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A PROCLAMATION

For dissolving the present Parliament and declaring the calling of another

ELIZABETH R.

WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to dissolve this present Parliament which stands prorogued to Tuesday, the tenth day of May instant; We do, for that End, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, of the House of Commons, are discharged from their Meeting and Attendance on the said Tuesday, the tenth day of May instant: And We being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People, and to have their Advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our loving Subjects, Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Parliament: And do hereby further declare, that, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, We have given Order that Our Chancellor of Great Britain and Our Governor of Northern Ireland do respectively, upon Notice thereof, forthwith issue out Writs, in due Form and according to Law, for calling a new Parliament: And We do hereby also, by this Our Royal Proclamation under Our Great Seal of Our Realm, require Writs forthwith to be issued accordingly by Our said Chancellor and Governor respectively, for causing the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons who are to serve in the said Parliament to be duly returned to, and give their Attendance in, Our said Parliament on Tuesday the seventh day of June next, which Writs are to be returnable in due course of Law.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, and in the Fourth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN
The Parliament begun and held at the City of Westminster, on Tuesday, the seventh day of June, in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady ELIZABETH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith; and in the year of our Lord 1955.

ON which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, pursuant to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed), at half an hour after Two of the clock, Sir Edward Abdy Fellowes, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C., Clerk of the House of Commons, and Douglas John Gordon, Esquire, and Thomas George Barnett Cocks, Esquire, O.B.E., Clerk Assistant, attending in the House, and the other Clerks attending, according to their duty, George Phillips Coldstream, Esquire, C.B., Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in Great Britain, delivered to the said Sir Edward Abdy Fellowes a Book, containing a List of the Names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament:

Several of the Members repaired to their Seats.

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:

Members of the House of Commons,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly, the House went up to the House of Peers; where the Lord Chancellor and other Lords named in the Commission, sitting on a Form between the Throne and the Woolsacks;

The Lord Chancellor said,

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

We are commanded by Her Majesty to let you know that, it not being convenient for Her to be present here this Day in Her Royal Person, She hath thought fit, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to empower His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester and several Lords therein named, to do all things in Her Majesty's Name which are to be done on Her Majesty’s part in this Parliament, as by the Letters Patent will more fully appear.

Then the said Letters Patent were read; and are as follow:

ELIZABETH R.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith; To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting: Whereas by the advice of Our Council, for certain arduous and urgent affairs concerning Us, the state and defence of Our United Kingdom, and the Church, We have ordered a certain Parliament to be holden at Our city of Westminster on Tuesday the seventh day of June instant: And forasmuch as for divers causes and considerations We cannot conveniently be present in Our Royal Person in Our said Parliament upon the said Tuesday the seventh day of June: Know ye, that We, trusting in the fidelity, discretion, and care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Uncle and most faithful Counsellor Henry William Frederick Albert Duke of Gloucester; The Most Reverend Father in God and Our faithful Counsellor Geoffrey Francis Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan; Our well-beloved and faithful Cousin and Counsellor David Patrick Maxwell, Viscount Kilbride, Chancellor of Great Britain; and others Our Counsellors hereinafter mentioned, by the advice of Our said Council, do give and grant by the tenor of

BY THE QUEEN HERSELF,
Signed with Her own Hand.

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And then the Lord Chancellor said,

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

We have it in Command from Her Majesty's House directed to let you know that, as soon as the Members of both Houses of Parliament are assembled, Her Majesty's calling this Parliament will be declared to you: and it being necessary a
Mr. William Shepherd Morrison, chosen Speaker.

The Right Honourable Sir Patrick Spens (addressing himself to the Clerk of the House Morrison) 1 The Right Honourable Sir William Shepherd Morrison, and moved, That the Right Honourable William Shepherd Morrison do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which Motion was seconded by the Right Honourable David Grenfell.

The House then unanimously calling Mr. Morrison to the Chair, he stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and sat down to the House.

The House then having again unanimously called Mr. Morrison to the Chair, he was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by Sir Patrick Spens and Mr. Grenfell; and, standing on the upper step, he expressed his respectful and humble acknowledgment to the House of the great honour which the House had been pleased to confer upon him and sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was placed upon the Table.

Whereupon the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, and Mr. Clement Davies congratulated Mr. Speaker-elect, and Captain Crookshank moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker-elect thereupon put the Question, which being agreed to:

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-two minutes after Three of the clock, until to-morrow, and Mr. Speaker-elect went away without the Mace before him.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker-elect, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where he was presented to the said Lords Commissioners, for Her Majesty’s Royal approbation.

Then the Lord Chancellor, one of the said Lords Commissioners, signified Her Majesty’s approbation of Mr. Speaker-elect.

The House having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been in the House of Peers, where Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Majesty’s Commissioners, to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker; and that he had, in their name and on their behalf, by humble Petition to Her Majesty made claim to all their ancient and undoubted rights and privileges, particularly to freedom of speech in Debate, freedom from arrest, freedom of access to Her Majesty whenever occasion may require; and that the most favourable construction should be placed upon all their proceedings; which he said Her Majesty, by Her said Commissioners, had been pleased to allow and confirm to them in as ample a manner as they have ever been granted or confirmed by Her Majesty, or any of Her Majesty’s Royal Predecessors.

And then Mr. Speaker repeated his very respectful acknowledgments and grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had conferred upon him.

Mr. Speaker then put the House in mind that the first thing to be done was to take and subscribe the Oath required by Law; —

The Right Honourable Sir Robert Anthony Eden, K.G., M.C., for Warwick and Leamington.

Captain the Right Honourable Harry Frederick Comfort Crookshank, C.B., for Gainsborough.

The Right Honourable Maurice Harold Macmillan, for Bromley.

Major the Right Honourable Gwilym Lloyd-George, T.D., for Newcastle-upon-Tyne, North.

The Right Honourable Alan Tindal Lennox-Boyd, for Mid-Bedfordshire.

The Right Honourable James Gray Stuart, M.V.O., M.C., for Moray and Nairn.

The Right Honourable Sir Walter Turner Monckton, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., M.C., Q.C., for Bristol, West.


The Right Honourable Osbert Peake, for Leeds, North-East.

The Right Honourable George Edward Peter Thorneycroft, for Monmouth.

The Right Honourable Patrick George Thomas Buchan - Hepburn, for Beckenham.

The Right Honourable Antony Henry Head, C.B.E., M.C., for Carlisle.

The Right Honourable James Pardon Lewes Thomas, for Hereford.

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Wednesday, 8th June, 1955.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock; and Mr. Speaker-elect having taken the Chair:

A MESSAGE was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker-elect.

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers.

