Service (Equal Pay Scheme)
    - £234,000

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Civil (Excesses) 1953-54.

That a sum, not exceeding £148 7s. 11d., be granted to Her Majesty, to make good excesses on certain grants for Civil Services for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1954.

The first two Resolutions were agreed to.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the third Resolution, That a sum, not exceeding £15,945,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to make good excesses on certain grants for Civil Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956:—The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Studholme and Mr. Legh were appointed Tellers for the Yeas, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Yeas had it.

Then the remaining Resolutions were agreed to.

Mr. Studholme reported from the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday, several Resolutions, which were read, as follows:

1. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ended on the 31st day of March 1954, the sum of £148 7s. 11d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, the sum of £38,323,612 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

3. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, the sum of £1,668,239,200 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions; and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Brooke do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Brooke accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned—(Mr. Studholme); 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 tomorrow.

MEMORANDUM.


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 Poaching (Deer (Scotland) Bill and the Public Libraries (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

Friday, 18th March, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 12th March 1955, entitled—

1. The Importation of Vegetables (Scotland) Order, 1955, and
2. The Importation of Plants (Scotland) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 14th March 1955, entitled—

1. The National Health Service (Determination of Regional Hospital Areas) Amendment Order, 1955.
2. The Mental Nurses Committee (Election Scheme) Rules, Approval Instrument, 1955.

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

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

Accounts of the transactions of the Iron and Steel and Steel Realisation Account and of the receipt and disposal of securities coming into the hands of the Treasury or their nominees for the period ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the
4th March

Local Government Elections Bill.

S.O. (Majority provisions) Bill.

Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill.

Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question and adding the words "this House, having in mind the simultaneous holding of elections of rural district councillors and parish councillors; to require the expenses incurred in relation to the holding of elections of parish councillors to be paid by the council of the rural district within which the parish is situate; to provide for excluding certain days in computing the period of time within which elections to fill casual vacancies occurring in the offices of county, borough and district councillor and elective auditor are required to be held; 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 next and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;

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

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

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

Mr. Sandy, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Stuart, and Mr. Deedes, presented a Bill to amend the law as respects rating and valuation for rating, and for purposes connected therewith; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Mr. Fort, supported by Mr. Goronwy Roberts, Mr. Hugh Fraser, and Sir Arthur Colegate, presented a Bill to provide for the simultaneous holding of elections of rural district councillors and parish councillors; to require the expenses incurred in relation to the holding of elections of parish councillors to be paid by the council of the rural district within which the parish is situate; to provide for excluding certain days in computing the period of time within which elections to fill casual vacancies occurring in the offices of county, borough and district councillor and elective auditor are required to be held; 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 next and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Libraries (Scotland) Bill;

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

And the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. George Thomas; Sir Patrick Spens; Mr. Watkins; Mr. Ronald Bell.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Thomas; Sir Patrick Spens.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

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[No. 57.]


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

PRAYERS.

THE Mersey Tunnel Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters exchanged in 1954 between the Prime Minister and the Soviet Foreign Minister concerning the Prime Minister's proposal for a two-power meeting between the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Documents relating to the Ninth Session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, held at Geneva between the 28th day of October 1954 and the 7th day of March 1955.

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 Dorset.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th March 1955, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (City of London) (No. 2) Regulations, 1955, and

(2) the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (Eynsford) Regulations, 1955.

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

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

The Oil in Navigable Waters Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committee of Bills).

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable effect to be given to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, and otherwise to make new provision for preventing the pollution of navigable waters by oil, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any administrative expenses of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under the said Act, and

(b) any increase, attributable to provisions of the said Act relating to facilities in harbours for the disposal of oil residues, in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954;

(2) the payment into the Exchequer of any fees received by the said Minister under the said Act.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

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 read to-morrow.

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

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 39, line 9, at the end, by inserting the words "and in no case shall a person be held in custody awaiting trial for a period longer than one month".—(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.

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 Air Force Bill, to take into consideration the Air Force Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Revision of the Army and Air Force Acts (Transitional Provisions) 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.

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

Resolved, That the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) Order, 1955, dated 7th March 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Allan.)

Public Accounts. Ordered, That Mr. Spric be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts: and that Mr. Arbuthnot be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Wakefield.)

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

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

[No. 58.]

Tuesday, 22nd March, 1955.

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 sill. 1C ° UnC

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

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Letters exchanged in January 1955 between the Prime Minister and the French President of the Council concerning proposals for a Four-Power Conference.

Mr. Brooke 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 1955, on loans proposed to be raised by the Central Electricity Authority.

Mr. Birk presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 17th March 1955, entitled the Consular Conventions (United States of Mexico) Order, 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed. "Consular Rights and Privileges.


Copies of Orders in Council, dated 17th Foreign Compensation. March 1955, entitled—

(1) the Foreign Compensation (Roumania) (Registration) (Amendment) Order, 1955, and
(2) the Foreign Compensation (Bulgaria) (Registration) (Amendment) Order, 1955.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 17th Merchant Shipping.

(1) the Foreign Compensation (Foreign Deserts) (United States of Mexico) Order, 1955, and
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Countries) (Various) Order, 1955.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 17th West Africa. March 1955, entitled—

(1) the Nigeria (Offices of Governor-General and Governors) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1955, and
(2) the Nigeria (Constitution) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1955.

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


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The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. University of York presented from the Committee on the University Hull Bill [Lords].

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

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. University of York presented from the Committee on the University Hull Bill [Lords].

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. University of York presented from the Committee on the Sandown-Shanklin Urban District Council Bill, That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment: and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means. University of York presented from the Committee on the Sandown-Shanklin Urban District Council 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 therunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.
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. George Thomas reported from Standing Committee A, Requisitioned Houses and Housing (Amendment) Bill and made Amendments thereof.

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 Fisheries Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to increase the capital and borrowing powers of the Corn Exchange Company; to confer further powers on the Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Corn Exchange Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

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

So it passed in the Negative.

The Lords have agreed to the Fisheries Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to increase the capital and borrowing powers of the Corn Exchange Company; to confer further powers on the Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Corn Exchange Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

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

So it passed in the Negative.

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to increase the capital and borrowing powers of the Corn Exchange Company; to confer further powers on the Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Corn Exchange Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
before this House on the 24th day of February last, be annulled:—Mr. Roy Jenkins:—It passed in the Negative.

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 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.

MEMORANDUM.
Tuesday, 22nd March, 1955.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees {Constitution and Powers}) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Oil in Navigable Waters Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

[No. 59.]
Wednesday, 22nd March, 1955.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Boardman, Mr. Herbert Butler, Mr. Albert Evans, Mr. Fell, Mrs. Jeger, Captain Kerby, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Parkin, Mr. Probert, Mr. Robson-Brown, Captain Ryder, Major Sharpeles, Mr. Sparks, and Mr. Wheelton; and had appointed in substitution Colonel Banks, Squadron Leader Cooper, Mr. Cope, Mr. Edward Evans, Mr. Grenfell, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Cleidwyn Hughes, Mr. Emrys Hughes, Mr. Robert Jenkins, Mr. Monslow, Mr. Owen, Mr. Pearl, Mr. Gornorwy Roberts, and Lieutenant-Colonel Schofield.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee A in respect of the Oil in Navigable Waters Bill [Lords], viz.:—Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Gower, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hayman, Mr. Greville, Mr. Howard, Mr. Thomas Jones, Mr. McAdden, Mr. Manuel, Mr. Molson, Commander Noble, Sir Roland Robinson, Sir

Harold Roper, Commander Scott-Miller, Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Steel, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Wille, Mr. Wills, Mr. Paul Williams, Mr. Geoffrey Wilson, and Mr. Younger.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee B Sir Roger Conant and Sir William Darling: and had appointed in substitution Sir William Bennett and Brigadier Clarke.

The House, according to Order, resolved Consolidated Fund Bill, Standing Committee B Sir Roger Conant and Sir William Darling: and had appointed in substitution Sir William Bennett and Brigadier Clarke.

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. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Resolved, That the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1955, dated 8th March 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee Oil in Navigable on Oil in Navigable Waters [Money], a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable effect to be given to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, and otherwise to make new provision for preventing the pollution of navigable waters by oil, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—
(a) any administrative expenses of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under the said Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to provisions of the said Act relating to facilities in harbours for the disposal of oil residues, in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954; and
(2) the payment into the Exchequer of any fees received by the said Minister under the said Act.

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

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
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Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Oakshott.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

MEMORANDUM.
Wednesday, 23rd March, 1955.
In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Spoor, this day appointed Wing Commander Hulbert, Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Oil in Navigable Waters Bill [Lords].

[No. 60.]
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.
Air Navigation. M R. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament — Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 21st day of March 1955, on loans proposed to be raised by the British European Airways Corporation.

Gas. Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 21st day of March 1955, on loans proposed to be raised by the Gas Council.

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


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

Navy (Pay, Pensions, &c.). Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament — Copies of Orders in Council, dated 17th March 1955, approving Admiralty Memorials praying sanction to the alteration of the tithes for ratings of—

(1) the Electrical Branch of the Royal Navy, and
(2) the Stoker Mechanic Branch of the Royal Navy.

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


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Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament — Copy of a Scheme, dated 17th February 1955, made by the Lancashire County Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

A Supplementary Scheme for the re-arrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of Saint James and Saint John, Clerkenwell; Saint Peter, Clerkenwell; Saint Clement with Saint Barnabas and Saint Matthew, Finsbury; and Saint Luke, Old Street, with Saint Mary, Charterhouse, and Saint Paul, Clerkenwell, in the diocese of London.

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).—(The Prime Minister.)

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 Pensions (India, Pakistan and Burma) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House: Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

Ordered, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable effect to be given to arrangements as to pensions and connected matters made or to be made between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of India or the Government of Pakistan, or to the law in relation to certain pensions and other benefits arising out of service in or connected with India, Pakistan or Burma, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any moneys required by the Secretary of State for discharging his functions under the said Act of the present Session in relation to any such arrangements (whether for providing pensions or benefits or for his administrative expenses); and
(b) of any moneys otherwise payable by virtue of any such arrangements by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom (other than moneys which, by virtue of the National Loans Act, 1935, fall to be paid out of the Consolidated Fund);
(c) of any moneys required to make good
income tax for which relief has not other­
wise been given which is deducted under
the law of India or the law of Burma from
any such pensions as may be specified in
the said Act of the present Session;
(d) of any increase of any pension and any
increase in the administrative expenses of
any Minister attributable to the applica­
tion or extended application, with or with­
out adaptation or modification, of any
provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Acts
1944 and 1947, the Pensions (Increase)
Act, 1953, the Pensions (Increase) Act,
1954, or the Superannuation Act, 1949,
to such pensions or persons as may be
specified in the said Act of the present
Session,
and the payment out of moneys provided by
Parliament, or out of the Consolidated Fund,
onto the Exchequer, of any moneys falling
therefrom or thereto by reason of the
application of sections six and eight of
the Pensions Commutation Act, 1871, to pen­
sions commutations arising by virtue of the
said Act of the present Session.—(Mr.
Brooke.)
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 Isle of Man (Customs) Bill was,
according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a
Committee of the whole House.—(Mr.
Galbraith.)
Resolved, That this House will, upon
Monday next, resolve itself into the said Com­
mittee.