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The Right Honourable Duncan Sandys, for Wandsworth, Streatham.
The Right Honourable Sir David MacAdam Eccles, for Chippenham.
The Right Honourable Geoffrey William Lloyd, for Sutton Coldfield.
The Right Honourable Sir Reginald Edward Marriott-Buller, Q.C., for South Northants.
The Right Honourable John Archibald Boyd-Carpenter, for Kingston-upon-Thames.
The Right Honourable Derick Heathecoat Amory, for Tiverton.
The Right Honourable Evelyn Nigel Cherwode Birch, O.B.E., for West Wiltshire.
Sir Harry Brautyn Hylton Hylton-Foster, Q.C., for York.
Leonard David Gammans, Esquire, for Horsley.
George Reginald Ward, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable George Reginald Ward, for Worcester.
The Right Honourable Harold Anthony Nairne, for Melton.
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Arthur Hugh Elsdale Moxon, Esquire, for High Peak.
Brigadier John George Smyth, V.C., M.C., for Lambeth, Norwood.
The Right Honourable William Rankine Milligan, O.C., for Edinburgh, North.
The Right Honourable Charles Hill, for Luton.
The Right Honourable Henry Lennox D'Aubigny Hopkinson, C.M.G., for Taunton.
The Right Honourable Ian Norman MacLeod, for Enfield, West.
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Frederick James Erroll, Esquire, for Altrincham and Sale.
James Henderson Stewart, Esquire, for East Fife.
William Grant, Esquire, O.C., for Glasgow, Woodside.
Alfred Ernest Marples, Esquire, for Wallasey.
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Jack Nixon Browne, Esquire, C.B.E., for Glasgow, Craigmillar.
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William Francis Deedes, Esquire, M.C., for Ashford.
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Kemal Simon Digby Wingfield Digby, Esquire, for West Dorset.
Dennis Forwood Vosper, Esquire, for Runcorn.
The Right Honourable Reginald Maudling, for Barnet.
Lieutenant-Commander Richard Hilton Marler Thompson, for Croydon, South.
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Charles Ian Orr-Ewing, Esquire, O.B.E., for Weymouth.
Captain Lawrence Percy Story Orr, for South Down.
Richard Frederick Wood, Esquire, commonly called Lieutenant the Lord Balnief, for Hertford.
Major Sir Roger John Edward Conant, Bart., for Felling.
Sir Cecil John Arthur Sturt, Bart., for Poole.
Amy Christabel Gray, Esquire, for Cannock.
Anthony Fell, Esquire, for Yarmouth.
Samuel Sydney Silverman, Esquire, for Nelson and Colne.
Ellis George Bennett, Esquire, for Beverley.
Ernest Fernyhough, Esquire, for Jarrow.
Harold Davies, Esquire, for Leek.
Morgan Philips Price, Esquire, for West Gloucestershire.
Edmund McNell Cooper-Key, Esquire, for Hastings.
William George Cooe, Esquire, for Aberavon.
Thomas Frederick Peart, Esquire, for Workington.
Percy Daines, Esquire, for East Ham, North.
Walter Ernest Puller, Esquire, for Ogmore.
Henry Alfred Price, Esquire, for Lewisham, West.
Herbert Raymond Gower, Esquire, for Barry.
William Morgan Fletcher Vale, Esquire, for Westmorland.
Rector Samuel James Hughes, Esquire, O.C., for Aberdeen, North.
Neil Louden Donald McLean, Esquire, D.S.O., for Inverness.
Sidney Dye, Esquire, for South-West Norfolk.
Alfred Balfour, Esquire, for West Stirling and Falkirk Burghs.
Frank Harold Hayman, Esquire, for Falmouth and Camborne.
Commander Harry Parry, for Kingston-upon-Hull, East.
Henry Hynd, Esquire, for Accrington.
George Deer, Esquire, O.B.E., for Newark.
Emrys Hughes, Esquire, for South Ayrshire.
John Alec Biggs-Davison, Esquire, for Chigwell.
Irene Mary Bewick Ward, C.B.E., for Tynemouth.
Richard Charles Brooman-White, Esquire, for Rutherglen.
Joseph Alfred Sparks, Esquire, for Acton.
Leonard Robert Carr, Esquire, for Mitcham.
John Wynne William Peyton, Esquire, for Yeovil.
Arey Middleton Sheffield Neave, Esquire, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., for Abingdon.
Thomas Lescelles Fremonger, Esquire, for Ilford, North.
Sir John Frederick Ellenborough Crowder, for Finchley.
Ian Douglas Harvey, Esquire, T.D., for Harrow, East.
Norman Alfred Pannell, Esquire, for Liverpool, Kirkdale.
George Crudace, Esquire, for Bradford, South.
Arthur James Irvine, Esquire, for Liverpool, Edge Hill.
Hubert Ashton, Esquire, M.C., for Chelmsford.
Colonel Cyril Banks, M.B.E., for Pudsey.
William Thomas Williams, Esquire, for Baron’s Court.
Denis Michael Keegan, Esquire, for Nottingham, South.
Albert Edward Hunter, Esquire, for Feltham.
George Edward Cecil Wigg, Esquire, for Dudley.
John Albert Hay, Esquire, for Henley.
Godfrey Nicholson, Esquire, for Farnham.
Sir Henry Victor Alpin MaxKinnon Ralke, K.B.E., for Liverpool, Garston.
Sir Herbert Walter Butler, for Holland with Boston.
John MacLeod, Esquire, for Ross and Cromarty.
Reginald Frederick Brittain Bennett, Esquire, for Gosport and Fareham.
Samuel Storey, Esquire, for Stroud.
Joseph Broadshaw Godber, Esquire, for Grantham.
Charles Frederick Howard Gough, Esquire, M.C., T.D., for Horsham.
William Johnson Taylor, Esquire, C.B.E., for Bradford, North.
Arthur Tiley, Esquire, for Bradford, West.
James Cyril George Dance, Esquire, for Bromsgrove.
Commander Ronald Scott-Miller, for King’s Lynn.
Frederick William Farley-Jones, Esquire, for Wexford.
James Harrison, Esquire, for Nottingham.
Arthur William John Lewis, Maurice Orbach, Esquire, for Oldham, West.
James McNmes, Esquire, M.B.E., for Glasgow, Central.
George Albert Pargiter, Esquire, for Southall.
John Rankin, Esquire, for Glasgow, Govan.
Edward Evans, Esquire, C.B.E., for Lowestoft.
Freda Kunzken Corbet, for Camberwell.
Joseph Grimond, Esquire, for Orkney and Shetland.
Kenneth Robinson, Esquire, for St. Pancras, South.
Charles Leslie Hale, Esquire, for Oldham, Ardwick.
Maurice Orbach, Esquire, for Willesden, East.
Arthur William John Lewis, Esquire, for West Ham, North.
Jennie Lee, for Cannock.
Sir Leslie Arthur Plummer, for Deptford.
The Right Honourable Aneurin Bevan, for Ebbw Vale.
James Harrison, Esquire, for Nottingham, North.
Joseph Percival William Mallalieu, Esquire, for Huddersfield, East.
Leslie Maurice Lever, Esquire, for Manchester, Ardwick.
Percy Lionel Edward Shurmer, Esquire, for Birmingham, Sparkbrook.
The Right Honourable Sir Harley William Shawcross, O.C., for St. Helens.
Sir William Young Darling, C.B.E., M.C., for Edinburgh, South.
Colonel Oliver Eyre Crosthwaite-Eyre, for the New Forest.
Sir Charles Stuart Taylor, for Eastbourne.
Audrey Jones, Esquire, for Birmingham, Hall Green.
Air Commodore Arthur Vere Harvey, C.B.E., for Macclesfield.
Bryant Godman Irvine, Esquire, for Rye.
Godfrey William Lagden, Esquire, for Hornchurch.
Sir David Callender Campbell, K.B.E., M.C., for Belfast, South.
Sir Hugh Nicholas Linstead, O.B.E., for Wandsworth, Putney.
Captain Alan Green, for Preston, South.
William Rupert Rees-Davies, Esquire, for the Isle of Thanet.
Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Henry Colin Hughes-Young, M.C., for Wandsworth, Central.
Alan John McKibbin, Esquire, O.B.E., for Belfast, East.
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John Kenyon Vaughan-Morgan, Esquire, for Reigate.
John Enoch Powell, Esquire, M.B.E., for Wolverhampton, South-West.
Edwin Hartley Cameron Leather, Esquire, for North Somerset.
John Anthony Kershaw, Esquire, for Stroud.
John Sinclair-Wemyss Arbuthnot, Esquire, M.B.E., T.D., for DoVER.
William Donald Massey Sunner, Esquire, for Orpington.
Joyce Shore Butler, for Wood Green.
Alfred Davies Devonsher Broughton, Esquire, for Dartford.
William James Owen, Esquire, for Morpeth.
George McArthur Lawson, Esquire, for Motherwell.
William Noble Warbey, Esquire, for Ashfield.
Arthur Joseph Champion, Esquire, for South-East Derbyshire.
David Weitzman, Esquire, Q.C., for Stoke Newington and Hackney, North.
Henry Charles Usborne, Esquire, for Birmingham, Yardley.
Dens Herbert Howell, Esquire, for Birmingham, All Saints.
Robert Fisher Crouch, Esquire, for North Dorset.
Anthony Perrin LSeyberg Barber, Esquire, for Doncaster.
Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Esquire, for Darwen.
The Right Honourable Sir Lionel Frederick Head, Q.C., for Chertsey.
Rodney Graham Page, Esquire, M.B.E., for Crosby.
Robert Chichester-Clark, Esquire, for Longderry.
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Maurice Edelman, Esquire, for Coventry, North.
Ronald Stanley Russell, Esquire, for Wembley, South.
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Emlyn Hugh Garner-Evans, Esquire, for Denbigh.
Nigel Nicolson, Esquire, M.B.E., for Bourne- mouth, East and Christchurch.
Sir Eric Errington, for Aldershot.
Richard Reader Harris, Esquire, for Heston and Isleworth.
John Grimston, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable John Grimston, for St. Albans.
Percy Holman, Esquire, for Bethnal Green.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Kyme Cordeaux, for Nottingham, Central.
Victor Francis Yates, Esquire, for Birmingham, Ladywood.
Robert Christmas Dewar Jenkins, Esquire, for Camberwell, Dulwich.
Major William Francis Martin MAddan, for Hitchin.
Richard Frank Body, Esquire, for Billericay.
Christopher Faget Mayhew, Esquire, for Woolwich, East.
Arthur Massey Skelington, Esquire, for Hayes and Harlington.
David James Williams, Esquire, for Neath.
John Hugh Hare, Esquire, O.B.E., commonly called the Honourable John Hugh Hare, O.B.E., for Sudbury and Woodbridge.
Cyril Raymond Beng, Esquire, for East Dunbartonshire.
Norman Noel Dodd, Esquire, for Erith and Crayford.
Brigadier Terence Hugh Clarke, C.B.E., for Portsmouth, West.
John Edgar Harvey, Esquire, for Walthamstow, East.
Geoffrey Paul Stevens, Esquire, for Portswood, Langstone.
Julian Errington Ridsdale, Esquire, for Harwich.
Ivorwerth Ryls Thomas, Esquire, for Rhonda, West.
Antony Cloud Frederick Lambton, Esquire, commonly called Viscount Lambton, for Berwick-upon-Tweed.
Maurice Victor Macmillan, Esquire, for Halifax.
Brigadier Sir Harry Ripley Maceson, Baronet, for Pembroke and Hythe.
Major William Whitehead Hicks-Beach, T.D., for Cheltenham.
Patrick Francis Maitland, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Patrick Francis Maitland, for Llanark.
James Edward Ramsden, Esquire, for Harrogate.
John Parker, Esquire, for Dagenham.
Alastair Brian Clarke Harrison, Esquire, for Maldon.
Julius Silverman, Esquire, for Birmingham, Aston.
Frederick William Mulley, Esquire, for Sheffield, Park.
Martin Alexander Lindsay, Esquire, C.B.E., D.S.O., for Sollington.
Cyril Osborne, Esquire, for Louth.
Philip Ingress Bell, Esquire, T.D., Q.C., for Bolsover.
Evelyn Millard, Esquire, for Middlesbrough, West.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn till to-morrow at Eleven of the clock.—(Mr. Heath)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes before Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
People Act, 1949, and with the approval of the Secretary of State previously signified to him on the 4th day of November 1950, Major Geoffrey C. Scrinengeour, being then Acting Returning Officer for the Knutsford Consti-
tuency, did by writing under his hand appoint me to be his deputy to discharge, and by virtue of the said appointment I am required to discharge, all the duties of the Acting Returning Officer to the Knutsford Constituency subject, however, to his general control and supervision.

2. That a Writ was issued on the 6th day of May 1955 for the election of a member to serve for the Knutsford Constituency in the Parliament summoned to be holden at West-
minster on the 7th day of June 1955.

3. That the Member duly elected for the Constituency of Knutsford in pursuance of the said Writ was Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Henry Bromley-Davenport, T.D., of Capes-
thorn, Macclesfield, in the County of Chester.

4. That pursuant to the said election I did on Friday the 27th day of May 1955 duly endorse the certificate on the said Writ with the name of the said Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Henry Bromley-Davenport.

5. In accordance with previous practice I thereupon telephoned the principal post office at Wilmslow through which Post Office all the post connected with this Election and previous parliamentary elections for Knutsford has been sent and asked to speak to the Post-
master. In his absence I spoke to his deputy and warned him that I would be sending my Clerk with an envelope containing the Election Writ and Return and that I would require a receipt therefor.

6. At or about 4.30 p.m. on that day an envelope containing the Writ and Return, marked Election Writ and Return and addressed to The Clerk to the Crown, Crown Office in Chancery, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, was handed in by my Clerk at the said Post Office and a receipt obtained for it, which receipt is now produced and shown to me marked A and is exhibited to this Statutory Declaration.

7. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act, 1835.

Declared by the said John Herwald Morris at No. 2 and 3 The Sanctuary in the City of Westminster on the 8th day of June 1955.

Before me,

CLEMENT C. ROBINSON,
A Commissioner for Oaths.

[EXHIBIT A

Received Letter addressed as follows.
The Clerk to the Crown
Crown Office in Chancery
Whitehall
London SW 1.

N. PEACOCK,
for Postmaster
27.5.55.

(This is the receipt marked "A" referred to in the Declaration made by John Herwald Morris this 8th day of June, 1955, before me.

CLEMENT C. ROBINSON
A Commissioner for Oaths)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Clerk of the Crown that he do receive the name mentioned in the statutory Declaration made by John Herwald Morris, Esquire, as Deputy Acting Returning Officer at the last Election for Knutsford as if it had been en-
dorsed upon the Writ as of the Member returned to serve in this present Parliament for Knutsford; and that he do attend this House forthwith to amend his Certificate to the House accordingly. (Mr. Buchan-
Hepburn.)

The Clerk of the Crown thereupon attended at the Table and annointed his Certificate.

The following Member then took and subscribed the Oath:

Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Henry Bromley-
Davenport, for Knutsford.

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

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

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Mem-
ber of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by Bribery, or any other "corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

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

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

Ordered, That the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police do take care that Police, 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 Clandestine Outlawries was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

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

The following Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command on or after Tuesday the 7th day of this instant June, being the day on which this Parliament was appointed to meet, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—


Copy of the Final Report of the Royal Commission on the Taxation of Profits and Income.

Copy of a Report on the Colonial Territories for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

The following Papers, required by several Parliamentary Acts of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instrument), on Tuesday the 7th day of this instant June, being the day on which this Parliament was appointed to meet, were ordered to lie upon the Table:—


Copy of an Order, dated 3rd June 1955, Import Duties entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 4) Order, 1955.


Copy of an Order, dated 1st June 1955, entitled the Iron and Steel Scrap (Amendment) Order, 1955.


Copy of Regulations, dated 25th May 1955, entitled the National Insurance (Contributions) Amendment Provisional Regulations, 1955.

Copy of Rules, dated 1st June 1955, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1) 1955.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, on the Rules of the Supreme Court, dated 9th June 1955, relative to a Gift of certain Boom Defence Equipment to the Egyptian Government.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the Air Navigation, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Nos 3 & 4. Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on loans proposed to be raised by the British Overseas Airways Corporation—(1) on the 4th day of May 1955, and (2) on the 25th day of May 1955.

Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Incomes) Order, 1955.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 31st May 1955, directing that an officer of the Ministry of Supply shall be subject to the provisions of section (1) of Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, Church Estates Commission, Report from the Church Estates Commissioners, for the year preceding the 1st day of March 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treaty of Peace and Friendship, signed at Vienna on the 15th day of May 1955, for the establishment of an independent and democratic Austria (the Treaty has not yet been ratified in respect of the United Kingdom).
Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report with respect to Taxes on Income of the 27th year ended the 31st day of March 1955 of Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Denmark extending the Table; and that the Paper relating to certain provisions of the Notes exchanged on the 22nd day of March and the 11th day of April 1955 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Ethiopia extending the period of the operations of the Mixed Commission to demarcate the boundary between Kenya and Ethiopia.

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

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the East Africa Royal Commission, 1953-1955.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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.

Copies of Orders in Council—(1) dated 6th May 1955, approving an Admiralty Memorial praying sanction to increased rates of submarine pay for certain Officers and Ratings of the Royal Navy,
(2) dated 31st May 1955, approving an Admiralty Memorial praying sanction to the revision of the rates of pay of officers of the Royal Naval and Marine Forces in recognition of the special services rendered by them in operations undertaken in Korea, and
(3) dated 31st May 1955, approving an Admiralty Memorial praying sanction to the revision of the rates of pay of officers of the Royal Naval and Marine Forces who are placed on half pay after sentence of Court Martial.

Copies—
(1) of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on the 22nd day of February 1955, amending the Statutes of the University,
(2) of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Exeter College, Oxford, on the 12th day of February 1955, amending the Statutes of the College,
(3) of Statutes made by the Governing Body of the Queen’s College, Oxford, on the 28th day of January 1955, amending the Statutes of the College,
(4) of a Statute made by the University of Cambridge on the 25th day of February 1955, amending the Statutes of the University,
(5) of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, on the 3rd day of March 1955, amending the Statutes of the College,
(6) of Statutes made by the Governing Body of King’s College, Cambridge, on the 12th day of February 1955, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(7) of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, on the 11th day of March 1955, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—
(1) Volume 1, Trade F, Brick and Fireclay,
(2) Volume 2, Trade C, Fertiliser, Disinfectant, Insecticides and Allied Trades,
(3) Volume 3, Trade J, Motor Vehicles and Cycles (Repairing),
(4) Volume 8, Trade B, Bread and Flour Confectionery, and
(5) Volume 9, Trade G, Milk Products.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th June 1955, made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food authorising the landing at Harwich of one Ram.

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

Mr. Iain MacLeod presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Registrar-General’s Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1953, Tables, Part II, Civil.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Payments under the Seamen’s Fund Winding-up Act, 1851, for 1954.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines and Quarries for 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 30th April 1955.

Public Health.

Mr. Sandys also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd June 1955, entitled the Gateshead (Repeal of Local Enactment) 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 a Statutory Instrument,—Report on War Pensions for 1954.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments)—Communications—

(1) dated 7th June 1955, declaring that the National Insurance (Contributions) Amendment Provisional Regulations, 1955, had been brought into operation on the 6th day of this instant June,

(2) dated 8th June 1955, declaring that the Emergency Regulations, 1955, had been brought into operation on the 1st day of this instant June, and

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

Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th June 1955, declaring that the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1) 1955, had been brought into operation on the 1st day of this instant June,

and explaining why copies thereof had not been laid before Parliament before those dates.

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


Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor of Lunacy, of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatics during the six months ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Public Records, of certain Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the offices of the National Coal Board which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

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 Colonel Sir Charles MacAndrew be Chairman and Sir Rhys Hopkin Morris be Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

The grave situation created by the interruption of the railway services has made it necessary to advance the date of the Opening of Parliament. I have proclaimed a state of emergency under the Emergency Powers Act, 1920, to enable My Ministers to take the steps needed to maintain supplies and services which are essential to the life of the community.

In their relations with foreign Powers My Government will resolutely go forward with the policies to which they are pledged. The United Nations, the Atlantic Alliance and the new association of Western European Union will all receive their whole-hearted support. They will continue to work in close accord with the United States of America.
Fortified by the growing unity and strength of the free nations, My Government will continue forward, in a spirit of confidence and goodwill, to fruitful negotiations with the Government of the Soviet Union.

My Government welcome the progress which has recently been made in the United Nations' discussions on disarmament and will zealously maintain their efforts to reach agreement on a comprehensive disarmament plan designed to bring peace and security to all countries.

My Government have warmly welcomed the signature of the State Treaty for the re-establishment of an independent and democratic Austria. The text of this Treaty will be presented to you before ratification.

In consultation with the other Governments concerned, My Government will continue earnestly to seek a peaceful settlement of the situation in the Formosa Strait.

My Government will continue their efforts to uphold the Indo-China settlement concluded at Geneva and to promote the peace, security and prosperity of South East Asia through the regional organisations set up for that purpose.

My Government will maintain and strengthen consultation within the Commonwealth for the fulfilment of our common aims and purposes.

The economic development of the Commonwealth and Empire will be steadily encouraged, and My Government will continue to support the Colombo Plan.

My Government look forward to further progress in establishing the British Caribbean Federation.

My Forces will continue to play their full part in maintaining peace and stability in the world.

My Ministers are reviewing the problems of Home Defence and the measures required to meet new forms of warfare.

Members of the House of Commons:

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

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

The full employment of My People will continue to be the first care of My Ministers. To this end they will actively seek the co-operation of employers and workers in ensuring that full employment and expanding output shall not be jeopardised. They are convinced that, with a steady expansion of production in industry, commerce and agriculture, an even higher standard of living can be secured for the whole nation.

My Government will actively promote the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

Legislation, consistent with My Government's international obligations, will be introduced to permit the imposition of countervailing and anti-dumping duties on imported goods.

My Ministers will take such further action as may be required in the public interest to deal with abuses in the field of monopolies and restrictive practices.

It will be the aim of My Government to strengthen the balance of payments and to extend overseas markets for our goods and services. Together with the other Governments of the Commonwealth and of Europe, and with the Government of the United States of America, they will work for a further advance towards a free flow of international trade and payments.

My Ministers will not relax their efforts to secure the utmost economy in public expenditure, and by sound handling of financial affairs to check the dangers of inflation.

My Ministers recognise the need for maximum economic production from our land. They will continue, through guaranteed prices and assured markets, to ensure a fair return to producers, and will encourage the efficient marketing of food.

Legislation will be introduced to safeguard the health and provide for the safety and welfare of those employed in agriculture and forestry.

My Ministers will continue to promote the well-being of the fishing industry and to support the efforts of the White Fish Authority and the Herring Industry Board to improve the condition of the fishing fleets and enable them to operate on an efficient basis.

My Ministers will ensure that steady progress is made with the modernisation and re-equipping of the railways, so that they may give better service to the public and provide improved working conditions for railway workers.

My Government will press forward their far-reaching programme of road construction and improvement and their plans to ease the flow of traffic and reduce danger on the roads. A measure will be laid before you to amend the Road Traffic Acts.

In the light of proposals recently agreed among the local authority associations My Government are examining the problems of local government in England and Wales with a view to introducing legislation on this subject.

While maintaining a high rate of house building, My Ministers will encourage action to secure the more rapid clearance of slums in both town and country and to relieve urban congestion. They will introduce such legislation as may be found necessary to further these objects.

In step with the continued expansion in the building and improvement of schools My Government will give close attention to the number and needs of the teaching profession. They have very much in mind the special requirements of rural areas. Secondary schools will be encouraged to provide a choice of courses; and facilities for technical education will be extended.

My Ministers will propose amendments to the scheme of superannuation for teachers following the discussions now proceeding with representatives of teachers and local authorities.

A Bill will be laid before you to extend the period during which family allowances are payable for children who remain at school.
Legislation will be introduced to amend the law of valuation and rating in Scotland in the light of the recommendations of a Departmental Committee; and an inquiry into the working of the arrangements for ascertaining Equalisation Grant in Scotland will be made in consultation with the associations of local authorities.

You will also be invited to pass a measure to amend the law relating to valuation and rating in England and Wales.

Legislation will be proposed to reform the law of copyright on the basis of recommendations in the report of the Copyright Committee.

My Government will proceed with a Bill to enable them to carry out their obligations under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement, and to bring to an end the present system of state trading in sugar.

My Ministers will bring forward legislation to reduce the pollution of the air by smoke and other causes.

Steps will be taken to extend legal aid to proceedings in county courts in England and Wales, and the jurisdiction of these courts will be increased. A measure will also be introduced to set up new criminal courts at Liverpool and Manchester, and to amend the law relating to recorders and stipendiary magistrates.

An inquiry will be held to consider practice and procedure in relation to administrative tribunals and quasi-judicial inquiries, including those concerning land.

Further consideration will be given to the question of the composition of the House of Lords.

Other measures will be laid before you in due course.

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

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. Simon)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath:—

Captain Mark Hewitson, for Kingston-upon-Hull, West.
Edwin George Gooch, Esquire, C.B.E., for North Norfolk.
Kenneth William Murray Pickthorn, Esquire, for Carlisle.
William David Ormsby-Gore, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable William David Ormsby-Gore, for Oswestry.

The House was moved. That the Standing Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That an humble Address be presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament; and an inquiry into the working of the arrangements for ascertaining Equalisation Grant in Scotland will be made in consultation with the associations of local authorities.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes before Eight of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.
Cardiff Corporation Bill.

A Bill to amend the provisions of certain enactments relating to the discharge of compensation water by the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Cardiff; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

Cheshunt Urban District Council Bill.

A Bill to empower the Urban District Council to acquire lands; to provide for the extinguishment of common rights in or over Cheshunt Marsh Thistle Marsh Turners Hill Marsh The Nightleys and Turnford Marsh; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

Crosby Corporation Bill.

A Bill to extend the boundaries of the Borough of Crosby; to authorise the Corporation of the said borough to acquire lands compulsorily; to make further and better provision for the health local government improvement and finances of the borough; to make provision with respect to the registration of premises in the borough used for the conduct of sales by auction; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and (the Bill having been read a second time before its suspension in the last Parliament) read a second time and committed.

Kent Water Bill.

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 and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

Leicester Corporation Bill.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Leicester with reference to lands streets and buildings and the local government health improvement and finances of the City; to confer further powers upon them and to make further provision with reference to their transport water markets and cemetery undertakings; to enact provisions with reference to public entertainments and the welfare of children and aged persons; to empower the Corporation to establish an undertaking for the supply of water in Kent and in the discharge of compensation water by the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Cardiff; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the London County Council and other authorities; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

London County Council (Loan) Bill.

A Bill to consolidate the provisions of the London County Council (Finance Consolidation) Act 1912 and subsequent enactments with respect to the raising of money for expenditure on capital account and the lending of money by the London County Council to other persons, was read the first time and (the Bill having been read a second time before its suspension in the last Parliament) read a second time and committed.

A Bill to regulate the expenditure on capital account and lending of money by the London County Council during the financial period from the first day of April 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 and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make further provision for the improvement health local government and finances of the borough of Nuneaton; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

A Bill to authorise the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Salford to execute a street in the City and to acquire lands therefor and for other purposes; to confer further powers on the Corporation and to make further and better provision for the health local government improvement and finances of the City; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) ordered to be read the third 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 and second time and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

A Bill to validate alterations and amendments in the constitution of the Fund connected with The Stock Exchange London and known as "The Stock Exchange Clerks' Pension Fund" and to introduce into the principal trust deed constituting such Fund a power to alter the provisions thereof; 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 on that Board; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 6th June 1955, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of securities in Brown Bessley Steels Limited.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copy of an Order, dated 7th June 1955, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 5) Order, 1955.
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Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended 31st March 1955. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd June 1955, entitled the Coast Protection (Rate of Interest (Scotland) 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,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd June 1955, entitled the Coast Protection (Rate of Interest) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

National Insurance.

Account showing the Nature and Nominal Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1955, as Investments for Moneys forming part of (a) the National Insurance Fund and (b) the National Insurance (Reserve) Fund.

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

National Insurance (Existing Pen- sioners).

Account showing the Nature and Nominal Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1955, as Investments for Moneys forming part of the National Insurance (Existing Pensioners') Fund, transferred to the Fund under the National Insurance and Civil Service (Superannuation) Rules, 1948.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws in Session 1856, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Temporary Laws.


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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 Monday next and to 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.

Mr. Secretary Stuart, supported by the Lord Advocate and Mr. Browne, presented a Bill to amend and consolidate certain enactments in Scotland relating to food and drugs; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan, supported by Mr. Nutting, Mr. Turton, and Lord John Hope, presented a Bill to provide for matters relating to certain tribunals agreed to be set up by conventions with the Federal Republic of Germany and to the enforcement of the customs laws of the Federal Republic in pursuance of those conventions by authorities of 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.