The House, according to Order, resolved
itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
(In the Committee.)
Isle of Man (Customs).
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act
of the present Session concerning customs
duties in the Isle of Man, it is expedient to
authorise provisions with respect to the pay­
ment into the Exchequer of any of the proceeds
of such duties.—(Mr. Brooke.)
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and
the Chairman of Ways and Means reported,
that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon
Monday next.
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved
itself into a Committee on the Children and
Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Bill.
(In the Committee.)
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Clause No. 1 (Works to which this Act
applies).
Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 5, after
the word " newspaper ", to insert the word " news­
paper ".—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)
Question put, That the word " newspaper "
be there inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Roy Jenkins: 123.
Mr. Galbraith: 153.
Noes, 
Mr. Redmayne:

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1,
line 5, at the end, to insert the words " not
being a work first published before the year
nineteen hundred and thirty-nine ".—(Sir Ian
Horobin.)
Question put, That those words be there
inserted:—Amendment, by leave, with­
drawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1,
line 6, after the word " pictures ", to insert the
words " not being reproductions of photo­
graphs ".—(Sir Ian Horobin.)
Question proposed, That those words be
there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, with­
drawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1,
line 9, to leave out the words " (at the com­
mmission of crimes ; or ".—(Mr. Foot.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed
to be left out stand part of the Clause:—
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1,
line 12, to leave out the words " as a whole ".—
(Mrs. White.)
Question put, That the words " as a whole "
stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Kaberry: 124.
Mr. Wakefield: 82.
Noes, 
Mr. Arthur Allen:

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1,
line 12, to leave out the words " tend to ".—
(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)
Question, That the words " tend to " stand
part of the Clause, put and agreed to.
To report Progress and ask leave to sit
again.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and
the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means

reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee A.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Thomson (added in respect of the Oil in Navigable Waters Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hector Hughes and Mr. Mitchison.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added Eleven Members to the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; viz.: Mr. Archibald, Sir Beverley Baxter, Dr. Broughton, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Lindsay, Sir Peter Macdonald, Mr. McKibbin, Sir Robert Perkins, Dr. Stirrat, and Mr. Wellwood.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Lieutenant-Commander, Thompson.)

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

[No. 61.]

Friday, 25th March, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

University of Hull Bill [Lords].

THE University of Hull 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.

Import Duties (Drawback).

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1955, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 2) Order, 1955.

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 18th March 1955, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Disgleton Mental Hospital Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and

(2) the National Health Service (Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Mental and Nervous Disorders Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Saint John's College, Cambridge, on the 21st day of January 1955, amending the Statutes of the College.


Ordered, That the said Papers 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 on the North Wales Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords].

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

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Transport (Borrowing Powers) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to road traffic, the provision of parking places, driving licences and certificates of insurance, the licensing of public service vehicles; and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, taking note that powers for acquiring land and property by compulsory purchase, including the powers for compensating those whose rights are thereby affected, differ in various respects, requests Her Majesty's Government to give urgent consideration to this matter and to take whatever steps may be appropriate to prevent such powers from inflicting hardship or injustice upon any of Her Majesty's subjects.—(Mr. Longden):—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Hay 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. Longden, Year: 29, Mr. Hay: 24, Mr. Skaffington:
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 it being after Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wills, &c. (Publication) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.
—(Colonel Harrison.)

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

MEMORANDUM.
Friday, 25th March, 1955.

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 Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill [Lords].
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 Cornwall.

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

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider an humble Address to Her Majesty praying that Her Majesty will give directions that a Monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Right Honourable the Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, O.M., with an inscription expressive of the high sense entertained by this House of the eminent services rendered by him to the Country and to the Commonwealth and Empire in Parliament, in and great Offices of State.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Children and Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Works to which this Act applies).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 13, after the word "a", to insert the word "normal".—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 13, to leave out from the word "fall" to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. René Dauviet.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Penalty for printing, publishing, &c., works to which this Act applies).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 16, to leave out the words "sells or lets on hire".—(Mr. Foot.)

Question proposed, That the words "sells or lets on hire" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 18, after the word "hire", to insert the words "knowing it would have a corrupting effect as defined in section one of this Act".—(Sir Frank Sokscie.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 20, to leave out from the word "months" to the end of line 21 and add the words "for the first offence, a term of twelve months for the second offence and a term of two years for each subsequent offence."—(Mr. Beresford Craddock.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 21, at the end, to add the words—

"Provided that no person shall be convicted of an offence under this section if such printing, selling or letting on hire was for the public good, being necessary or advantageous to religion or morality, to the advancement of knowledge, to the administration of justice, the pursuit of science, literature, art, or education or otherwise".—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 63.

Mr. Robinson: 191.

Tellers for the Noses, 191.

Mr. Redmayne: 63.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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 put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Transfer of Functions (Ministry of Food) Order, 1955, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 16th day of this instant March—(Captain Crookshank);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; 202.

The Noses to the Left;

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Kaberry; 172.

Tellers for the No, Mr. Pearson; 63.

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.

Ordered, That the Complaint of the honourable Member for Maldon, regarding the action of the Deputy Assistant Chaplain General, Salisbury Plain District, in threatening the Reverend J. P. Stevenson, one of his subordinate chaplains, with a view to influencing proceedings in Parliament, be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Driberg.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. St. John).
Sir David Eccles also presented, pursuant to the Acquisitio
the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an
Order, dated 11th January 1955, entitled the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council
(Land in Corporation Road, Redcar) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1955, with a Certificate
by the Minister of Education under Section 2 of the
Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.
Ordered, That the said Papers 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—Counties of Denbighshire and
Flintshire.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Walter Monckton presented, by Her Majesty's
Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum
on proposed action by Her Majesty's
Government in the United Kingdom on certain
Recommendations adopted at the 36th Session of the International Labour Conference, 1953,
and on certain Conventions previously adopted
by the Conference.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the Local
directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Government
Supersession.

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 Barnard Castle Rural District Council Eggleston Compulsory Purchase
Order, 1954, and
(2) the Kent County Council (Clare Park,
East Malling) Compulsory Purchase
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 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 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
Ordered, That the said Account be printed.
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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 Leicester Corporation Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:— The parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message 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.

The Lords have agreed to the National Service Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Trustee Savings Banks (Pensions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Imperial War Museum Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to vest the churchyard appurtenant to the Church of Saint Stephen Coleman Street in the London Diocesan Fund; to enable the London Diocesan Fund to sell such churchyard; to authorise the erection of buildings on such churchyard; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Saint Stephen Coleman Street 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 Sittings, 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 a Monument to the Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty praying that Her Majesty will give directions that a Monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Right Honourable the Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, O.M., with an inscription expressive of the high sense entertained by this House of the eminent services rendered by him to the Country and to the Commonwealth and Empire in Parliament, and in great Offices of State, and to assure Her Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Crofters (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee,

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 16, page 14, lines 28 and 30, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Stuart.—(Mr. Snadden.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee.—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration:

Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Colonel Royal Assent, General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., O.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 notifying 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:


Inspection of Churches Measure, 1955.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

And 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.

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

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable effect to be given to arrangements as to pensions and connected matters made or to be made between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of India or the Government of Pakistan, and to amend the law in relation to certain pensions and other benefits arising out of service in or connected with India, Pakistan or Burma, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any moneys required by the Secretary of State for discharging his functions under the said Act of the present Session in relation to any such arrangements (whether for providing pensions or benefits or for his administrative expenses);

(b) of any moneys otherwise payable by virtue of any such arrangements by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom other than moneys which, by virtue of the National Loans Act, 1939, fall to be paid out of the Consolidated Fund;

(c) of any moneys required to make good income tax for which relief has not otherwise been given which is deducted under the law of India or the law of Burma from any such pensions as may be specified in the said Act of the present Session;

(d) of any increase of any pension and any increase in the administrative expenses of any Minister attributable to the application or extended application, with or without adaptation or modification, of any provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1944 and 1947, the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1952, the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1954, or the Superannuation Act, 1949, to such pensions or persons as may be specified in the said Act of the present Session,

and the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, or out of the Consolidated Fund, or into the Exchequer, of any moneys falling to be paid therefrom or thereto by reason of the application of sections six and eight of the Pensions Commutation Act, 1871, to pensions commutations arising by virtue of the said Act of the present Session.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Mr. Redmayne reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, that the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Mr. Redmayne reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, that the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Mr. Speaker's Certificate.
Resolved, That the Draft National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Colliery Workers Supplementary Scheme) Amendment Order, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 10th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Marples.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That where, under any Act of the present Session to repeal the power to requisition land for housing purposes under Defence Regulations and transfer to local authorities in England and Wales the right to possession of requisitioned houses for a limited period, any sums are payable by a local authority to the landlord of a dwelling on account of rent which, by virtue of the said Act, is irrecoverable from the tenant, those sums shall be deemed for the purposes of the enactments relating to income tax to be received by the landlord as rent paid by the tenant.—(Mr. Brooke.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Children and Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 3 (Power to search for, and dispose of, works to which this Act applies and articles for printing them).

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 1, after the word "information", to insert the words " on oath ".—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 23, to leave out from the word "work" to the word " and " in line 25.—(Mr. Rees-Davies.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 45, at the end, to add the words—

" (4) Where such matter as is referred to in subsection (1) above is seized, the police shall within a reasonable time bring proceedings under section two against the person from whom the matter was seized and unless the court otherwise order the matter shall be returned forthwith to the person from whom it was seized ".—(Mr. Robinson.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 45, at the end, to add the words—

" (4) No destruction of any matter seized shall take place until the expiration of the fourteen days allowed by section eighty-four of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1952, for the giving of notice of intention to appeal to quarter sessions against the said order, or in the case of a trial before a court other than a magistrate's court until the relevant period for giving notice of appeal has elapsed ".—(Mr. Robinson.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Prohibition of importation of works to which this Act applies and articles for printing them).

Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 6, at the end, to add the words—

" (2) That Customs authorities shall within twenty-eight days bring proceedings under this Act against the person from whom matter was seized, or in the case of non-personal seizure shall within a reasonable time bring proceedings in the appropriate court of law to decide whether the seized matter falls within the provisions of this Act. If such proceedings are not brought within twenty-eight days such seized matter shall be returned forthwith to the person from whom it was seized, or in the case of non-personal seizure to the consignee ".—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Short title, interpretation, extent and commencement).

Amendment proposed, in page 3, to leave out lines 17 and 18.—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

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 (Right to be heard in court)—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)—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 (Admissible evidence)—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Wiresless Telegraphy (Control of Interference from Electric Motors) Regulations, 1955, dated 23rd March, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 1st day of this instant March, be annulled—(Mr. MacColl;—It passed in the Negative.

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

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

[No. 64.] Wednesday, 30th March, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

HE Order made upon the 17th day of this instant March, That the iford Corporation Bill be read a second time to-morrow, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order made upon the 17th day of this instant March, That the Luton Corporation Bill be read a second time to-morrow, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Preliminary Estimates of National Income and Expenditure, 1948 to 1954.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 4th day of March 1879,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th March 1955, regarding the Application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1955, to meet Deficits on other Navy 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 that the Paper relating to Public Accounts be printed.

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Accession of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Pact of Mutual Co-operation between Turkey and Iraq signed at Bagdad on the 24th day of February 1955, and of the Special Agreement (with Notes exchanged) between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of Iraq.

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

Mr. Ward presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1955, further 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 14th March 1955, Air Force 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).

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 23rd March 1955, entitled the Teachers' Salaries (Scotland) (Amendment No. 1) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 25th March 1955, entitled the Agricultural Lime (Amendment) Scheme, 1955.

Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1955, entitled the Milk (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. lain Macleod presented, pursuant to the Census, 1951, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—Counties of Anglesey and Caernarvonshire.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies 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 1954.


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 24th March 1955, entitled the Coal Distribution (Amendment) Order, 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Sandsy presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes—
1. dated 17th March 1955, made by the City of London Common Council, and
2. dated 16th March 1955, made by the Newcastle upon Tyne County Borough Council (two Schemes),
approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Whit ley presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of the 24th day of May 1954,—Report by the Chairman of the Trustees of the House of Commons Members' Fund concerning pensions for Members.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Cheshunt Urban District Council 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 thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Nuneaton Corporation Bill. That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

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

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on a Monument to the Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty praying that Her Majesty will give directions that a Monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Right Honourable the Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, O.M., with an inscription expressive of the high sense entertained by this House of the eminent services rendered by him to the Country and to the Commonwealth and Empire in Parliament, and in great Offices of State, and to assure 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.

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on the Cheshunt Urban District Council 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 thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 1, page 5, line 43; Clause No. 4, page 5, line 32; and Clause No. 18, page 13, line 11, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Sandsy.—(Mr. Sandsy)

The Question was amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 3, page 3, lines 19 and 32, to Clause No. 18, page 13, line 11, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Dalton; the Amendments to Clause No. 3, page 3, lines 19 and 32, and to Clause No. 18, page 13, line 11, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Dalton; the Amendments to Clause No. 3, page 3, lines 19 and 32, and to Clause No. 18, page 13, line 11, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Key; the Amendments to Clause No. 4, page 4, lines 1 and 3, and to Clause No. 7, page 6, line 44, and page 7, line 12, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. MacColl; and the Amendment to Clause No. 4, page 5, line 38, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Mitchison."—(Mr. Lindgren.)

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, page 3, line 43; Clause No. 4, page 5, line 32; and Clause No. 18, page 13, line 11, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Sandsy; and in respect of the Amendment to Clause No. 1, page 2, line 2, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Dalton; the Amendments to Clause No. 3, page 3, lines 19 and
Resolved. That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Clause No. 1 (Transfer of rights to local authorities for limited period).

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Notwithstanding anything in the last foregoing subsection, if in the case of any local authority it appears to the Minister that, in view of the large number of requisitioned houses in respect of which the authority have the right to possession under this section, or because of difficulties in or about the application of section four of this Act or in the negotiation of leases under section eleven of this Act, or because of other exceptional circumstances, it is not reasonably practicable or desirable for that authority to complete the release or acquisition of all such requisitioned houses by the thirty-first day of March nineteen hundred and sixty and sixty-five as he may consider appropriate:

Provided that no payment or contribution shall be made to a local authority under section nine, section ten or section eleven of this Act in respect of any matter arising or continuing after the thirty-first day of March nineteen hundred and sixty and sixty-five as he may consider appropriate:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. John Taylor: 188.

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. James Johnson: 205.
Tellers for the Sir Cedric Drew: 228.

Chief to the Right.

The House divided.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

"(a) A notice of acceptance under this section shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(b) If, at the expiration of the period specified in that behalf no notice of acceptance has been given under subsection (2) of this section, the local authority may at any time within four weeks thereafter apply to the county court for an order directing acceptance; and the court, unless satisfied that there is good reason for withholding acceptance, shall make such an order.

(c) For the purposes of this subsection and subject to the provisions of the last foregoing subsection, good reason for withholding acceptance shall be such reason as would justify a refusal to consent to an assignment of a lease made at the rent upon the terms and conditions stated in subsections (3) and (4) of this section and containing a covenant against assignment without the owner's consent, subject to a provision that such consent should not be unreasonably withheld.

(d) On the making of a reference of an order directing acceptance, notice of acceptance shall be deemed to have been given (notwithstanding any period specified in the notice of invitation) on the day of the order or on such later day as the court may in the order direct.

(e) Section seventeen of the Rent Act of 1920 (which empowers the Lord Chancellor to make rules and to give directions and extends the jurisdiction of county courts in respect of proceedings under that Act) shall apply in relation to any proceedings under this subsection as it applies to proceedings under that Act.”.—(Mr. Mitchell.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. John Taylor: 188.

Clause, as amended, agreed to. Clause Nos. 7 and 18 amended and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration.—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Amendments made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 5, line 41, by inserting, after the word "purchase", the words "in pursuance of a contract made".—(Mr. Powell.) 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 Lieutenant-Commander Thompson: 200.
Tellers for the Mr. Wills: 180.
Tellers for the Mr. Pearson: 180.

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 page 6, line 28, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

“Provided that no direction shall be given under this subsection, unless the Minister has afforded to any licensee of the house or of any part of the house an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Minister for the purpose and unless the Minister is satisfied that such hardship as aforesaid to the owner would be greater than any hardship which by the giving of such directions would be caused to any such licensee and to any persons residing with him.”—(Mr. Mitchison.)

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, 183.
Yea,
Mr. Arthur Allen:

Tellers for the Mr. Wakefield,
No,
Colonel Harrison:
203.

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 page 12, line 18, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “or such sum as may from time to time be authorised by an order in the form of a statutory instrument: and provided also that the Secretary of State may make such orders as aforesaid, so however that no such order shall be made unless a draft thereof has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of the Commons House of Parliament”.

—(Mr. Woodburn.)

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, 179.
Yea,
Mr. Arthur Allen:

Tellers for the Mr. Kaberry,
No,
Mr. Wakefield:
201.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

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

Tellers for the Sir Cedric Drew,
Yea,
Mr. Kaberry:
202.

Tellers for the Mr. Pearson,
No,
Mr. Arthur Allen:
182.

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 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 twenty-six minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 65.]

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 25th day of this instant March 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 Food) Order, 1955, be made in the form of the Draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, that their Address yesterday, relating to a Monument to the Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, 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 I will give directions that a Monument be erected at the public charge to the memory of the late Right Honourable the Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, O.M., with an inscription expressive of the high sense entertained by the House of Commons of the eminent services rendered by him to the Country and to the Commonwealth and Empire in Parliament and in great Offices of State, and assuring Me that you will make good the expenses attending the same.

I will gladly give directions for carrying into effect your proposal to do honour to the memory of that great man who, in peace and war, devoted his life to the cause of liberty and the well-being of our Country.

Ordered, That the Paper relating to the House of Commons Members’ Fund, which was presented yesterday, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee appointed by the Secretary of
State for Scotland on the Supply of Teachers of Mathematics and Science in Scotland.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Regional Hospital Boards and Boards of Management, Solicitor) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955.  

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st March 1955, entitled the Water Great Seal Rules Order, 1955.  

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 Rules, entitled the Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules, 1955.  

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 Report on the Census of England and Wales, 1951—Counties of Cardiganshire and Pembrokeshire.  

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on the Causes of, and Circumstances attending, the Explosion which occurred at Horden Colliery, County Durham, on the 23rd day of March 1953.  

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

Mr. Sandys presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 28th February 1955.  

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

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument, was 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 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.

Mr. Brooke presented a Bill to provide for the employment of aliens in civil service under the Crown: 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 said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, by Her Majesty's forces: 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 Supply (30th 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 Police to the Question, by leaving out from the words “That” to the end of the Question and adding the words “this House urges Her Majesty's Government to consult with the police authorities and the Police Council with a view to bringing the police forces of the country up to establishment by improving the conditions of service, having regard to modern social circumstances”—(Mr. Moody),—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 the leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being again proposed:—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.

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. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply (31st 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 Police to the Question, by leaving out from the words “That” to the end of the Question and adding the words “this House urges Her Majesty's Government to consult with the police authorities and the Police Council with a view to bringing the police forces of the country up to establishment by improving the conditions of service, having regard to modern social circumstances”—(Mr. Moody),—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 the leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being again proposed:—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.

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. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1955, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 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:

One Hundred and Second Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, for 1954.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Non-Industrial Employment 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. Harold Davies rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committal of Bills).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Animals (Cruel Poisons) Bill;

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Prisons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Insurance (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liberties of the Subject Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Obscene Publications Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wills &c. (Publication) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 18th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Leasehold Enfranchisement 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 Legitimacy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Street Works) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poaching of Deer (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hotel Proprietors (Liabilities and Rights) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Decimal Currency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Libraries (Scotland) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committal of Bills).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Elections Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 22nd day of this instant April.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.  

(Mr. Kaberry.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 4th April, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sandown-Shanklin Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland for 1951—Counties of Merionethshire, Montgomeryshire, and Radnorshire.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland for 1954.

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 1st April 1955, authorising the landing at Glasgow of one Shorthorn Bull.

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.—Counties of Merionethshire, Montgomeryshire, and Radnorshire.

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

The Corn Exchange Bill (Lords) was read a second time and committed.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th March 1955, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Aireborough, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of March last, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th March 1955, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Aireborough, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of March last, 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 Minehead, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of March last, 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 Minehead, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of March last, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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. 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.

MEMORANDUM.

Monday, 4th April, 1955.

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Non-Industrial Employment Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 68.]

Tuesday, 5th April, 1955.

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.—

Saint Stephen Coleman Street Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under the Bournemouth Corporation Act, 1930, relating to Bournemouth Corporation trolley vehicles: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement on the United Kingdom Balance of Payments for the years 1946 to 1954 (No. 2). Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st April 1955, entitled the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th March 1955, entitled the Marriages Validity (Glynn Vivian Miners Mission, Deal) Order, 1955, 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.

Secretary Sir Anthony Eden presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on the 24th day of February 1955, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Yugoslavia regarding the Import of British Books into Yugoslavia.

Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on the 24th day of February 1955, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Greece regarding the Submission to Arbitration of the Ambatielos Claim.

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

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to Rights of Way, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st April 1955, entitled the Control of Highways—Revocation (No. One) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on Industry and Employment in Scotland, 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Amendments to the Milk Marketing Scheme, 1933.

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 an Order, dated 24th March 1955, entitled the Huddersfield Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order, 1955, 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 Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sainsbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1954, entitled the Borough of Penzance (Trundle Moor) 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.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 11th March 1955, made by the Birmingham City Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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


Reported by the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the National Insurance (Maternity Benefit and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations, 1955, 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.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations).—Report on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill.

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

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

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.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lord Goddard and the Lord Merriman to attend to be examined as Witnesses before Sub-Committee D appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates.—(Mr. Nicholson.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the British 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 thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Major Anstruther-Gray reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had considered the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill (Lords) 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 to-morrow.

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

Wing Commander Hulbert reported from Standing Committee A. That they had gone through the Oil in Navigable Waters Bill (Lords) and made Amendments thereto.

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

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

Mr. Gower, supported by Captain Kerby, presented a Bill to provide for the renewal of long leases of residential property in 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 6th day of May next and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Road Traffic (Money) be suspended, 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, {Lieutenant-Commander Thompson: 211. 
Colonel Harrison: Mr. Poggeurwell: 185. 
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Holmes: }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Road Traffic Bill (Lords) was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends to the consideration of the House: —Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee. (In the Committee.)

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to road traffic and the provision of parking places and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in providing for the examination of vehicles and their accessories and equipment;

(b) of any expenses incurred by the said Minister with the approval of the Treasury in providing for the promotion of road safety by disseminating information and advice and in contributing to the cost of arrangements made by local authorities and other bodies for that purpose or for giving practical training to road users;

(c) of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to the speed limit in built-up areas in the expenses of the Minister in respect of trunk roads and the grants payable to local authorities;

(d) of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954;

(e) of any increase in the sums payable under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1950, attributable to the repeal of the provisions for modifying those Acts made by section two of the Chairmen of Traffic Commissioners, etc. (Tenure of Office) Act, 1937;

and the payment into the Exchequer of any receipts of the said Minister under the said Act of the present Session and of any other sums which by virtue of that Act are payable into the Exchequer.—(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.