Mr. Sands, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer 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.

Resolved, That, until the Adjournment of the House for the Summer Recess, Government Bills shall have precedence at every sitting and no Bills other than Government Bills shall be introduced.—(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 follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Galbraith.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to Army, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—
Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodds-Parker presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters exchanged between August and October 1954, from Her Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and Canada regarding the relief from import duty to be accorded to the Government of Canada in respect of articles, components, and raw materials imported by United Kingdom firms in pursuance of defence contracts with the Government of Canada.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum explanatory of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board Constructional Scheme No. 2A (Tummel Gary Project) (Amendments).

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th June 1955, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 2A) Confirmation Order, 1955.
Copy of University of St. Andrews Commission, Universities (Scotland) Ordinance No. 12 (Re-designation of certain Chairs and Professorships in the University of St. Andrews).
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Transport, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Salaries or Fees and Allowances payable to certain Members of the British Transport Commission.
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' Commissioners, and that the House had adjourned to Tuesday next at Two of the clock.

Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 9th June 1955, appointing Frank Charles Skinner, Esquire, for Saffron Walden; Edward Charles Gurney Boyle, Baronet, M.C., for Hexham; Arthur Leslie Noel Douglas Houghton, Esquire, T.D., for Barkston Ash, and Rupert Malise Speir, Esquire, for Scarborough and Whitby.


Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 3rd June 1955, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on Children in the care of Local Authorities in England and Wales, November 1954.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement signed at Paris on the 11th day of May 1955 on the Status of Western European Union, National Representatives and International Staff (with Declaration) (the Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:
Group Captain Clifford Arthur Bowman Wilcock, O.B.E., A.F.C., for Derby, North.
Arthur Perriard, Esquire, C.B.E., for Battersea, South.
Captain James Alexander Lawson Duncan, for South Angus.
The Right Honourable Douglas Patrick Thomas Jay, for Battersea, North.
Greville Reginald Howard, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Greville Reginald Howard, for St. Ives.
Colonel Sir Leonard Rogner, Baronet, M.C., T.D., for Barkston Ash.
Alexander Cadwallader Mainwaring Spearman, Esquire, for Scarborough and Whitby.
Frederick Elwyn Jones, Esquire, Q.C., for West Ham, South.
Eveline Hill, for Manchester, Wythenshawe.
George Burnaby Drayson, Esquire, T.D., for Skipton.
Rupert Maudie Speir, Esquire, for Hexham.
Arthur Leslie Noel Douglas Houghton, Esquire, for Sowerby.
Sir Edward Charles Gurney Boyle, Baronet, for Birmingham, Handsworth.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to Army, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons, 1947.
Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Dodds-Parker presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Letters exchanged between August and October 1954, from Her Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and Canada regarding the relief from import duty to be accorded to the Government of Canada in respect of articles, components, and raw materials imported by United Kingdom firms in pursuance of defence contracts with the Government of Canada.
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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' Commissioners, and that the House had adjourned to Tuesday next at Two of the clock.

Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 9th June 1955, appointing Frank Charles Skinner, Esquire, to be a Commissioner for the Special Purposes of the Income Tax Acts.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Bank Notes be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on Children in the care of Local Authorities in England and Wales, November 1954.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement signed at Paris on the 11th day of May 1955 on the Status of Western European Union, National Representatives and International Staff (with Declaration) (the Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Group Captain Clifford Arthur Bowman Wilcock, O.B.E., A.F.C., for Derby, North.
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Eveline Hill, for Manchester, Wythenshawe.
George Burnaby Drayson, Esquire, T.D., for Skipton.
Rupert Maudie Speir, Esquire, for Hexham.
Arthur Leslie Noel Douglas Houghton, Esquire, for Sowerby.
Sir Edward Charles Gurney Boyle, Baronet, for Birmingham, Handsworth.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 3rd June 1955, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on Children in the care of Local Authorities in England and Wales, November 1954.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement signed at Paris on the 11th day of May 1955 on the Status of Western European Union, National Representatives and International Staff (with Declaration) (the Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Western European Union (Miscellaneous, No. 9, 1955).
Order of the 28th day of April 1955, relating to Private Bills

The House was moved, That the Standing Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question Address. The Order for an Address to Her Majesty praying that a Statutory Instrument be annulled, or be not made, and for an humble Address praying that Her Majesty be further adjourned under this paragraph as if the further adjournment were an adjournment under paragraph (2) of the 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.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Ten o'clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

Tuesday, 14th June, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

THE following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:—
Ernest Albert John Davies, Esquire, for Ealing, East.
Ian Mikardo, Esquire, for Reading.

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 a second time and ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.
Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented a Bill to con-
firm 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; and, pur-
suant to the Standing Order made upon the
20th day of April 1955, was read a second
time and ordered to be read the third time

to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Superannuation.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a
Treasury Minute, dated 10th June 1955,
granting a retiring allowance to an officer
of the Air Ministry under Section 2 of the
Superannuation Act, 1887.

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

Brazil (No. 1, 1955).

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her
Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Military
Service Agreement signed at Rio de Janeiro
on the 5th day of April 1955 between Her
Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom
and the Government of Brazil (with Notes
exchanged).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Athens on the
7th day of March 1955 between Her Majesty’s
Government in the United Kingdom and the
Government of Greece for the settlement of
claims arising from the British military ad-
ministration of the Dodecanese.

Immunities and Privileges.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan also presented,
pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parlia-
ment,—Copies of Draft Orders in Council enti-
(t) the International Organisations
(Immunities and Privileges of the Com-
mission for Technical Co-operation in
Africa South of the Sahara Order, 1955,
(2) the International Organisations
(Immunities and Privileges of the Inter-
governmental Maritime Consultative
Organisation) Order, 1955,
(3) the International Organisations
(Immunities and Privileges of Western
European Union) Order, 1955, and
(4) the International Organisations
(Immunities and Privileges of the World
Health Organisation) (Amendment No. 2)
Order, 1955.

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

Emergency Laws

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an
Order, dated 8th June 1955, entitled the Food
Standards (Table Jellies) (Amendment) Order,
1955.

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

Railways.

Sir Walter Monckton presented, by Her
Majesty’s Command,—Copy of an Agree-
mint, dated 14th June 1955, relating to matters in
dispute between the British Transport Com-
mission and the Associated Society of Loco-
motive Engineers and Firemen.

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled,
Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords].

An Act to confer further powers on the Lord
Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of
Liverpool in relation to streets and the local
government health improvement and finances
of the city and in relation to their markets
undertaking; and for other purposes; to which
the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled,
Doncaster Corporation Bill [Lords].

An Act to empower the Milford Docks Com-
pany to construct new docks and other works;
to authorise the raising of additional capital
by the Company; to confer further powers
on the Company; and for other purposes; to
which the Lords desire the concurrence of
this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled,
Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords].

North Wales Hydro-Electric Power Bill
[Lords].

Consolidation, etc., Bills.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled,
Merioneth Cardigan and Montgomery
Bill [Lords].

An Act to authorise the Milford Docks
Company to construct new docks and other
works; and for other purposes; to which
the Lords desire the concurrence of this
House.

The Lords communicate that they have
come to the following Resolution, viz.:—
That it is desirable that all Consolidation
Bills (including Bills for consolidating Private Acts),
Statute Law Revision Bills and Bills pre-

ted under the Consolidation of Acts (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.

The Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords] was
read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Milford Docks Bill [Lords] was read
the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Public Bills.

The North Wales Hydro-Electric Power Bill
[Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The following Member took and subscribed
the Oath:—

Peter Freeman, Esquire, for Newport.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, supported by Mr. Road
Traffic Secretary Lloyd-George, Mr. Attorney
General, the Lord Advocate, and Mr.
Molson, presented a Bill to amend the law
relating to road traffic (including driving
licences, lighting and insurance), the provision
of parking places, the regulation of public
service vehicles and the licensing of goods
vehicles; and for purposes connected there-
with: And the same was read the first time;
and ordered to be read a second time upon
Thursday next and to be printed.

Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Attorney General, and
Mr. Molson, presented a Bill to amend the law
relating to road traffic (including driving
licences, lighting and insurance), the provision
of parking places, the regulation of public
service vehicles and the licensing of goods
vehicles; and for purposes connected there-
with: And the same was read the first time;
and ordered to be read a second time upon
Thursday next and to be printed. 

The Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords] was
read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Public Bills.

The Milford Docks Bill [Lords] was read
the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Public Bills.

The North Wales Hydro-Electric Power Bill
[Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the
Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The following Member took and subscribed
the Oath:—

Peter Freeman, Esquire, for Newport.
Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Brooke, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, and Mr. Deedes, presented a Bill to extend the jurisdiction of county courts 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: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question having been proposed, That this House do now adjourn — (Lieutenant - Commander Thompson.)

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

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee. — (Lieutenant - Commander Thompson.)

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

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 14th June, 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 Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

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

PRAYERS.

The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:—

Norman Harold Lever, Esquire, for Manchester, Cheetham.

A Motion being made, That the Bristol Corporation Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Cardiff Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Cheshunt Urban District Council Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Sandown-Shanklin Urban District Council Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Nuneaton Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Taf Fechan Water Supply Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

[No. 7.]

Wednesday, 15th June, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:—

Norman Harold Lever, Esquire, for Manchester, Cheetham.

A Motion being made, That the Bristol Corporation Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Cardiff Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Cheshunt Urban District Council Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Sandown-Shanklin Urban District Council Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Taf Fechan Water Supply Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Salford Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Committee of Selection was nominated by Sir Herbert Butcher, Sir Roger Comant, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Sir Norman Haughton, Mr. Kenyon, Sir Frederick Messer, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Pepplewell, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, and Sir Godden Touche.—(Mr. Galbraith.)

The Bournemouth 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 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.

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. 25A (Breadalbane Project) (Amendments).—(Mr. Galbraith.)

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, entitled the Food Standards (Table Jellies) (Scotland) Amendment Order, 1955.

Copy of an Order, dated 8th June 1955, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 25A) 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 an Order, dated 14th June 1955, entitled the Importation of Plants (Amendment) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Sainsbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1955.

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 Maidstone Corporation Bill (Lords).

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

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

Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on the 25th day of March 1955.

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

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth; Saint John, Portsea; Saint George, Portsea; Saint Michael and All Angels, Portsea; Portsea; Saint Paul, Portsea; Saint Luke, Portsea; All Saints, Portsea; Saint Agatha, Landport; Saint Stephen, Portsea; Saint John, Rialmore, Portsea; Saint Saviour, Portsea; Saint Mark, North End, Portsea; Saint Peter, Southsea; and Saint Jude, Southsea, in the diocese of Portsmouth.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant June, That 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. — (Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed tomorrow.

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 determine whether the special attention of the House should be drawn to it on any of the following grounds:

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

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

(iii) that it appears to make some unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statute under which it is made;
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.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

[No. 8.]

Thursday, 16th June, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

The following Members took and subscribed the Oath:—

John Anthony Langford-Holt, Esquire, for Shrewsbury.

Edward Lancelot Mallalieu, Esquire, Q.C., for Brigg.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's international Command.—Copy of Articles of Agreement and Explanatory Memorandum as approved for submission to Governments by the Executive Directors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development on the 11th day of April 1955.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the Savings Banks, directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th June 1955, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Pensions) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of a Report on the Proceedings of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe held at Strasbourg between the 20th and 29th days of May, the 13th and 24th days of September, and the 8th and 11th days of December 1954, including the Joint Meeting with the Common Assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Twentieth Annual Report of the Herring Industry Board, for 1954.

Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland). Work of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board Constructional Scheme No. 34 (Gisla (Lewis) Project).

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th June 1955, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Constructional Scheme No. 34) Confirmation Order, 1955. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Thomas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Travers' Foundation for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956. 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 an Order, dated 16th June 1955, entitled the Stoping up of Highways (Rotherham, West Riding of Yorkshire) (Revocation) (No. 2) Order, 1955. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General, presented, pursuant to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the Supreme Court of Judicature, County Courts, and other Civil Courts for 1954. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Expenses of each Candidate at the General Election of May 1955 in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as transmitted to the Returning Officers pursuant to the Representation of the People Act, 1949, and of the number of votes polled by each candidate, the number of polling districts and stations, the number of electors, and the number of persons entitled to vote by post.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had appointed Eight Members to serve on the Standing Orders Committee under the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Appointment of Standing Orders Committee), viz.: Sir Herbert Butcher, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Leislie Lever, Mr. More, Sir Leonard Hopner, Mr. Steele, Sir Gordon Touche, and Mr. Charles Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That, in pursuance of the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), They had selected 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. Clunie, Commander Donaldson, Captain Duncan, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Forman, Mr. George, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Hector Hughes, Sir Ian Hutchison, Sir Guy Lloyd, Sir Duncan McCullum, Mr. Mackie, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pringle, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Ross, Mr. Spence, Mr. Steele, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Thornton-Kemnay, and Lady Tweedsmuir.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—That, after a Bill has been under consideration in a Standing Committee, no 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. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Sir Edward Boyle and Mr. Nutting, presented a Bill to enable effect to be given to an international agreement for the establishment and operation of an International Finance Corporation, 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant June, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words “but humbly regret that the measures set forth in the Gracious Speech are not calculated to achieve full employment, stable prices, peace in industry and an adequate surplus in our overseas payments, or to bring about a more equitable distribution of wealth among Your Majesty’s subjects”.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)
Ways and Supply.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

4 words be there added;

Malcolm MacPherson, Nicholson, Mr. Sir Gordon Touche, and Mr. Richard Williams to be the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

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

T he London County Council (Money) Bill was read a second time and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

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

(1) of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Clare College, Cambridge, on the 18th day of April 1955, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Downing College, Cambridge, on the 19th day of April 1955, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

University of Oxford and Cambridge.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copies of Regulations, dated 17th June 1955, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (City of London) (No. 3) Regulations, 1955.


(3) the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (High Street, Northfleet) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to London Traffic, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copies of Regulations, dated 10th June 1955, entitled—

(1) the Stock Exchange Clerks' Pension Fund Bill was read a second time and committed.

(2) of Regulations, dated 16th June 1955, entitled the Stock Exchange Clerks' Pension Fund Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the Import Duties (Exemptions) Act, 1955,

Copy of an Order, dated 14th June 1955, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 6) Order, 1955.


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

Mr. Sandys 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, and, pursuant to the Standing Order made upon the 28th day of April 1955, was read a second time, and was committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

(1) of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Clare College, Cambridge, on the 18th day of April 1955, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Downing College, Cambridge, on the 19th day of April 1955, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—

Copies of Regulations, dated 10th June 1955, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (City of London) (No. 3) Regulations, 1955.


(3) the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (High Street, Northfleet) Regulations, 1955.

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

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 16th June, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (4) of the Standing Order (Deputy Speaker and Chairman) Mr. Speaker this day nominated Major Amstruther-Gray, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bowes, Sir William Darling, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Sir Robert Grimston, Mr. Hoy, Sir Austin Hudson, Sir Norman Hulbert, Mr. Henry Hynd, Dr. King, Mr. Malcolm MacPherson, Mr. Nicholson, Sir Leonard Ropner, Mr. George Thomas, Sir Gordon Touche, and Mr. Richard Williams to be the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.
The Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law as respects rating and valuation for rating, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part I or Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954;

(b) any increase, attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to property occupied for the purposes of a police force, in the sums payable out of such moneys under section three of the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act, 1950;

(c) any increase, attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to Gas Boards, in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other enactment.—(Mr. Sandys.)

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.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of the Ninety-second Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, for 1954.

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

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

(1) made by the University of Oxford on the 8th day of March 1955, amending the Statutes of the University,

(2) made by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on the 16th day of March 1955, amending the Statutes of the College,

(3) made by the Governing Body of Keble College, Oxford, on the 31st day of March 1955, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(4) made by the Governing Body of the Queen's College, Oxford, on the 12th day of March 1955, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Life Assurance and Bond Investment Business deposited with the Board of Trade during 1954—Volumes I and II.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Coal Board for 1954.

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

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

Stock Exchange Clerks' Pension Fund Bill.

The Order made upon the 17th day of this instant June, That the Stock Exchange Clerks' Pension Fund Bill be committed, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan, supported by Mr. Turton, Mr. John Hope, and Lord John Hope, presented a Bill to confer certain immunities and privileges on the representatives in the United Kingdom of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community and their staffs, and the family of the chief representative of that Authority: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

The German Conventions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.
Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the British Transport Commission; and the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the Writers to the Signet Widows’ Fund Order: 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. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Tokyo on the 31st day of March 1955 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Japan prolonging until the 30th day of June 1955 the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 29th day of January 1954.

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

Mr. Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Tokyo on the 31st day of March 1955 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Japan prolonging certain Articles of the Trade and Payments Agreement of the 21st day of May 1948.

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

Copy of Notes exchanged at Tokyo on the 31st day of March 1955 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Portugal extending the Agreement of the 10th day of July 1954 for the Repayment of Credits granted to Her Majesty’s Government by the European Payments Union and by the Government of Portugal to the Union.

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

Copy of Protocols (with relevant Documents) signed at Paris on the 23rd day of October 1954 to the Treaty signed at Brussels on the 17th day of March 1948 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Governments of Belgium, France, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands, modifying and extending that Treaty to include the Federal Republic of Germany and Italy the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 5th day of May 1955.

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

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

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

Mr. Secretary Lemnox-Boyd presented, by Education. Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Report of the Inter-University Council for Higher Education Overseas for 1946 to 1954.

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

Mr. Birch presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Committee of the Privy Council for Medical Research and Report of the Medical Research Council for 1953-54.

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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventeenth Report of the Cinematograph Films Council, relating to the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Raw Cotton Commission for the year ended the 31st day of August 1954.

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 the First Annual Reports of the Ancient Monuments Boards for England, Scotland, and Wales, for 1954.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Coal Industry Superannuation Act, 1937.

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 Standing Orders Committee have leave to make a Special Report.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the said Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read, as
Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn); and it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

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

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Mr. Benson reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made Progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made Progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George acquainted the House, That he had a Message from Her Majesty to this House signed by Her Majesty:—And he presented the same to the House, and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered); and is as followeth:

Her Majesty, by Proclamation dated the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, having declared the existence of a state of emergency for the purposes of the Emergency Powers Act, 1920: And it having appeared to Her Majesty that the state of emergency has now ceased to exist:

Her Majesty has deemed it proper by Proclamation dated the twenty-first day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, to proclaim, direct, and ordain that the said Proclamation of the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, is revoked.

Ordered, That Her Majesty's said Most Gracious Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.—(Captain Crookshank.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn); and it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

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

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

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And it having appeared to Her Majesty that the state of emergency has now ceased to exist:

Her Majesty has deemed it proper by Proclamation dated the twenty-first day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, to proclaim, direct, and ordain that the said Proclamation of the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, is revoked.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table;

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

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Her Majesty, by Proclamation dated the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, having declared the existence of a state of emergency for the purposes of the Emergency Powers Act, 1920: And it having appeared to Her Majesty that the state of emergency has now ceased to exist:

Her Majesty has deemed it proper by Proclamation dated the twenty-first day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, to proclaim, direct, and ordain that the said Proclamation of the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, is revoked.

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

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

**County Courts.**
Copy of an Order, dated 17th June 1955, entitled the County Court Fees (Amendment) Order, 1955.

**Supreme Court (Procedure).**
Copy of Rules, dated 20th June 1955, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 2) 1955.

**Selection (Chairmen's Panel) (Parliament Act, 1911).**
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 added Ten Members to the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Hugh Fraser, Sir George Harvie-Watt, Mr. Hudson, Captain Kerby, Mr. McKay, Mr. McKibbin, Mr. Moody, Mr. Ridulph, Major Wall, and Mr. Whiteclaw.

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 said 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. Brooke, supported by Mr. Amory, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Civil Contingencies Fund, to authorise the making of loans for the purpose of implementing potato price schemes and an increase in the loans which may be made to the Government of Northern Ireland, to wind up the Road Fund and to make provision with respect to unclaimed Government stock and other unclaimed rights. The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration Her Majesty's Most Gracious Message yesterday, relating to the state of emergency.

And the same was again read by Mr. Speaker, as followeth:

Her Majesty, by Proclamation dated the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, having declared the existence of a state of emergency for the purposes of the Emergency Powers Act, 1920:

And it having appeared to Her Majesty that the state of emergency has now ceased to exist:

Her Majesty has deemed it proper by Proclamation dated the twenty-first day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, to proclaim, direct, and ordain that the said Proclamation of the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, is revoked.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, thanking Her Majesty for Her Most Gracious Message.—(Captain Crookshank.)

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

The Agriculture (Improvement of Roads) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Commitmital of Bills).

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

(Ordered, That the said Bill do lie upon the Table.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision, by means of Exchequer grants and otherwise, for the improvement of certain roads situated in, or affording access to, livestock rearing areas, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of:

(a) grants to local authorities, not exceeding in the aggregate four million pounds, in respect of a proportion of the expenditure incurred by those authorities in carrying out proposals for the improvement of roads situated in, or affording access to, livestock rearing areas, being proposals approved by a Minister of the Crown before the end of the period of ten years beginning with the date of the passing of the said Act;

(b) any administrative expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown for the purposes of the said Act;

(c) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or
under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954.—(Mr. Amory)
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.

Agricultural Marketing.

Resolved, That the Draft Amendments of the Milk Marketing Scheme, 1933, a copy of which Amendments was laid before this House on the 5th day of April 1955, in the last Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Nicholls)

Agriculture.

Resolved, That the Draft Calf Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Variation) Scheme, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of April 1955, in the last Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent)

Agriculture.

Resolved, That the Draft Calf Subsidies (Scotland) (Variation) Scheme, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of April 1955, in the last Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Niall Macpherson.)

Agriculture.

Resolved, That the Cereals (Deficiency Payments) Order, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of April 1955, in the last Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent)

Adjournment.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 22nd June, 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.

[No. 13.]

Thursday, 23rd June, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

The British Transport Commission Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statement showing the Financial Position of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Associations on the 31st day of March 1954.

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 23rd May 1955, made by the Swindon 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. 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.

Major Legge-Bourke reported from the Committee on the British Transport Commission Bill, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:
The Lords have appointed a Committee of Consolidation, Six Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as a Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills (including Bills for Consolidating Private Acts), Statute Law Revision Bills and Bills presented under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949, in the present Session; that they have resolved that the Memoranda laid and any Representations made with respect thereto under the said Act be referred to the Joint Committee; and they request the Commons to appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Mr. Brooke, supported by Mr. Peake, presented a Bill to extend the powers of friendly societies, and amend the Friendly Societies Acts, 1896 to 1948; to make corresponding amendments for trade unions in relation to sums payable on the death of a member; to make provision with respect to the furnishing of information by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance in connection with claims for benefit from friendly societies and trade unions; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

Mr. Secretary Head presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Financial Position of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Associations on the 31st day of March 1954.

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 Order of the day being read, for the Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question (Improvement Agriculture (Improvement of Roads) [Money], of Roads) [Money]. a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Estimates.

That a Select Committee be therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Mr. Hearns reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Improvement of Roads) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision, by means of Exchequer grants and otherwise, for the improvement of certain roads situated in, or affording access to, livestock rearing areas, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—
(a) grants to local authorities, not exceeding in the aggregate four million pounds, in respect of a proportion of the expenditure incurred by those authorities in carrying out proposals for the improvement of roads situated in, or affording access to, livestock rearing areas, being proposals approved by a Minister of the Crown before the end of the period of ten years beginning with the date of the passing of the said Act;
(b) any administrative expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown for the purposes of the said Act;
(c) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided 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.