Ordered, That Mr. Ramsden be discharged from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries; and that Colonel Lancaster be added to the Committee.—(Sir Cedric Dowie.)

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

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the borrowing directions of several Acts of Parliament, (Control and Guarantees), —Copy of an Order, dated 5th April 1955, entitled the Control of Borrowing (Amendment) Order, 1955.

Statement showing the Transfers of Property Death Duties, accepted in satisfaction of Death Duties during the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd Exchequer and Audit Departments, General.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copies of Charters of Incorporation, entitling the Control of Borrowing (Amendment) Order, 1955.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copies of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Colonial Development Corporation for 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Health Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Reports of the Department of Health for Scotland and the Scottish Health Services Council for 1954.
Committee B.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1955, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constitutional Scheme No. 35) Confirmation Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme regulating the Marketing of Potatoes, and a Report thereon by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland.

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

Mr. Peake presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection 3 of Section 41 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the Liability for Contributions of Persons with Small Incomes.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Colonel Banks and Mr. John Hall; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Vaughan-Morgan.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Alport, Mr. Amery, Mr. Astor, Sir William Bennett, Brigadier Clarke, Sir Eric Errington, Mr. David Griffiths, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Harrison, Mr. McLeavy, Mr. Moody, Mr. Shackleton, and Mr. Ivor Thomas, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Boardman, Mr. George Crudcock, Mr. Ferneyhough, Mr. Hay, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Jeger, Mr. Eric Johnson, Mr. Langford-Holt, Mr. Longland, Miss Pitt, Mr. Proctor, Mrs. Slater, and Mr. Yates.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee B in respect of the Non-Industrial Employment Bill, viz.: Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Frederic Bennett, Mr. Bullard, Mr. Harold Davies, Mr. Edie, Mr. Fell, Mr. Gooch, Mr. Hirst, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Lee, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. McCroxdale, Mr. Maitland, Mr. Mulley, Mr. Nugent, Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Mr. Padley, Mr. Joseph Price, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Robens, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Dr. Strous, Mr. Swingler, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Watkinson.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee C, viz.: Mr. Brown, Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport, Mr. Gresham Cooke, Mr. Darling, Mr. Drayson, Vice-Admiral Hughes-Hallett, Mr. Janner, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Leather, Mr. Monslow, Mr. Page, Mr. Pannell, Mr. Purgier, Mr. Peter Roberts, Sir Donald Scott, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Sturmer, Mr. Ivor Thomas, Mr. Percy Wells, and Mr. Dudley Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee C in respect of the Road Traffic Bill (Lords), viz.: Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Sir Gurney Ernest-Waite, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Champion, Mr. Cole, Mr. Collick, Sir Roger Conant, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Gower, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holt, Mr. Houghton, Mr. John Hynd, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Molson, Mr. Poppievel, Mr. Powell, Mr. Sexton, Mr. George Strauss, Mr. Leslie Thomas, Mr. Wakefield, Mr. Richard Williams, and Mr. Geoffrey Wilson.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee D to the Standing Committee, That they had added Twenty Members to the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Public Libraries (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Atten, Mr. Arbuthnot, Sir Beverley Baxter, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Sir Fergus Graham, Sir George Harvie-Watt, Sir Peter Macdonald, Mr. Parker, Sir Robert Pirie, Mr. Norman Smith, and Mr. Percy Wells.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the jurisdiction of county courts Ba i and, in connection therewith, to make further provision for the despatch of business in county courts by increasing the number of judges and otherwise, and provide for appeals from county courts on questions of fact, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, with which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Goddard Emeritus, and the Lord Merriman to attend to be examined as Witnesses before Sub-Committee D appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates, if their Lordships think fit.

The County Courts Bill (Lords) was read the County Courts first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of this instant April, and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money] and on the British Museum Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House 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.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to adjourn to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 19th day (Glaris), of this instant April.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committal of Bills).
Adjournment.

Resolved,

That this House do now adjourn.

British Museum The House, according to Order, resolved it—(Mr. Kaberry.) third time and passed. The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed. 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 said Account 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Nuneaton Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Saint Stephen Coleman Street Bill (Lords) was read a second time and committed.

A Bill to regulate the expenditure upon capital account and lending of money by the London County Council during the financial period from the first day of April nineteen hundred and fifty-five to the thirtieth day of September nineteen hundred and fifty-six; and for other purposes, was read the first time.

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

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 be printed:

Copy of Treaty Series No. 14 (Bulgaria) Order, 1948.

Copy of Treaty Series No. 16 (Hungary) Order, 1948.

Copy of Treaty Series No. 21, 1955.

Copy of a Draft Agreement on cooperation regarding Atomic Information, approved by the North Atlantic Council.

Copy of a Convention signed at London on Treaty Series No. 11, 1955.

Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Phosphate Commission for the year ended the 30th day of June 1954.


Copy of the Report of a Court of Inquiry into a dispute between members of the News-Court, paper Proprietors' Association and members of the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the Electrical Trades Union.

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...
19th April 1955

Copy of a Draft Scheme, entitled the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) (Scotland) Scheme, 1955.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies—

(1) of a Review of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, consisting of a Statement of Policy with the Revised Text of the Agreement and Related Documents, and

(2) of a Statement of the Policy of Her Majesty's Government on the question of Japan's Accession to the Agreement.

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy and Companies (Winding-up) Proceedings during the year ended 31st March 1955.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme, entitled the Calf Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Variation) Scheme, 1955.

Copy of a Draft Scheme, entitled the Agriculture, Ploughing Grants Scheme, 1955.

Copy of an Order, dated 13th April 1955, authorising the landing at Glasgow of two Reindeer.

Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Parks and Gardens (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (Revocation) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 24th March 1955, made by the Woolwich Metropolitan Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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 North Riding of Yorkshire County Council (Land in Corporation Road, Redcar) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1955,

(2) the Marriages Validity (Glynn Vivian Miners Mission, Deal) Order, 1955,
(3) the Huddersfield Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Order, 1955, and
(4) the Borough of Penzance (Triangle Moor) Compulsory Purchase 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 of the Receipts and Expenditure of the High Court and Court of Appeal during the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

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. Brooke.)

Mr. Brooke accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

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

Ways and Means.

INCOME TAX (CHARGE AND RATES FOR 1955-56).

1. Motion made, That income tax for the year 1955-56 shall be charged at the standard rate of eight shillings and sixpence in the pound, and, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeds two thousand pounds, at the same higher rates in respect of the excess as were charged for the year 1953-54;

But the amounts of tax deductible or repayable under section one hundred and fifty-seven (pay-as-you-earn) of the main Act shall, until the sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, be the same as if those amendments had not been made (any necessary correction being made on or after that day by adjusting subsequent deductions or repayments under that section, or, if need be, by an assessment).

Ordered.

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.

INCOME TAX (PERSONAL RELIEFS).

2. Motion made, and Question, That, as regards personal reliefs for individuals, the Income Tax Act, 1952 (referred to below as "the main Act") and the Acts amending it shall be amended as shown in the Schedule to this Resolution;

But the amounts of tax deductible or repayable under section one hundred and fifty-seven (pay-as-you-earn) of the main Act shall, until the sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, be the same as if those amendments had not been made (any necessary correction being made on or after that day by adjusting subsequent deductions or repayments under that section, or, if need be, by an assessment).

SCHEDULE.

A.—Small income relief.

In section fifteenth of the Finance Act, 1952, £300 shall be substituted in all places for £250 (the income limit for the full relief), £400 for £250 (the income limit for the marginal relief) and nine-twentieths for two-fifths (the fraction governing the marginal relief).

B.—Personal allowances and reduced rate reliefs.

Sections two hundred and ten and two hundred and twenty of the main Act shall be amended so that—

(a) there shall be an increase of £30 in the sum of £210, and of £20 in each of the sums of £120, referred to in section two hundred and ten and two hundred and twenty (as amended by the Finance Act, 1952), but accompanied by the following reductions in the sums referred to in section two hundred and twenty (as so amended), that is to say, a reduction of £30 in any sum of £100, £250 or £400, and a reduction of £80 in any sum of £200; and

(b) the fractions of thirteen-eighteenths, eight-eighteenths and four-eighteenths referred to in section two hundred and twenty (as amended by the Finance Act, 1953), shall be altered so that the reduced rates given by those fractions shall in each case be 3d. less than the present rates of 2s. 6d., 5s. and 7s.

C.—Child relief.

Sections two hundred and twelve and two hundred and thirteen of the main Act shall be amended so that—

(a) there shall be an increase of £15 in the sum of £50 referred to in subsection (1) of section two hundred and twelve (as amended by the Finance Act, 1952), and in subsections (2) and (3) of section two hundred and thirteen (as so amended), and

(b) paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section two hundred and twelve (enrolments pay able to or in respect of a child undergoing training) and the provisions supplementary to it shall be omitted.

D.—Old-age relief.

In subsection (3) of section two hundred and eleven of the main Act three-fourths shall be substituted for five-eighths (the fraction governing the marginal relief for incomes over six hundred pounds).

E.—Dependent relative relief.

Section two hundred and sixteen of the main Act shall be amended so that there shall be an increase of £20 in the sums of £85 and £145 referred to in subsection (1) of the section (as amended by the Finance Act, 1952, and the Finance Act, 1953)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—put and agreed to.
INCOME TAX (SURTAX RATES FOR 1954-55):—

Motion made, and Question proposed, That income tax for the year 1954-55 shall be charged, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeded two thousand pounds, at the same higher rates in respect of the excess as were charged for the year 1953-54:

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.)

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

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 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 do now adjourn.—(Mr. Wakefield),—put and agreed to.

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 fourteen minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 72.]

Wednesday, 20th April, 1955.

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,—Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, on Loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board with 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.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 1st day of April 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board.

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 Petition and Draft Charter relating to the incorporation of the University College of the South West of England at Exeter.

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

Sir Patrick Spens reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them to the House.

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

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Motion relating to 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, resolved, itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

INCOME TAX (SURTAX RATES FOR 1954-55):—

Question again proposed, That income tax for the year 1954-55 shall be charged, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeded two thousand pounds, at the same higher rates in respect of the excess as were charged for the year 1953-54:

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.

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

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 that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, That, during the remainder of the present Session,—

(a) Government Business shall have precedence on Fridays;
Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1956, relating to Glasgow Corporation (Extension of Time) Order Confirmation Bill.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1956, relating to Clyde Navigation (Superannuation) Order Confirmation Bill.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Administrative Agreement signed at Bonn on the 1st day of December 1954 concerning the Arbitral Tribunal and the Mixed Commission under the Agreement on German External Debts signed at London on the 27th day of February 1953.

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 Isle of Man (Customs) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Air Force Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Army Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Army and Air Force Acts (Transitional Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pensions (India, Pakistan and Burma) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man (Tribunal and the Mixed Commission under the Agreement on German External Debts) Bill, under the Treaty Series No. 23, 1955, and the Internet Treaty Series No. 23, 1955.

The Lords have agreed to the Pensions (India, Pakistan and Burma) Bill, under the Treaty Series No. 23, 1955, and the Internet Treaty Series No. 23, 1955.


The Lords have agreed to the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Army Bill, Army Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Army and Air Force Acts (Transitional Provisions) Bill, without any Amendment.

(in the Committee.)

INCOME TAX (SURTAX RATES FOR 1954-55).