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

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Thirty-six Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Blackburn, Sir Alfred Bosom, Miss Burton, Mr. Cole, Viscountess Davidson, Sir Eric Errington, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Holton, Mr. Holt. Sir Ian Houston, Mr. Henry Hynd, Mr. Thomas Jones, Mr. MacColl, Mr. Malcolm MacPherson, Commander Maidland, Sir Frank Markham, Mr. Mulley, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Nicolson, Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Sir Ian Orr-Ewing, Sir Leslie Plummer, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Slater, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Summers, Mr. Tomney, Mr. Vaughan-Morgan, Dame Irene Ward, Captain Waterhouse, Mr. Paul Williams, and Mr. Willis.

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Ordered, That Seven be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committees B, C, D, E, and F of the Select Committee on Estimates in the last Session of the last Parliament be referred to the Committee.

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

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

Resolved, That the Committee do consist of

—(Colonel Harrison.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Chesterfield, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 20th day of this instant June, 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 Selby, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 20th day of this instant June, 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 Rawmarsh, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 20th day of this instant June, 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 North Walsham, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 20th day of this instant June, 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 Brigg, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 20th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

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

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

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Brighton; Saint Mary Magdalen, Brighton; Saint Michael and All Angels, Brighton; All Saints, Brighton; Saint Stephen, Brighton; Saint Margaret, Brighton; Stannar; Falmer; Saint Andrew, Moulsheim, and Saint Luke, Brighton, in the diocese of Chichester.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan, supported by Mr. Nutting, Mr. Turton, and Lord John Hope, presented a Bill to provide for carrying into effect the Treaty for the re-establishment of an independent and democratic Austria: 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 Bill be committed to a Committee of the House. —(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

The County Courts Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the jurisdiction of county courts and, in connection therewith, to make further provision for the despatch of business in county courts by increasing the number of judges, it is expedient to authorise the additional charge on public funds attributable to that Act for the salaries and travelling allowances of county court judges and for pensions and other benefits payable in respect of their service as such.—(Mr. Attorney General)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Bowles, Mr. Elliot, Sir Hugh Linead, Mr. Viant, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Whiteley be appointed Managing Trustees of the House of Commons Members' Fund in pursuance of Section 2 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act, 1939.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in arrangements for the reporting and publishing of Debates and in regard to the form and distribution of the Notice Papers issued in connection with the Business of the House; and to inquire into the expenditure on stationery and printing for the House and the public services generally: —And the Committee was nominated of Sir John Crowder, Mr. Fleetwood-Hesketh, Mr. Ian Harvey, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hyde, Sir Leslie Plummer, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Sparks, Dr. Stross, Mrs. White, and Mr. Gerald Williams.

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

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

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee. —(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, to adjourn—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson); and it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 27th June, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

The Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The Milford Docks Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The following Paper, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 25th day of this instant June pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st June 1955, entitled the Transfer of Functions of the Northern Division, for 1954.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Report of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Mines for the Northern Division, for 1954.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations),—Report on the Gloucestershire County Council Bill [Lords].

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

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law as respects rating and valuation for rating, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under Part II of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954;

(b) any increase, attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to property occupied for the purposes of a police force, in the sums payable out of such moneys under section three of the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act, 1950;

(c) any increase, attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to Gas Boards, in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other enactment.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

(The Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (New valuation lists).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 5, after the word "made", to insert the words "on or before the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six".—(Mr. Lindgren.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Joseph Price: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Legh, Mr. Allan: 238.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 1, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Page.)

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

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 11, to leave out the words "the year" and insert the words "three months".—(Mr. Blackburn.)

Question put, That the words "the year" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Statham, Lieutenant-Commander Thompson: 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Allen, Mr. Short: 190.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Oakshott, Lieutenant-Commander Thompson: 252.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Short: 203.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 1, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 55, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) On the institution of any valuation proceedings (as defined in subsection (2) of this section) the rating authority shall be entitled to inspect any relevant documents in the possession or control of the valuation officer, including but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any return made under section fifty-eight of the Act of 1948 in relation to any hereditament which is the subject of those valuation proceedings".—(Mr. West.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.
in Parliament, in the manner therein provided, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes; I do hereby nominate, appoint, and authorize—

The Right Honourable Walter Elliot Elliot, C.H., M.C.,
The Right Honourable William Whiteley, C.H.,
The Right Honourable David Rhys Grenfell, C.B.E.,
The Right Honourable Charles Williams, and
Sir Gordon Cosmo Touche,
being Members of the House of Commons, or any one or more of them, to execute all and singular the powers given to the Speaker of the House of Commons for the time being, for issuing Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, in the cases as in the Act specified.

Given under my Hand and Seal this twenty-seventh day of June in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-five.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON,
Speaker.

[No. 16.]

Tuesday, 28th June, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Private Bills Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.—

Stock Exchange Clerks' Pension Fund Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.—

Chatham and District Traction Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the North Wales Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.
Mr. Sandys presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government relating to the Mordake Crematorium 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. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th June 1955, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) (Turkey) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by Thorneycroft presented, by Her Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and the same was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report thereof to the House: And the Report be printed.

Mr. Secretary Thorneycroft presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Commission on Exclusive Dealing, Collective Boycotts, Aggregated Rebates, and other Discriminatory Trade Practices.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1954 relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (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.


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

Mr. Grant-Ferris reported from the Committee on the Birmingham 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: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute a joint board comprising representatives of the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the county borough of Dewsbury the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Spennaborough and the urban district councils of Heckmondwike and Mirfield; to authorise the Board to provide and maintain a crematorium and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An German Potash Syndicate Loan Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The German Potash Syndicate Loan Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 4 (Ascertainment of rateable value).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 14, to leave out subsection (8).

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of line 23, stand part of the Clause.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 27, at the end, to add the words—"Provided that this subsection shall not have effect in relation to any hereditament or part of a hereditament having an expected normal working life of less than twenty years from the date of construction or installation thereof".—(Mr. Bishop.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Rating of Gas Boards).

Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 32, after the word "manufactured", to insert the words " or stored":—(Mr. Blackburn.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Arthur Allen, 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wakefield: 261.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 21, to leave out from the word "mainly" to the end of line 22 and insert the words "for purposes other than the manufacture, storage and distribution of gas"—(Mr. Nabarro.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 32, after the word "any", to insert the words—(Sir Patrick Spens.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Relief from rates for places of religious worship, charitable institutions, etc.).

Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 37, to leave out the word "and".—(Mr. Lindgren.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 10, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—(d) any community centre or village hall, in respect of which exemption from tax chargeable under Schedule A is granted under section four hundred and forty-eight of the Income Tax Act, 1952 (which provides for exemption from tax in respect of lands owned and occupied by charities)”—(Mr. Lindgren.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Proposed words amended, by inserting, after the words "any"—(Mr. Sparks.)

Question proposed, That the proposed words, as amended, be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Johnson: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Godber: 229.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 10, line 34, at the end, to insert the words "corporation, company"—(Mr. Nabarro.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 10, line 34, at the end, to insert the words "or any hereditament which is occupied by a society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1954, and which is used wholly or mainly for educational or philanthropic purposes".—(Mr. Skeffington.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Price, 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Godber: 193.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 10, line 34, at the end, to insert the words "or the provision by amateurs of entertainment consisting of one or more of the items specified in section ten of the Finance Act, 1949."—(Mr. Mikardo.)

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

Clause 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.

Resolved, That the Lords Message of the Consolidation, (England, Wales and Scotland) Scheme, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of May 1955, in the last Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Resolved, That the Draft Fertilisers Agriculture, (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of May 1955, in the last Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Ordered, That the Lords Message of the Consolidation, etc., Bills, 23rd day of this instant June relating to the appointment of a Committee on Consolidation Bills (including Bills for Consolidating Private Acts), Statute Law Revision Bills and Bills presented under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Oakshott):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Six Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider all Consolidation Bills (including Bills for Consolidating Private Acts), 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. Finlay, Mr. Forman, Mr. Janner, Sir Hugh Linstead, and Mr. Oliver.

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

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

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.

Adjournment.

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

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

Wednesday, 29th June, 1955:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 17.]

Wednesday, 29th June, 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 North Wales Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 22nd June 1955, entitled the Herring Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) Scheme, 1955.

Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1955.

Copy of a Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, that they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 27th day of March 1955, and are of opinion that the provisions of the Dundee Corporation Order and of Clauses Nos. 6 and 7 of the Edinburgh Corporation Order ought to be dealt with by Private Bill and not by Provisional Order, and that, save as aforesaid, the Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such Recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Orders.

Copies of Annual Reports as to the Statistics and State of the Finances of the Universities of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and St. Andrews and of the University College, Dundee, for the year ended the 31st day of July 1954.

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


Copy of a Scheme, dated 27th June 1955, Fisheries, entitled the White Fish Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) Scheme, 1955.

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


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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fourth Report of the Road Haulage Disposal Board, for the six months ended the 28th day of May 1955.

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

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 14th June 1955, made by the Wandsworth Metropolitan 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.

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 Treasury (Exchange Control Medical Advisory Committee) which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order (Colne Valley Sewerage Board) 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.

Stock Exchange Clerks' Pension Fund Bill.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Stock Exchange Clerks' Pension Fund Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

Crosby Corporation Bill.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Crosby Corporation Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to extend the boundaries of the Borough of Crosby; to authorise the Corporation of the said borough to acquire lands compulsorily; to make further and better provision for the health local government improvement and finances of the borough; and for other purposes; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee A, viz.: Mr. Baldwin, Mr. barley, Dr. Broughton, Captain Corfield, Mr. Drayson, Mr. Dye, Mr. Edward Evans, Mr. Fell, Mr. Alastair Harrison, Mr. Hill, Mr. Cledyn Hughes, Mr. Jeger, Viscount Lambton, Mr. James Lindsay, Mr. Mann, Mr. Morison, Mr. Peart, Mr. Poti, Mr. Speir, and Mr. Michael Stewart.

Standing Committee A.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee A in respect of the Agriculture (Improvement of Roads) Bill, viz.: Mr. Aidley, Mr. Amory, Mr. Bowen, Mr. George Brown, Mr. Duffle, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Garner-Evans, Mr. Gooch, Colonel Harrison, Mr. Thomas Jones, Mr. Llewelyn, Mr. Wall Macpherson, Comptroller Mailand, Mr. Nugent, Mr. Joseph Price, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Goronwy Roberts, Mr. Ross, Mr. Spence, Mr. Peter Thomas, Mr. Thornton-Kemley, Mr. Vane, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Wood.

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

The Lords communicate that they have Police (Scotland) (Money) Bill [Lords] to be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c. Bills do meet in Committee Room C on Thursday the 7th day of July next at Eleven of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords Message as relates to Consolidation, &c. Bills.

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

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

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

Ordered, That if the Austrian State Treaty Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, further Proceeding on the Bill shall stand postponed; that any Resolution come to by the Committee on Austrian State Treaty [Money] may be reported and considered forthwith notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Money Committees); and that as soon as the Proceedings on the Report of the Resolution have been concluded this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill:—(Captain Crookshank.)

The Austrian State Treaty Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Further Proceeding stood postponed pursuant to the Order of the House this day.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for carrying into effect the Treaty for the re-establishment of an independent and democratic Austria, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of monies provided by Parliament of the expenses of any Minister incurred in carrying out the said Treaty.—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Allan accordingly reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for carrying into effect the Treaty for the re-establishment of an independent and democratic Austria, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of any Minister incurred in carrying out the said Treaty.

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

Then the House, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, resolved itself into a Committee on the Austrian State Treaty Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment No. 1) Order, 1955, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant June.—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation) Order, 1955, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant June.—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of Western European Union) Order, 1955, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant June.—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Privileges of the World Health Organisation) Order, 1955, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant June.—(Mr. Turton.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Isle of Man) Order, 1955, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant June.—(Mr. Brooks.)
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.

**Double Taxation Relief.**

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Pakistan) Order, 1955, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 21st day of this instant June.—(Mr. Brooke.)

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

**Public Petitions.**

Ordered. That Dame Irene Ward be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates; and that Dame Florence Horsbrugh be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Redmayne.)

Ordered. That a Select Committee be appointed to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as are deposited in the Private Bill Office, and that such Committee do classify and prepare abstracts of the same in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite information respecting their contents, and do report the same from time to time to the House; and that the Reports of the Committee do set forth, in respect of each Petition, the number of signatures which are accompanied by addresses, and which are written on sheets headed in every case by the prayer of the Petition, or on the back of such sheets provided that on every sheet after the first the prayer may be reproduced in print or by other mechanical process; and that such Committee do have power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it: And the Committee was nominated of Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley-Davenport, Mr. Deer, Mr. Duthie, Mr. David Griffiths, Mr. Hector Hughes, Dr. King, Mr. Lambert, Colonel Lancaster, Major Legge-Bourke, Commander Maitland, Mr. McGhee, Mr. John Morrison, Mr. Pargiter, Sir Victor Raikes, and Mr. Watkins.

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

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

**Adjournment.**

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

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

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In pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 2 of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919 (9 and 10 Geo. 5, c. 76), Mr. Speaker this day nominated Commander Agnew, Dr. Broughton, Sir John Crowder, Mr. John Edwards, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Reader Harris, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Longden, Mr. Maude, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Powell, Sir Patrick Spens, Colonel Stoddart-Scott, and Mr. George Thomas to serve for the duration of the present Parliament upon the Ecclesiastical Committee.

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**MEMORANDA.**

**Wednesday, 29th June, 1955.**

In pursuance of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Agriculture (Improvement of Roads) Bill to Standing Committee A.

[No. 18.]

**Thursday, 30th June, 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 North Wales Hydro-Electric Power Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time up to Thursday next, at Seven of the clock.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Crown Lands Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Crown Lands.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the Public Works directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Loans, the Eightieth Annual Report of the Public Works Loan Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

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 Draft Regulations, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the Education directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 27th June 1955, entitled—

(1) the Ministry of Education (Further Education and Training) Amending Grant Regulations No. 2, 1955, and

(2) the State Scholarships Amending Regulations No. 1, 1955.

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

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

Mr. Benson reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further Progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Clause No. 7 (Other reliefs from rates). Amendment proposed, in page 11, line 1, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. Mitchison.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 11, line 12, after “1936”, to insert the words “and no sewage works”.—(Mr. Nest Edwards.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 11, line 12, after “1936”, to insert the words “being a sewer not constructed above the level of or on the ground”.—(Mr. Elwyn Jones.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. John Taylor: 163.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Wills: 203.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 amended and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 9 to 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 amended and agreed to.

A Clause (Reduction of rateable value of business hereditaments).—(Mr. Frederic Harris) 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 (Rating of unoccupied hereditaments).—(Mr. Gibson) brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Joseph Price: 133.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen, Mr. Godber: 175.

Another Clause (Increase of controlled rent in consequence of revaluation).—(Mr. Powell) brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Provisions as to water rates in connection with new valuation lists).—(Mr. Walker-Smith) brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Rating of hereditation of universities, colleges, and schools).—(Sir Patrick Spens) 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 (Adoptive rating of site values).—(Mr. Stokes) brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Holmes: 120.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Leigh, Mr. Wakefield: 168.

Schedule No. 1 amended and agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 3 to 5 amended and agreed to.

Schedule No. 6 agreed to.

A Schedule (Contributions in aid of rates in respect of police properties in first year of new valuation lists).—(Mr. Davison) brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider whether the Election of Mr. John Clarke George as a Member of this House for Glasgow, Pollok, is invalid on the ground that at the time of his election he was a director of Scottish Slate Industries Limited appointed by the Minister of Works:—And
the Committee was nominated of Major Anstruther-Grey, Mr. Bellenger, Sir Roger Conant, Mr. Elliot, Sir Robert Grimston, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. John Taylor, and Mr. Charles Williams.

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

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

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of yesterday as communicates the Resolution, That it is desirable that the Police (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, be now taken into consideration.—(Mr. Browne.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take so much of the Lords Message into consideration.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Barber):—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 thirteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 30th June, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (i) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Leonard Ropner Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Agriculture (Improvement of Roads) Bill.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, by Mr. Minor Offences. 


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

Mr. James Thomson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of a further sum required to be voted for the Navy 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. Iain Macleod presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation) Regulations, 1955.

Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1955, Public Health, entitled the Barking Town (Pneumonia) (Reversion) Regulations, 1955.

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

Sir Dr. Hill, supported by Mr. Brooke and Mr. Gammans, presented a Bill to amend sub-section (2) of section two of the Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1949: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next and to be printed.

The Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the Civil Contingencies Fund and to authorise the making of loans for the purpose of implementing potato price schemes and an increase in the loans which may be made to the Government of Northern Ireland, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase in the sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund or in the moneys to be raised under the National Loans Act, 1939, which is attributable—

(i) to the repeal of so much of the proviso to subsection (1) of section three of the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act, 1946, as directs that
The International Finance Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable effect to be given to an international agreement for the establishment and operation of an International Finance Corporation, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required for making payments on behalf of Her Majesty's Govern-
The Chatham and District Traction Bill (Lords) was read a second time and committed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Aberdeen Corporation: And the same was read the first time: and ordered under Section 9 of the Act to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of this instant July.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Estimate of a further Sum to be voted for Air Services 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. Ward presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Estimate of the further Sum to be voted for Air Services 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. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Civil Judicial Statistics for Scotland for 1954.

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

Mr. Thorncroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of the Income and Expenditure Account of the Lace Research Association for 1954.

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

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Report of the Commission of the present Session and of any other sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of any sums payable out of such moneys (whether under the said Act or other enactments) by virtue of provisions of the said Act relating to the speed limit in built-up areas, arrangements for promoting road safety by disseminating information and advice or giving practical training to road users, or the examination of vehicles;

(b) of any other 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;

(c) of any increase in the sums payable under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1950, attributable to the repeal of the provision for modifying those Acts made by section two of the Chairmen of Traffic Commissioners, &c. (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. Molson.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Education Authorities (Scotland) Grants (Amendment No. 6) Regulations, 1955, dated
Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

(1) Dewsbury Moor Crematorium Bill
(2) German Potash Syndicate Loan Bill

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

(1) Moor Crematorium Bill
(2) Crematorium Board Bill

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

(1) the Registration of Title (Kent) Order, 1955
(2) the Registration of Title (Canterbury) Order, 1955

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the Land Compensation Act, 1947, copies of Orders in Council, dated 30th June 1955, entitled—

(1) the Registration of Title (Kent) Order, 1955
(2) the Registration of Title (Canterbury) Order, 1955

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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the Census of Production, copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

(1) Volume 1, Trade K, Abrasives
(2) Volume 1, Trade N, Manufactured Fuel
(3) Volume 2, Trade M, Match
(4) Volume 2, Trade Q, Glue, Gum, Paste, and Allied Trades
(5) Volume 4, Trade H, Printing and Book-binding Machinery
(6) Volume 4, Trade J, Mechanical Engineering (Repairing)
(7) Volume 5, Trade F, Brass Manufactures
(8) Volume 6, Trade B, Cotton Weaving
(9) Volume 6, Trade L, Narrow Fabrics
(10) Volume 6, Trade N, Textile Converting
(11) Volume 6, Trade P, Textile Finishing
(12) Volume 8, Trade J, Cocoa, Chocolate, and Sugar Confectionery
(13) Volume 9, Trade C, Cattle, Dog, and Poultry Foods
(14) Volume 11, Trade I, Plastic Goods and Fancy Articles
(15) Volume 11, Trade K, Laundry, Cleaning, Job Dyeing, and Carpet Beating
(16) Volume 12, Trade E, Canal, Dock, and Harbour Undertakings (Civil Engineering)

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan, presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Declarations made on the 1st and 2nd days of June 1955 to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom concerning the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Court of International Justice.

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

Mr. Amory presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement on future arrangements for the Marketing of Sugar.

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

Pensions.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1955, entitled the War Pensions Committees (Extension) Order, 1955.

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

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Select Committee of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Marriages Validity (No. 53, Leyland Road, Lee) 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:—

Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Conservators of the River Medway for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Made by the Medway Conservancy.

Selection Committee A.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Edward Evans; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Moss.

Statutory Instrument.

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

No. 16 (ii).

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

Major Anstruther-Gray reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had considered the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill in relation to the principle of the Bill and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

No. 29.

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 Austrian State Treaty Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the German Conventions Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the Monmouthshire County Council and local authorities in the administrative county of Monmouth in relation to lands and highways and the local government improvement health and finances of the county; to enact provisions with respect to public entertainments; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Maidstone to contract street works and a diversion of the Len River and to acquire lands for those and other purposes; to make further provision in reference to lands; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Monmouthshire County Council Bill (Lords) was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Maidstone Corporation Bill (Lords) was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Amory, supported by Mr. Secretary Sugar Bill, Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Thorneycroft, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Dodds-Parker, and Mr. Nicholls, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Sugar Board, and to make provision as to the functions and finances of the Board, including the provision for a surcharge on sugar and molasses and provision for distributing any surplus revenues of the Board; to make further provision as respects the British Sugar Corporation Limited, to dissolve the Sugar Commission, and otherwise to make new provision as respects the sugar industry in, and the importation of sugar and related goods into, the United Kingdom; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed.

Mr. Galbraith reported from the Committee on County Courts on County Courts (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the jurisdiction of county courts and, in connection therewith, to make further provision for the despatch of business in county courts by increasing the number of judges, it is expedient to authorise the additional charge on public funds attributable to that Act for the salaries and travelling allowances of county court judges and for pensions and other benefits payable in respect of their service as such.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved County Courts Bill into a Committee on the County Courts Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Actions of contract or tort, or for money recoverable by statute, and related matters).

Maidstone Corporation Bill (Lords).
Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that, if the amount claimed exceeds two hundred pounds, the defendant may, within such times as may be prescribed by county court rules, give notice that he objects to the action being tried in the county court and, when such notice is given, the judge shall order that the action be transferred to the High Court.”—(Mr. Sydney Silverman.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

(a) if he recovers a sum of two hundred and fifty pounds or more shall be entitled to costs on the High Court scale.”—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Mr. Rogers: 

191.

Yeas, 

Mr. John Taylor: 234.

Mr. Studholme, 

Mr. Wills: 

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 9, to leave out the word “seventy-five” and insert the word “forty.”—(Mr. Hale.)

Question put, That the word “seventy-five” stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Lieutenant- 

Commander 

Thompson: 

232.

Colonel Harrison: 

183.

Mr. Joseph Price, 

Mr. Short:

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 36, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr. Fletcher.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Lieutenant- 

Commander 

Thompson, 

Mr. Wakefield, 

Mr. John Taylor, 

Mr. Short: 

213.

174.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Probate proceedings).

Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 19, to leave out from the word “beneficially” to the end of line 20.—(Mr. Hale.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses No. 5 to 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Increase in number of judges).

Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 43, to leave out the word “eighty” and insert the word “ninety.”—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question put. That the word “eighty” stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 

Colonel Harrison, 

Mr. Barber: 

206.

Mr. James Johnson, 

Mr. Joseph Price: 

160.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Judge’s power as to place of hearing).

Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 26, at the end, to add the words “provided that he is satisfied that it is in the interest of the parties so to do.”—(Mr. Hale.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Appeals on question of fact, and consequential amendments as to appeal on law).

Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 42, to leave out the word “two” and insert the word “three.”—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question, That the word “two” stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 7, line 8, to leave out from the word “land” to the end of line 9.—(Mr. Hale.)

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

—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 12 agreed to.