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:—

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under the Doncaster Corporation Act, 1926, relating to Doncaster 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.

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(No. 73.)

Thursday, 21st April, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz:—

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under the Doncaster Corporation Act, 1926, relating to Doncaster 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.

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Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 20th April, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Leonard Hopner Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Non-Industrial Employment Bill.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz:—

Maidstone Corporation.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz:—

Bournemouth Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under the Doncaster Corporation Act, 1926, relating to Doncaster 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.
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

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

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

Income Tax (Surtax Rates for 1954-55).

Question again proposed. That income tax for the year 1954-55 shall be charged, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeded two thousand pounds, at the same higher rates in respect of the excess as were charged for the year 1953-54;

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.

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 now received, pursuant to the Order made upon the 20th day of this instant April.

Mr. Heath accordingly reported a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

Income Tax (Surtax Rates for 1954-55).

That income tax for the year 1954-55 shall be charged, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeded two thousand pounds, at the same higher rates in respect of the excess as were charged for the year 1953-54;

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.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order made upon the 19th day of this instant April, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Income Tax (Charge and Rates for 1955-56).

1. That income tax for the year 1955-56 shall be charged at the standard rate of eight shillings and sixpence in the pound, and, in the case of an individual whose total income exceeds two thousand pounds, at the same higher rates in respect of the excess as were charged for the year 1953-54;

But the amounts of tax deductible or repayable under section one hundred and fifty-five, shall be the same as if the
standard rate were nine shillings in the pound (any necessary correction being made on or after that day by adjusting subsequent deductions or repayments under that section, or, if need be, by an assessment); 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 Acts, 1913.

INCOME TAX (PERSONAL RELIEFS).

2. That, as regards personal reliefs for individuals, the Income Tax Act, 1952 (referred to below as "the main Act") and the Acts amending it shall be amended as shown in the Schedule to this Resolution; but the amounts of tax deductible or repayable under section one hundred and fifty-seven (pay-as-you-earn) of the main Act shall, until the sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, be the same as if those amendments had not been made (any necessary correction being made on or after that day by adjusting subsequent deductions or repayments under that section, or, if need be, by an assessment).

SCHEDULE.

A.—Small income relief.

In section fifteen of the Finance Act, 1952, £300 shall be substituted in all places for £250 (the income limit for the full relief), £400 for £350 (the income limit for the marginal relief) and nine-twentieths for two-fifths (the fraction governing the marginal relief).

B.—Personal allowances and reduced rate reliefs.

Sections two hundred and ten and two hundred and twelve of the main Act shall be amended so that—
(a) there shall be an increase of £250 in the sum of £210, and of £20 in each of the sums of £120, referred to in section two hundred and ten (as amended by the Finance Act, 1953), but accompanied by the following reductions in the sums referred to in section two hundred and twenty (as so amended), that is to say, a reduction of £20 in any sum of £100, £250 or £400, and a reduction of £80 in any sum of £200; and
(b) the fractions of thirteen-eighteenths, eight-eighteenths and four-eighteenths referred to in section two hundred and twenty (as amended by the Finance Act, 1953), shall be altered so that the reduced rates given by those fractions shall in each case be 3d. less than the present rates of 2s. 6d., 5s. and 7s.

C.—Child relief.

Sections two hundred and twelve and two hundred and thirteen of the main Act shall be amended so that—
(a) there shall be an increase of £15 in the sum of £85 referred to in subsection (1) of section two hundred and twelve (as amended by the Finance Act, 1952), and in subsections (2) and (3) of section two hundred and thirteen (as so amended); and
(b) paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section two hundred and twelve (emoluments payable to or in respect of a child undergoing training) and the provisions supplementary to it shall be omitted.

D.—Old-age relief.

In subsection (3) of section two hundred and eleven of the main Act three-fifths shall be substituted for five-eighths (the fraction governing the marginal relief for incomes over six hundred pounds).

E.—Dependent relative relief.

Section two hundred and sixteen of the main Act shall be amended so that there shall be an increase of £20 in the sums of £85 and £145 referred to in subsection (1) of the section (as amended by the Finance Act, 1952, and the Finance Act, 1953).

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.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon Finance, the said Resolutions and upon the other Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means and agreed to this day; and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Brooke, and Sir Edward Boyle do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Brooke accordingly presented a Bill to Finance Bill, charge income tax for the year 1955-56 and Bill 78.

fix the rates of tax for that year, to fix the rates of surtax for the year 1954-55 and to alter the law as to certain of the personal reliefs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Sir Cedric Drewe)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
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 Ecclesiastical Areas pastorial supervision of the parishes of Crawley and Saint Peter, West Crawley, in the diocese of Chichester.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Business of the National Insurance (No. 2) Bill be exempted, at this day's sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Captain Crookshank.)

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.

The National Insurance (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, That the Order made upon the 15th day of March last, That the Public Service Vehicles (Travel Concessions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 13th day of May next, be read and discharged; and that notwithstanding the practice of the House which forbids the bringing forward of an Order of the Day, the said day having been appointed before the intention to prorogue Parliament had been announced, the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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

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

[No. 76.]
Tuesday, 26th April, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Sanders presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Minister of Housing and Local Government relating to the Colne Valley Sewerage Board: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 23rd day of July 1954 and the 22nd day of April 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Denmark amending the Convention between the United Kingdom and Denmark for regulating the fisheries outside territorial waters in the ocean surrounding the Faroe Islands of the 24th day of June 1901.

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 19th April 1955, entitled the Education Authorities (Scotland) Grant (Amendment No. 6) Regulations, 1955.


Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1955.

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. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of a Report on the Fisheries of Scotland for 1954.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of a Report on the Fisheries of Scotland for 1954.

Copy of an Agreement signed at Alexandria on the 8th day of June 1952 between Her Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, and Pakistan and the Government of Egypt of the other part regarding the British Commonwealth War Cemeteries, Graves, and Memorials in Egyptian Territory.

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

Mr. Bond-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th April 1955, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (Chigwell) Regulations, 1955, and
(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (West Ham) Regulations, 1955.

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

Report on the Administration of the Road Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

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

Mr. Sandsy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copies of the Annual Reports—

(1) of the Kent River Board for the years ended the 31st day of March 1953 and the 31st day of March 1954, and
(2) of the Trent River Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd April 1955, entitled the Central Land Board Payments (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Malcolm MacPherson reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had agreed to the Crofters (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Crofters (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Crofters (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lionard Ropner reported from Standing Committee B, That they had directed him to report the Non-Industrial Employment Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to Standing Committee B to make a Special Report.

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

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of Saint Michael and All Angels, Walthamstow, Saint Oswald, Walthamstow, and Saint James the Greater, Walthamstow, in the diocese of Chelmsford.

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the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament for business other than judicial business, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed in the case of a Private Bill by the agent, and in the case of a Provisional Order Confirmation Bill by an officer of the department by which the Orders to be confirmed by such Bill are made, 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 in case any such Bill brought from the House of Commons in the present Session, upon which the proceedings shall have been suspended in this House, shall be brought from the House of Commons in the next Session of Parliament, the agent for such Bill, or an officer of the department, as the case may be, shall deposit in the Private Bill Office after the Bill shall have passed the House of Commons and prior to the First Reading thereof in this House, a declaration stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the House of Commons in the present Session, with this modification that if any such Bill shall have been amended in this House in the present Session, such amendments shall be deemed to have been made in Committee; That such Bills shall thereupon be deemed to have been passed through 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 any Private or Provisional Order Confirmation Bill which shall have originated in this House or been brought up from the House of Commons in the present Session, in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed; That every certificate from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills given in respect of any Private or Provisional Order Confirmation Bill originating in the House of Commons, upon which the proceedings shall have been suspended in that House in the present Session, shall be deemed to have been given in respect of such Bill, if the same shall be brought from the House of Commons in the next Session of Parliament, and any notices published and served, and any deposits made in respect of such Bill, in respect of the present Session shall be held to have been published, served and made respectively for the Bill so brought from the House of Commons in the next Session of Parliament; That no petitioners shall be heard before the Committee on any Bill unless their petition shall have been presented within the time limited in the present Session; That in case the time limited for presenting petitions against any such Bill has not expired at the close of the present Session, petitioners may be heard before the Committee on such Bill, provided that their petition shall be presented not later than the fourth day on which the House shall sit for business other than judicial business in the next Session.

Ordered. That the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered. That the Proceedings on the Oil in Navigable Waters Bill (Lords) and the Public Service Vehicles (Travel Concessions) Bill (changed from Public Service Vehicles (Contract Carriages and Special Travel Facilities) Bill) be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered. That, for the purpose of concluding the Business of Supply for the present Session, Fourteen days shall be substituted for Twenty-six days in paragraph (i) of the Standing Order (Business of Supply).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply (11th allotted Day) into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Estimates, 1955-56. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £30, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the following services connected with Education for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, namely:—

| Class IV, Vote 1, Ministry of Education | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Class IV, Vote 14, Public Education, Scotland | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Class IV, Vote 12, Universities and Colleges, &c., Great Britain | ... | 10 |
| Total | ... | £30 |

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.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Oil into consideration the Oil in Navigable Waters Bill (Lords), as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered. That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 8, page 9, line 31 and page 10, line 46, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.—(Mr. Boyd-Carpenter.)

Resolved. That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee.—The House accordingly resolved itself into the 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:-

London County Council (Money) 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:-

Doncaster Corporation (Oxleigh Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, presented, Metropolitan Police Districts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Accounts of the Metropolitan Police Fund, showing the Sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police and Police Courts and the London Probation System for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, including the Receipts and Payments of the Metropolitan Police Loan Accounts from the 1st day of April 1955 to the 31st day of March 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, by Colonial Secretary of State for the Colonies to Colonial Governments on the subject of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act, 1955.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1955, entitled the Wool (Guaranteed Average Price) Order, 1955.

Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1955, Animals, entitled the Importation of Pedigree Animals (No. 1) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to Acquisition of the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of an Order, dated 14th December 1954, entitled the Southern Electricity Board (Burrow Hill, Chobham) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1954, with a Certificate by the Minister of Fuel and Power under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st April 1955, Electricity, entitled the Electricity (Metropolitan Undertakings) (Transfer) Order, 1955.

Copy of a Direction, dated 21st April 1955, Supplies and Services (Coal Distribution) (Restriction) Direction, 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 on the Salford Corporation Bill.

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 1954.

Wing Commander Hubert reported from the Committee on the Bournemouth Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill. That they had examined the allegations of the Bill; that they 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 Saint Stephen Coleman Street 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 Cardiff 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.

Mr. Strode reported from the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports, 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Alterations in personal reliefs).

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply to a claimant who is chargeable in the year of assessment to income tax at any rate higher than the standard rate".—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wilkins: 208.

Tellers for the Nos, Mr. Allan: 236.

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.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 13, to leave out " £60 " and insert " £100 ".—(Sir Frank Soskice.)

Question, That " £60 " stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.
Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 20, to leave out " Is. 9d. " and insert " Is. 10|d. ".—(Sir Frank Soskice.)

Question, That " Is. 9d. " stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Austin Hudson 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Insurance (No. 2) Bill.

(Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Austin Hudson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Public Libraries (Scotland) 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Colonel Harrison.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Eight of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
(9) when any Bill which has been brought from the House of Lords in the present Session, and upon which the proceedings have been suspended in this House, is brought from the House of Lords in the next Session, the Agent for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration, signed by him, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the present Session and, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that such a declaration has been so deposited has been laid upon the Table of the House—

(i) the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first time and shall be referred to the Examiners unless the Examiner has reported on it in the present Session;

(ii) if the Examiner has reported either that the Standing Orders not previously inquired into which are applicable to the Bill have been complied with or that no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, the Bill shall be ordered to be read a second time, or, if it has been read a second time in the present Session, it shall be deemed to have been read a second time;

(iii) if the Bill has been reported by a Committee with Amendments in the present Session, it shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make only such Amendments to the Bill as have been made thereto by the Committee in the present Session, and shall report the Bill to the House forthwith;

(iv) if the Bill has been reported by a Committee without Amendment in the present Session it shall be ordered to be read the third time;

(10) any Bill which, under the provisions of paragraph (7) or (9) of this Order, is deemed to have been read the first time or to have been read the first and second time shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read;

(11) all Petitions against any Bill presented in the present Session which stood referred to the Committee on the Bill shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session; and all notices of objection to the right of Petitioners to be heard given in the present Session, within the time prescribed by the Rules of the Court of Referees relating to such notices, shall be held applicable in the next Session;

(12) no Petition shall be received in the next Session against any Bill which has been presented to this House or has been brought from the House of Lords in the present Session unless such Bill was read the first time within the last ten days of the present Session;

(13) any Petition against any Bill to which paragraph (12) of this Order applies, and which is presented not later than the seventh day after the next meeting of Parliament, being a Petition in which the Petitioner prays to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agents, shall stand referred to the Committee on such Bill;

(14) in relation to any Bill to which this Order applies, the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Right of audience before Committees on opposed Bills) shall have effect as if the words “under Standing Order 126 (Reference to Committee of Petitions against Bill)” were omitted;

(15) all Instructions to Committees on Private Bills in the present Session, which are suspended previous to their being reported by any Committee, shall be Instructions to the Committee on the same Bills in the next Session;

(16) any Standing Orders complied with in respect of any Bill originating in the House of Lords, upon which the proceedings have been suspended in that House, shall be deemed to have been complied with in respect of such Bill if the same is brought from the House of Lords in the next Session, and any notices published or given and any deposits made in respect of such Bill for the present Session shall be held to have been published, given and made, respectively, for the Bill so brought from the House of Lords in the next Session;

(17) no further Fees shall be charged in respect of any proceeding on a Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

(18) if the Standing Orders Committee have not reported upon any report of the Examiner in respect of a Petition for a Bill or a Petition for Additional Provision in a Bill presented in the present Session, such report shall stand referred to the Standing Orders Committee in the next Session;

(19) all Standing Orders complied with in respect of any Public Bill presented, or intended to be presented, during the present Session shall be held to have been complied with in respect of any Bill for the same objects presented in the next Session, and where the Examiner has already reported that the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of any such Bill, he shall report only whether any further Standing Orders are applicable;

(20) if a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order or Certificate originating in this House which at the close of the present Session is pending either in this House or in the House of Lords is presented to the House in the form in which it stood at the last stage of its proceeding in this House in the present Session, such Bill shall be deemed to have been read a second time, if it has been read a second time in the present Session, and, if it has been reported by a Committee in the present Session, shall be ordered to be read the third time unless it has been reported with Amendments in the present Session and has not been considered as amended, in which case it shall be ordered to be considered;

(21) if a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order or Certificate is brought from the House of Lords in the next Session in the form in which it was brought from that House in the present Session, such Bill shall, if the Examiner has reported in the present Session either that the Standing Orders applicable to the Bill have been complied with or that no Standing Order is applicable thereto, be ordered to be read a second time, or, if the Bill has been read a second time in the present Session, be deemed to have been so read, and, if it has been reported by a Committee with Amendments in the present Session, shall be committed to the
Chairman of Ways and Means who shall make only such Amendments to the Bill as have been made thereto by the Committee in the present Session and shall report the Bill to the House forthwith; but, if the Bill has been reported by a Committee without Amendment in the present Session, it shall be ordered to be read the third time:

(22) paragraphs (10) to (17) of this Order shall apply as respects a Standing Order or Certificate to which paragraph (20) or paragraph (21) of this Order applies, as if such Bill were a Private Bill upon which further proceeding has been suspended in the present Session.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That the said Orders be communicated to the Lords; and that the Clerk do communicate the same.

The Bournemouth Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, the third time and passed.

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

The Doncaster Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the United Kingdom in the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Balances in the Exchequer on the 1st day of April 1955, the Receipts and Payments (not being Income and Expenditure) in the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, and the Balances in the Exchequer on that day.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Clevedon.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th April 1955, entitled the Ware Potatoes (Amendment) Order, 1955.

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 21st April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations, 1955.

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 an Order, dated 25th April 1955, entitled the Coal Distribution (Restriction) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1955.

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 a Requisitioned Supplies and Services Mid-Seasonal 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 1954.

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, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committees D on the 2nd, 10th, and 15th days of March last, 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.

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

Captain Waterhouse reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committees B, C, D, E, and F.

Ordered, That the said Minutes 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 Requisitioned Houses and Housing (Amendment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Clyde Navigation (Superannuation) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow Corporation (Extension of Time) Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Children and Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered. That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Children and Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered. That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

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


Motion made, and Question proposed. That a sum, not exceeding £12,700,000, 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 1956, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence; expenses incurred in connection with International Defence Organisations, including an international subscription; and a grant in aid of certain expenses incurred in the United Kingdom by the Government of the United States of America.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon; and the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has now arrived for a review, preferably by a Select Committee of this House, of the operation of the National Service Acts in the light of existing circumstances and commitments and, in particular, as to whether the period of National Service should still remain at two years—(Mr. Shinwell);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and adding the words "this House expresses its gratitude for the services rendered by National Servicemen in maintaining the safety and well-being of this country in the present world situation; and approves the declared intention of Her Majesty's Government to lighten the existing burden of National Service as soon as circumstances permit"—(Mr. Selwyn Lloyd); 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 negative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—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 this House expresses its gratitude for the services rendered by National Servicemen in maintaining the safety and well-being of this country in the present world situation; and approves the declared intention of Her Majesty's Government to lighten the existing burden of National Service as soon as circumstances permit.

A Motion was made, and the Question Purchase Tax being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Purchase Tax (No. 3) Order, 1955, dated 18th April 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of this instant April, be annulled—(Mr. Shackleton):—It passed in the negative.

Resolved. That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

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Friday, 29th April, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bill Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Stock Exchange Clerks Pension Fund.

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

A Public Petition was presented and read; and ordered to 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. 71 (Loch Glashan Project).
Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th April 1955, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 71) Confirmation Order, 1955.

Copies of Orders, dated 21st April 1955, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Glasgow Dental Hospital and School Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and

(2) the National Health Service (Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th April 1955, entitled the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations, 1955.

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

The Finance 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 certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

Mr. Speaker’s Certificate.

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 Thirteenth Report of the Royal Fine Art Commission, for 1954.

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, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 23rd April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Coatbridge, Airdrie and District Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and

(2) dated 23rd April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Lanarkshire Mental Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and

(3) dated 28th April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (South Uist Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Second Annual Reports, for 1954—

(1) of the Historic Buildings Council for England,

(2) of the Historic Buildings Council for Wales, and

(3) of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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:

Accounts of the Yugoslav and Czechoslovak Funds for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, 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 Receipts and Expenses of the National Health Service, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Summarised Accounts of Regional Hospital Boards, Boards of Governors of Teaching Hospitals, Hospital Management Committees, 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 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Summarised Accounts of Regional Hospital Boards, Boards of Management, Executive Councils (including Drug Accounts Committee) and of the Dental Estimates Board, for Scotland, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts showing the Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund and the Advances therefrom to Development Corporations in England and Wales and in Scotland under the New Towns Act, 1946, for the year ended the
Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Procedures).

Business of the House (Supply).

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Business of the House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means and on the Consideration of the Amendment made by the Lords to the Children and Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House). (Captain Cookshank.)

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

(Captain Crookshank.)

Civil Estimates, 1955-56.

1. £222,344,007 for the following services connected with Agriculture, namely:

Class VIII, Vote 1, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries ... 7,344,989
Class VIII, Vote 2, Fishing Grants and Subsidies ... 28,174,730
Class VIII, Vote 3, Services to Agriculture ... 6,217,580
Class VIII, Vote 13, Department of Agriculture for Scotland ... 6,267,443
Class VIII, Vote 10, Ministry of Food ... ... 174,139,265

Total ... £222,344,007

2. £21,831,178, for the following services connected with Development Areas, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1955-56.

Class VI, Vote 1, Board of Trade ... 2,774,900
Class VI, Vote 8, Ministry of Labour and National Service ... 12,934,080
Class VI, Vote 4, Services in Development Areas ... 4,178,540
Class VI, Vote 5, Financial Assistance in Development Areas ... 412,500
Class I, Vote 25, Scottish Home Department ... ... 1,531,248

Total ... £21,831,178

Questions on outstanding Votes put pursuant to Order.

The Chairman then proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, forthwith to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes of the Civil Estimates, and the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for Revenue Departments and the Ministry of Defence Estimate, and in the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates, and the Air Estimates, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates.

Civil Estimates, 1955-56.

Class I.

1. That a sum, not exceeding £12,494,764, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. House of Lords ... ... 86,276
2. House of Commons ... 754,525
3. Registration of Electors ... ... 290,000
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments ... 2,052,909
5. Privy Council Office ... ... 20,037
6. Privy Seal Office ... ... 5,140
7. Charity Commission ... ... 64,834
8. Civil Service Commission ... 267,900
9. Exchequer and Audit Department ... 298,875
10. Friendly Societies Registry ... 52,080
11. Government Actuary ... ... 14,853
12. Government Chemist ... ... 194,283
13. Government Hospitality ... 25,000
14. The Royal Mint ... ... 90
15. National Debt Office ... ... 3,240
16. National Savings Committee ... 603,975
17. Public Record Office ... ... 75,000
18. Public Works Loan Commission ... ... 90
19. Royal Commissions, &c. ... 103,500
20. Secret Service ... ... 3,300,000
21. Silver ... ... 4,139,500
22. Tithe Redemption Commission ... ... 90
23. Miscellaneous Expenses ... ... 88,680
24. Scotland: —

25. Scottish Record Office ... ... 24,168

1 eldest 0.494,764

Question put and agreed to.

Class II.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £61,499,150, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

1. Foreign Service ... ... 8,677,220
2. Foreign Office Grants and Services ... ... 13,976,280
3. British Council ... ... 1,627,260
4. United Nations ... ... 330,000
5. Commonwealth Relations Office ... ... 1,209,723
6. Commonwealth Services ... 1,344,616
7. Overseas Settlement ... ... 135,000
8. Colonial Office ... ... 765,428
9. Colonial Services ... ... 18,456,583
10. Development and Welfare (Colombia, &c.) ... ... 13,000,000
11. Development and Welfare (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and South African High Commission Territories) ... ... 730,000
12. Imperial War Graves Commission ... ... 762,750

£61,499,150

Question put and agreed to.
Class III.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £56,699,555, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>Law Charges</td>
<td>£317,027</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Legal Expenses</td>
<td>£23,135</td>
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<td>Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services)</td>
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<td>Fire Services</td>
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<td>State Management Districts</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>Department of the Registers of Scotland</td>
<td>£168,782</td>
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<td>Registrar General's Office</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£38,156</td>
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<td>Irish Land Purchase Services</td>
<td>£586,180</td>
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£56,699,555

Question put and agreed to.

Class IV.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £245,465,034, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>£267,996</td>
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<td>£225,087</td>
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<tr>
<td>Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>£79,210</td>
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<tr>
<td>London Museum</td>
<td>£10,615</td>
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<tr>
<td>National Gallery</td>
<td>£36,350</td>
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<td>Tate Gallery</td>
<td>£26,730</td>
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<td>National Maritime Museum</td>
<td>£34,049</td>
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<td>National Portrait Gallery</td>
<td>£19,952</td>
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<td>Wallace Collection</td>
<td>£22,344</td>
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<td>Grants for Science and the Arts</td>
<td>£729,664</td>
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<td>Universities and Colleges, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£16,253,300</td>
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<tr>
<td>Broadcasting</td>
<td>£19,245,000</td>
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<td>Scotland:</td>
<td>£16,052,990</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Education</td>
<td>£22,921,090</td>
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<td>National Galleries</td>
<td>£21,232</td>
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<td>National Museum of Antiquities</td>
<td>£8,868</td>
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<td>National Library</td>
<td>£22,711</td>
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£245,465,034

Question put and agreed to.

Class V.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £427,524,786, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<th>Service Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Housing and Local Government</td>
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<td>Housing, England and Wales</td>
<td>£50,139,020</td>
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<td>Exchequer Grants to Local Revenues, England and Wales</td>
<td>£45,800,000</td>
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<td>Ministry of Health</td>
<td>£2,747,740</td>
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<td>National Health Service, England and Wales</td>
<td>£267,866,215</td>
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<td>Medical Research Council</td>
<td>£1,335,100</td>
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<td>Registrar General's Office</td>
<td>£273,567</td>
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<td>Central Land Board</td>
<td>£499,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>War Damage Commission</td>
<td>£537,000</td>
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<td>Scotland:</td>
<td>£1,303,130</td>
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<td>National Health Service</td>
<td>£35,784,040</td>
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<td>Exchequer Grants to Local Revenues</td>
<td>£6,355,000</td>
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<td>Registrar General's Office</td>
<td>£40,544</td>
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£427,524,786

Question put and agreed to.

Class VI.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £128,651,729, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>Board of Trade (Assistance to Industry and Trading Services)</td>
<td>£1,181,459</td>
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<td>Board of Trade (Strategic Reserves)</td>
<td>£1,198,000</td>
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<td>Export Credits</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>Export Credits (Special Guarantees)</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>Ministry of Supply</td>
<td>£121,488,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Supply (Purchasing (Repayment) Services)</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<tr>
<td>Royal Ordnance Factories</td>
<td>£4,722,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Supply (Strategic Reserves)</td>
<td>£62,000</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

£128,651,729

Question put and agreed to.

Class VII.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £43,027,375, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>Ministry of Works</td>
<td>£5,015,095</td>
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<tr>
<td>Houses of Parliament Buildings</td>
<td>£256,000</td>
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<td>Public Buildings, United Kingdom</td>
<td>£17,502,000</td>
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<td>Field Marshal Smuts Memorial</td>
<td>£16,500</td>
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<td>Public Buildings Overseas</td>
<td>£1,217,000</td>
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<td>Royal Palaces</td>
<td>£328,000</td>
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<td>Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens</td>
<td>£494,000</td>
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</table>
**Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1955-56.**

13. That a sum, not exceeding £206,325,900, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:—

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>Customs and Excise</td>
<td>£1,951,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£23,549,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Post Office</td>
<td>£173,695,000</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

**Total** £206,325,900

Question put and agreed to.

**Ministry of Defence Estimate, 1955-56.**

14. That a sum, not exceeding £12,200,000, 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 1956, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence; expenses in connection with the International Defence Organisations, including an international subscription; 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, 1955-56.**

15. That a sum, not exceeding £196,524,900, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
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<tr>
<td>Medical Establishments and Services</td>
<td>£1,512,000</td>
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<td>Civilians employed on Fleet Services</td>
<td>£8,031,000</td>
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<td>Educational Services</td>
<td>£1,099,000</td>
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<td>Royal Naval Reserve</td>
<td>£1,955,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£77,387,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Section I.—Personnel</td>
<td>£38,814,000</td>
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<td>Section II.—Material</td>
<td>£49,330,000</td>
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<td>Section III.—Contract Work</td>
<td>£30,577,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£10,856,900</td>
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<tr>
<td>Admiralty Office</td>
<td>£59,326,000</td>
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**Total** £196,524,900

Question put and agreed to.

**Army Estimates, 1955-56.**

16. That a sum, not exceeding £277,000,000, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:— £

3. War Office 3,360,000
4. Civilians at Outstations 64,340,000
5. Movements 30,810,000
6. Supplies, &c. 49,470,000
7. Stores 129,000,000

£277,000,000

Question put and agreed to.


17. That a sum, not exceeding £139,860,000, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:—

£

3. Air Ministry 4,450,000
4. Civilians at Outstations 60,250,000
5. Movements 15,500,000
6. Supplies 96,000,000
7. Non-Effective Services 5,620,000
10. £139,860,000

Question put and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, the sum of £2,451,986,045 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Heath.)

Resolutions to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Children and Young Persons (Harmful Publications) 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 being 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. Adjournment. — (Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

[No. 81.]

Tuesday, 3rd May, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Provisional Order Bill (No. 81, 1955). The following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order is applicable thereto, viz.:—

Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order (Colne Valley Sewerage Board) Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cardiff Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Taf Fechan Water Supply Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.


Copy of the First Interim Report, signed at Laos Vientiane on the 15th day of January 1955, of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos for the period from the 11th day of August to the 31st day of December 1954.

Copy of Agreements signed at Lisbon on Treaty Series the 18th day of November 1954 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom, on their own behalf and on behalf of the
Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and the Government of Portugal with regard to the Northern Rhodesia-Angola Frontier (with Annexes) and with regard to certain Angolan and Northern Rhodesian Natives living on the Kwando River (with Notes exchanged and further Note from the Portuguese Government).

Copy of the First and Second Interim Reports of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam for the periods from the 11th day of August to the 10th day of December 1954 and the 11th day of December 1954 to the 10th day of February 1955.

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—

(1) dated 25th April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Motherwell, Hamilton, and District Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955,
(2) dated 25th April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Crichton Royal Mental Hospital Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955,
(3) dated 28th April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (North Uist Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and
(4) dated 28th April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Inverness Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

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 25th April 1955, entitled the Control of Paper (Newspapers) (Economy) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1955.

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 the Annual Report of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Scotland, for 1954.

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

Mr. Maudling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Iron and Steel Board, for the period from the 13th day of July 1953 to the 31st day of December 1954.

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 Doncaster 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.
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#### 3rd May

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| 5. Child Care, England and Wales | 6,499,400 |
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| 9. County Courts | 333,935 |
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6. That a sum, not exceeding £245,665,034, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment...
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£2,455,453,044

Class V.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £427,524,786, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Ministry of Housing and Local Government ... 8,533,570
2. Housing, England and Wales ... 50,139,020
3. Exchange Grants to Local Authorities, England and Wales ... 45,800,000
4. Ministry of Health ... 2,274,740
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7. Registrar General's Office ... 272,567
8. Central Land Board ... 499,500
9. War Damage Commission ... 537,000
10. Department of Health ... 1,383,130
11. National Health Service ... 35,784,040
12. Housing ... 6,682,500
13. Exchange Grants to Local Authorities ... 6,355,000
14. Registrar General's Office ... 40,434

£427,524,786

Class VI.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £128,651,729, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

2. Board of Trade (Assistance to Industry and Trading Services) ... 1,181,459
3. Board of Trade (Strategic Reserves) ... 1,198,000
4. Export Credits ... 90
5. Export Credits (Special Guarantees) ... 90
6. Ministry of Supply (Purchase (Repayment) Services) ... 121,488,000
10. Ministry of Supply (Purchasing (Repayment) Services) ... 90
11. Royal Ordnance Factories ... 4,722,000
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£128,651,729

Class VII.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £43,027,375, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Ministry of Works ... 501,030,095
2. Houses of Parliament Buildings ... 236,000
3. Public Buildings, United Kingdom ... 17,502,000
3a. Field Marshal Smuts Memorial ... 16,500
4. Public Buildings Overseas ... 1,217,000
5. Royal Palaces ... 328,000
6. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens ... 494,000
7. Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments ... 556,000
8. Miscellaneous Works Services ... 90
9. Rates on Government Property ... 9,093,190
10. Stationery and Printing ... 7,581,900
11. Central Office of Information ... 945,200
12. Peterhead Harbour ... 26,000

£43,027,375

Class VIII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £24,699,907, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

4. Fishery Grants and Services ... 2,460,880
5. Surveys of Great Britain, &c. ... 1,919,250
6. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands ... 63,992
7. Agricultural Research Council and Nature Conservancy ... 716,400
8. Development Fund ... 612,000
9. Forestry Commission ... 5,001,000
11. Ministry of Food (Strategic Reserves) ... 12,093,000
13. Fisheries (Scotland) and Herring Industry ... 1,834,585

£24,699,907

Class IX.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £88,034,190, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation ... 5,341,000
2. Roads, &c. ... 80,556,300
3. Transport (Shipping and Special Services) ... 1,328,000
4. Civil Aviation ... 5,284,000
5. Ministry of Fuel and Power ... 2,581,190
6. Ministry of Fuel and Power (Special Services) ... 8,280,000
7. Atomic Energy ... 30,577,400
8. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research ... 4,355,160

£88,034,190
12. That a sum, not exceeding £287,803,570, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<th>Service Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Superannuation and Related Allowances</td>
<td>£6,878,000</td>
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<td>3. War Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£59,326,000</td>
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<td>5. National Assistance Board</td>
<td>£80,709,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£65,000</td>
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£287,803,570

Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1955-56.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £206,325,900, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:—

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<tr>
<td>1. Customs and Excise</td>
<td>£9,081,900</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Inland Revenue</td>
<td>£53,549,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Post Office</td>
<td>£173,695,000</td>
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£206,325,900


14. That a sum, not exceeding £12,200,000, 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 1956, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence; expenses in connection with the International Defence Organisations, including an international subscription; and a grant in aid of certain expenses incurred in the United Kingdom by the Government of the United States of America.


15. That a sum, not exceeding £196,524,900, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:—

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<tr>
<td>3. Medical Establishments and Services</td>
<td>£1,512,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services</td>
<td>£8,031,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Educational Services</td>
<td>£10,999,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Royal Naval Reserve</td>
<td>£9,355,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£38,334,000</td>
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<td>9. Air Ministry</td>
<td>£49,334,000</td>
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<td>10. Medical Services</td>
<td>£7,367,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>11. Miscellaneous Effective Services</td>
<td>£10,536,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Admiralty Office</td>
<td>£7,367,000</td>
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£196,524,900

Army Estimates, 1955-56.

16. That a sum, not exceeding £277,000,000, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:—

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<tr>
<td>3. War Office</td>
<td>£3,380,000</td>
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<td>4. Civilians at Outstations</td>
<td>£64,340,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Movements</td>
<td>£30,010,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Supplies, &amp;c.</td>
<td>£40,470,000</td>
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<td>7. Stores</td>
<td>£129,000,000</td>
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£277,000,000


17. That a sum, not exceeding £139,860,000, 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 1956, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:—

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<tr>
<td>3. Air Ministry</td>
<td>£4,490,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Civilians at Outstations</td>
<td>£30,250,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Movements</td>
<td>£13,500,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Supplies</td>
<td>£86,000,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Non-Effective Services</td>
<td>£5,600,000</td>
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£139,860,000

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 half an hour after Nine o'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 outstanding Resolutions put this day pursuant to the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Classes I to X of the Civil Estimates and of the Estimates for Revenue Departments, the Ministry of Defence Estimate, the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates, and the Air Estimates:—

Civil Estimates, 1955-56.

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 Resolution 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, 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 Resolution 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.

Estimates for Revenue Departments, 1955-56.
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, 1955-56. —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, 1955-56.
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.

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund—Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Brooke do prepare and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund—Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Brooke do prepare and bring it in.

Resolved, That the Draft Potato Marketing Agricultural Marketing Scheme, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 6th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Resolved, That the Draft Ploughing Grants Agriculture, Scheme, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Snadden.)
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 Clevedon, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of April last, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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.

Adjournment.

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.

[No. 82.]

Wednesday, 4th May, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Notice of consideration of Lords Amendments) be suspended, and that the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mersey Tunnel Bill be now taken into consideration.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration 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 Doncaster 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 Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order (Colne Valley Sewerage Board) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd May 1955, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of preference shares and debenture stock in English Steel Corporation Limited.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Criminal Statistics for Scotland for 1954.


Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant Fire Services to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd May 1955, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1955.

Copy of the Forty-eighth Report to the Secretary of State by the Board of Trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland, for 1954.

Copies of Orders, dated 25th April 1955, entitled—

(i) the National Health Service (Glasgow Northern Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and

(ii) the National Health Service (Western Regional Hospital Board, Scotland, Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument.—Copy of the Liquidator's Final Statement of Account under the Clothing Industry Development Council (Dissolution) Order, 1952, for the period from the 1st day of January 1953 to the 16th day of February 1955.

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 the Annual Report of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Wales and Monmouthshire, for 1954.

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

Mr. Sandys presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 31st March 1955.

Mr. Sandys also presented, pursuant to the local directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Government Order, dated 6th April 1955, made by the Sheffield City Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Motions for Adjournment under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance), the result of any Division taken thereon, during Session 1954-55.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting application of Debate, the Standing Order (Closure of Debate)
Private Business.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Private Bills and Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed:

Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in Session 1954-55, were referred by the Committee of Selection to Committees on Unopposed Bills, together with the names of the Members who served on such Committee; and the number of days on which each Committee sat; and the number of days on which each Member attended:

And, of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the parties, those Bills being specified which were referred to Committees and dropped during the sittings of the Committee.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Public Bills.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return for Session 1954-55 of (1) the total number and the names of all Members (including and distinguishing Chairmen) who have been appointed to serve on one or more of the Standing Committees showing, with regard to each of such Members, the number of sittings to which he was summoned and at which he was present; (2) the number of Bills considered by all such 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 sittings and, in the case of the Estimates, the number of days on which they were considered and the number of Members present on each of those days.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)
The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That in the case of the London County Council (Money) Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with;—that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That, in the case of the Maidstone Corporation, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with;—that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That, in the case of the German Potash Syndicate Loan, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with;—that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

4. That, in the case of the Stock Exchange Clerks’ Pension Fund, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with;—that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Birmingham Corporation Bill.

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

The Saint Stephen Coleman Street Bill initiated by Her Majesty and appointed to consider a new Queen’s Hall.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty’s Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

Copy of the Report of the Committee Queen’s Hall, appointed to consider a new Queen’s Hall.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the Bank Note directions of several Acts of Parliament,—No. 141.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 4th May 1955, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Copy of a Treasury Minute dated 5th May National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland.

Account of Receipts and Payments in Land Registry, respect of Her Majesty’s Land Registry for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Account of the National Debt Commission-Sinking Funds for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, in respect of the Old Sinking Fund.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Cairo on the 3rd day of May 1955, supplementing the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement of 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 Agreed Minute).


Fire Services. Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Fire Services for Scotland, for 1954.

Prisons (Scotland). Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders—

(a) dated 26th April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Lennox Castle and Associated Institutions Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

(b) dated 26th April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Glasgow North Eastern Mental Hospitals Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.

(c) dated 27th April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Northern Regional Hospital Board, Scotland, Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955, and

(d) dated 27th April 1955, entitled the National Health Service (Craig Dunain Hospital Endowments Scheme) Approval Order, 1955.


Cinematograph Films. Mr. Peter Thorneycroft presented, by Her 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 1955.

Agriculture. Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Scheme, entitled—

(1) the Fertilisers (England, Wales and Scotland) Scheme, 1955, and

(2) the Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1955.

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 1954, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of Health.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Harbours, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th April 1955, entitled the Harbours, docks and Piens (Additional Charges) (Amendment) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Maudling presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd May 1955, entitled the Iron and Steel Scrap (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Benson reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them to the House, together with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Minutes and Appendices do lie upon the Table.

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 Public Libraries (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to transfer the undertaking of the Chatham and District Traction Company to the Maidstone and District Motor Services Limited; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Chatham and District Traction 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 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes and Appendices do lie upon the Table.}

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Clause Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.
Schedules A and B agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
—(Sir Cedric Drew).

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

[No. 84.]
Friday, 6th May, 1955.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes, dated 3rd May 1955, entitled—
(1) the Special Constables (Pensions) Order, 1955, and
(2) the Special Constables (Pensions) (No. 2) Order, 1955.

Copies of Orders, dated 3rd May 1955, entitled—
(1) the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) Scheme, 1955, and
(2) the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table:
—

List of Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Parliamentary Papers.

No. 144.

Return to an Order made upon the 4th day of this instant May, for a Return relating to Adjournment Motions under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance).

Return to an Order made upon the 4th day of this instant May, for a Return relating to Closure of Debate.
Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

Return to an Order made upon the 4th day of this instant May, for an Amendment.

Return to an Order made upon the 4th day of this instant May, for a Return relating to Public Bills and Standing Committees be printed.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Saint Stephen Coleman Street Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

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 Commissions, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:


And afterwards, Her Majesty’s most Gracious Speech. Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor in pursuance of Her Majesty’s Commands, as follow:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

I followed with the closest interest the visits which My dear Sister paid recently to My Peoples in the Caribbean Islands. The warmth of the welcome She received there was a source of great happiness to Me.

Commonwealth Prime Ministers met in London in January. They reviewed the course of world affairs, and reaffirmed their Governments’ resolve to do their utmost to ease international strain and to promote conditions in which real peace can grow and thrive. My Ministers were greatly heartened to learn how far their views upon the means of furthering those common purposes were shared by other Commonwealth Governments.

My Government have continued to give full support to the United Nations, and are striving in the Disarmament Sub-Committee to secure agreement on a comprehensive and properly supervised plan for world-wide disarmament in order to prevent the overwhelming disaster of nuclear warfare.

My Ministers attended meetings of the North Atlantic Council in December, when further plans for collective defence were approved.

The ratification of the Paris Agreements is a matter of great satisfaction to My Government. These Agreements will and the occupation of Western Germany and will associate the German Federal Republic with the countries of the West. They will also provide a basis on which My Government hope to enter into fruitful negotiations with the Soviet Union.

My Government welcome the improved prospect of the conclusion of the Austrian State Treaty.

My Government have signed an Agreement which will promote a more intimate association between the United Kingdom and the European Coal and Steel Community.

My Government have continued to support efforts to bring about peaceful relations between Israel and the Arab States.

My Government have acceded to the Pact of Mutual Co-operation between Turkey and Iraq and have concluded thereunder a Special Agreement with Iraq to replace the Anglo-Iraqi Treaty of Alliance of 1930. It is their belief that this Agreement will fortify friendly co-operation between the two countries, and thereby contribute to the security of the Middle East.

My Government have continued their efforts to uphold the Geneva Agreements on Indo-China and took part in the Bangkok Conference, at which arrangements were carried
forward under the Manila Treaty further to safeguard the security of South East Asia. My Government have also continued to encourage economic development in this area through the Colombo Plan.

My Government have been greatly concerned at the dangers of the situation in the Formosa Strait. They have been in constant consultation with the various Governments concerned, in order to open the way for a peaceful settlement.

I have been happy to learn of the agreement reached in the West Indies on the Plan for a British Caribbean Federation, which has enabled My Government to proceed with the next stages towards its achievement.

Legislation has been passed to prolong the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts until 1960, and to provide an additional sum of £80 millions to be spent under these Acts during the next five years.

My Government have strengthened and re-organised My Forces, and have made clear their determination by all means in their power to deter aggression. To this end My Ministers have felt it their duty to continue the development and production of nuclear weapons.

My Forces have discharged with devotion their many responsibilities throughout the world. Operations against the terrorists in Malaya and Kenya have been vigorously pursued.

Legislation has been passed to effect an extensive revision of the Army and Air Force Acts.

My Ministers have continued to strengthen the Civil Defence Services, and to review the many problems of home defence. They have taken steps to establish a Mobile Defence Corps as part of My Reserve Forces, and to train all members of My Forces in civil defence duties.

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:

My Government have continued the policy of free trade and payments, and to this end have played a leading part in securing improvements in the Caweral Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and in promoting free trade in Europe through the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

It is a source of great satisfaction to Me that My People's employment has been fully maintained. Fresh incentives have been given to production and to productive investment; and substantial programmes of road and rail development have been announced.

 Farmers and farm workers have laboured tirelessly to remedy the situation resulting from an exceptionally severe season. My Ministers have fixed price guarantees and grants for home food production, which should assure stability and encourage an increase in output where this would assist our balance of payments.

War pension and retirement pensions have been raised. Rates of benefit under the National Insurance and Industrial Injuries Schemes have been increased, and improvements made in the scales of National Assistance.

My Government have approved a scheme, on lines agreed by the National Whitley Council, for the gradual introduction of equal pay for women doing equal work with men in the non-industrial Civil Service.

The provision of houses, both for letting and owner-occupation, has been maintained at a high level. A measure has also been passed to facilitate the release of requisitioned houses, with safeguards for the present occupants.

Legislation has been enacted to authorise further capital expenditure on the development of new towns.

A measure has been passed to amend and consolidate the law relating to cropping, and provide for the appointment of a Crofters' Commission. Legislation has also been enacted to authorise additional grants for the herring industry, and to simplify the procedure for assisting the construction and improvement of fishery harbours.

Local Education Authorities in England and Wales are responding to My Ministers' request to put in hand a five-year programme for reorganising schools in rural areas. Special grants have been made for the expansion of facilities for technological education.

An Act has been passed to protect the youth of the country from the influence of certain harmful publications.

In furtherance of an International Convention legislation has been enacted to strengthen the law relating to the prevention of pollution of the sea by oil.

The recommendations of the Royal Commission on Scottish Affairs are now being carried out.

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 tenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, to be then here helden: and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the tenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.
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Vote 2.—Reserve and Auxiliary Services ... ... — 93 2,769,900 — — — 100*

16 March:

**OUTSTANDING VOTES PUT DOWN ON AT LEAST ONE PREVIOUS DAY FOR CONSIDERATION ON AN ALLOTTED DAY**

7. Aircraft and Stores ... ... ... ... ... — ... ... — — 227,500,000 — — — 100*

8. Works and Lands ... ... ... ... ... — ... ... — — 50,500,000 — — — 100*

9. Miscellaneous Effective Services ... ... ... — ... ... — — 4,370,000 — — — 100*

11. Additional Married Quarters ... ... ... — ... ... — — — — 282,370,000 — — — 100*

2 May:

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3. Air Ministry ... ... ... ... ... — ... ... — — 4,490,000 — — — 100*

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