A Clause (Right of transfer to High Court)—(Mr. Hale)—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 (Leapfrogging appeal)—(Mr. Hale)—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 (Transcripts of evidence)—(Mr. Hale)—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.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Bill 23.
Mr. Molson reported from the Committee on Road Traffic (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

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 sums payable out of such moneys (whether under the said Act or other enactments) by virtue of provisions of the said Act relating to the speed limit in built-up areas, arrangements for promoting road safety by disseminating information and advice or giving practical training to road users, or the examination of vehicles;

(b) of any other 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;

(c) of any increase in the sums payable under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1950, attributable to the repeal of the provision for modifying those Acts made by section two of the Chairmen of Traffic Commissioners, &c. (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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Standing Committees).


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

Housing.

Mr. Sandys presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st May 1955.

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

Selection (Standing Committees).

Standing Committee A.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Vane (added in respect of the Agriculture (Improvement of Road Bill) and had appointed in substitution Mr. Godman Irvine.

Standing Committee B.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee B, viz.: Mr. Bence, Mr. Gresham Cooke, Lieutenant-Colonel Cordeaux, Mr. Darling, Mr. Droyson, Sir Eric Erington, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Girdon, Mr. James Harrison, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Charles Howell, Vice-Admiral Hughes Hallett, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Idwal Jones, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Moyle, Mr. Page, Mr. Norman Pannell, Mr. Dudley Williams, and Mr. Wood.

Standing Committee B.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee B in respect of the Road Traffic Bill, viz.: Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Mr. Champion, Mr. Cole, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Gower, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Holt, Mr. Isaacs, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. McLeavy, Sir Frank Medlicott, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Molson, Mr. Nabarro, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Charles Pannell, Mr. Enoch Powell, Mr. Rees-Davies, Mr. Renton, Mr. Short, Mr. Steele, Mr. Strauss, Mr. Wills, and Mr. Geoffrey Wilson.

Scottish Standing Committee.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Scottish Standing Committee Mr. McKibbin (added in respect of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Aitkins.

Sugar Bill.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Sugar Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

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

The Lords have agreed to the British Transport Commission Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.
A Message was delivered by Captain Mackintosh, R.N., Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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

2. German Conventions Act, 1955.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in line 2, after the word " purposes ", to insert the words " of a local education authority or ".—(Mr. Lindgren.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Tellers for the

Mr. James Johnson,

Mr. Short:

Mr. Wakefield:

Mr. Legh:

Mr. John Taylor,

Mr. Joseph Price:

204.

178.

218.

217.

Clause added.

A Schedule (Adjustment of relief for charitable and other organisations.—(Mr. Sandys)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had added a Clause and a Schedule to the Bill.

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

A Clause (Evidence in valuation proceedings.—(Mr. Sandys)—was twice read and made part of the Bill.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 3, line 27, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the said section forty, a proposal for altering a valuation list in force at the passing of this Act shall not have effect if not being made by the valuation officer it is served on the valuation officer after the passing of this Act, and is made otherwise than by the owner or occupier of the hereditament to which it relates."—(Mr. Arbuthnot.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

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 said Acts, as follow:

The Noes to the Left.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 10, line 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(a) used as a playing field, or ".—(Mr. Sparks.)

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

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 27, line 19, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

" 12.—(1) The provisions of this paragraph shall have effect in the case of a Gas Board, where gas is manufactured by the Board in a gasworks which is situated partly in one rating area and partly in one or more other rating areas.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) of section five of this Act, the Gas Board shall be treated as manufacturing gas in each of the rating areas in which a part of the gasworks is situated, notwithstanding that no gas is actually manufactured in one or more of those areas.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph 4 of this Schedule, the gas manufactured in the gasworks in any year shall be treated as apportioned between all the rating areas in which parts of the gasworks are situated, in such proportions as may be agreed between the rating authorities of those areas and the Gas Board:

Provided that if any apportionment required by this sub-paragraph, for the purpose of
apportioning the Board's adjusted total of rateable values for any year, has not been agreed between the rating authorities and the Board before the end of the month of September preceding the beginning of that year, the apportionment required by this subparagraph shall be made by the Minister and notified by him to the rating authorities and to the Board as soon as may be after the end of that month.

(4) In this paragraph "gasworks" means any group of premises within one curtilage which is occupied by a Gas Board for the purposes of the manufacture of gas:

Provided that a group of premises shall not be treated as being otherwise than within one curtilage by reason only that it is traversed by a public highway"—(Mr. Deedes.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in line 34, by inserting, after the word "means", "(a)"—(Mr. Blackburn.)

And the Question being put, That "(a)" be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:

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

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Pearson,
Yea, Mr. Holmes:

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Wakefield,
Mr. Godber:

So it passed in the Negative.
And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put (pursuant to the Standing Order (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland)), that the Bill be committed to the Scottish Standing Committee.—(Mr. Brown):—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill (deemed to have been read a second time) was committed to the Scottish Standing Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on Elections that they do also consider whether the Election of Sir Roland Jennings as a Member of this House for Sheffield, Hallam, is invalid on the ground that at the time of his election he was an Approved Auditor for Great Britain for the purposes of the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893-1952, the Friendly Societies Acts, 1896-1948, and the Industrial Insurance Acts, 1923-1948, appointed by the Lord Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.—(Mr. Studholme.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Godber.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 6th July, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Road Traffic Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 23.]

Thursday, 7th July, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.


I will comply with your request.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses to the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) Acts 1953 (Isle of Man) Order, 1955, and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Pakistan) Order, 1955, be made in the form of the respective Drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

The Stock Exchange Clerks' Pension Fund 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, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 28th day of June 1955, on Loans proposed to be raised by the British European Airways Corporation.

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 Taf Ffachen Water Supply Bill, without any Amendment.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the surpluses and deficits upon Navy, Army, and Air Grants for the year ended 31st day of March 1954, and the application of surpluses to meet Expenditure not provided for in the Grants for that year.

Major Legge-Bourke reported from the Committee on the British Transport Commission Bill, That, for the purposes of any Act of Parliament, that had directed him to make a Report relative to the Bill which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Mr. Galbraith reported from the Committee on Miscellaneous Financial Provisions [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the Civil Contingencies Fund and to authorise the making of loans for the purpose of implementing potato price schemes and an increase in the loans which may be made to the Government of Northern Ireland, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase in the sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund or in the moneys to be raised under the National Loans Act, 1939, which is attributable—

(i) to the repeal of so much of the proviso to subsection (1) of section three of the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act, 1946, as directs that sums issued under that section to increase the Civil Contingencies Fund shall be repaid by a specified date, or

(ii) to the increase up to thirty million pounds of the limit in subsection (1) of section two of the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act, 1950, on the sums which may be lent to the Government of Northern Ireland under that section,

(b) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums to be advanced to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to enable him to make loans to any body charged with duties under any scheme for guaranteeing prices or assuring markets to potato growers, subject to a limit of thirty million pounds on the principal.
amount outstanding in respect of the advances, and the raising of money under the National Loans Act, 1939, to provide for the payment of any sums into the Exchequer and, in the case of sums which represent the repayment of principal or the payment of interest, the issue of those sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the National Debt respectively.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Bill.

Clause No. 1 (The Civil Contingencies Fund).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 8, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

"(2) Paragraph (a) of the proviso to subsection (1) of the said section three shall be amended by the substitution in line four thereof of the word 'fifty-eight' for the word 'fifty-five' (which was, by the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act, 1950, as amended by the Civil Contingencies Fund Act, 1952, and further amended by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1954, substituted for the word 'fifty' in the original section)."—(Mr. Jay.)

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

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 17, to leave out the word "seventy-five" and insert the word "fifty"—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question, That the word "seventy-five" stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses No. 2 to 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 amended and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration—(Captain Crookshank)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Lieutenant-Commander Thompson reported from the Committee on International Finance Corporation (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable effect to be given to an international agreement for the establishment and operation of an International Finance Corporation, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required for making payments on behalf of Her Majesty's Government by way of subscription for shares of stock of the International Finance Corporation under the said agreement;

(b) the raising of money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing sums to be paid as aforesaid out of the Consolidated Fund, or of repaying to that Fund sums so paid;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by Her Majesty's Government from the said Corporation in pursuance of the said agreement;

(d) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer as aforesaid and the application of sums so issued in redemption or repayment of debt, or, in so far as they represent dividends, towards meeting such part of annual charges for the National Debt as represents interest.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the International Finance Corporation Bill.

Clause No. 1 (The Agreement and the Corporation).

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

And it being Seven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair, further Proceeding standing postponed until after the consideration of Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business).

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Wales Hydro-Electric Power Bill (Lords);

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

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

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noes to the Left.  
Votes:—Mr. Peter Thomas, 129;  
Mr. Thomas Jones, 23.  
So it was resolved in the Affirmative. 

The Bill was read a second time and 
committed.  

Then the House again resolved itself into a 
Committee on the International Finance 
Corporation Bill.  
(In the Committee.)  
Question, That the Clause stand part of 
the Bill, put and agreed to.  
Clause No. 2 (Financial provisions).  
Question proposed, That the Clause stand 
part of the Bill.  
Mr. Jay moved, That the Chairman do 
report Progress and ask leave to sit again; 
but the Chairman, pursuant to the Standing 
Order (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules 
of House), declined to propose the Question 
thereupon to the Committee.  
Question put and agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.  
A Clause (Fair conditions)—(Mr. Hale)— 
brought up, and read the first time.  
Motion made, and Question, That the 
Clause be read a second time, put and 
negatived.  
Bill to be reported.  

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved 
itself into a Committee on the European Coal 
and Steel Community Bill.  
(In the Committee.)  
Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.  
Bill to be reported.  

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Draft Local Government 
Superannuation (Benefits) Amendment 
Regulations, 1955, a copy of which was 
laid before this House on the 29th day of June last, 
be approved.—(Mr. Brown.)  

Ordered, That so much of the Lords' 
Message yesterday as relates to the 
appointment of a Committee on the Police (Scotland) 
Bill [Lords.] be now taken into consideration. 
(Mr. Galbraith):—The House accordingly pro­ ceeded to take so much of the Lords' Message 
into consideration.  

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Five 
Members be appointed to join with the Committee 
appointed by the Lords to consider the 
Police (Scotland) Bill [Lords.] 

The Committee was accordingly nominated of 
Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Hay, Mr. 
Lawson, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Spence.  

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

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the 
Lords to acquaint them that this House hath 
appointed a Committee of Five 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 
said Message.  

Ordered, That a Select Committee be 
nominated to examine the Reports and 
Accounts of the Nationalised Industries 
estab­lished by Statute whose controlling Boards are 
wholly appointed by Ministers of the Crown 
and whose annual receipts are not wholly or 
mainly derived from moneys provided by Par­ liament or advanced from the Exchequer, and 
to obtain further information as to so much of 
the current policy and practices of those indus­tries as are not matters which—  

(a) have been decided by or clearly engage 
the responsibility of any Ministers;  
(b) concern wages and conditions of 
employment and other questions normally 
decided by collective bargaining arrange­ments;  
(c) fall to be considered through formal 
machinery established by the relevant 
statutes, or  
(d) are matters of day-to-day administra­ tion:—And the Committee was nomi­ 
nated of Mr. Albu, Mr. Blinston, Mr. 
Ernest Davies, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, 
Sir Ian Herbstin, Mr. Hutchinson, Colonel 
Lancaster, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Renton, Sir 
Patrick Spens, Mr. Strauss, Mr. Wade, 
and Dame Irene Ward.  

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the 
Committee.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time.—(Mr. Galbraith.)

Adjournment.

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

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

Friday, 8th July, 1955:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDA.

Thursday, 7th July, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Road Traffic Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Colonel Gomme-Duncan Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Bill, in place of Major Anstruther-Gray.

[No. 24.]

Friday, 8th July, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, entitle the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) Amendment Regulations, 1955.


Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the National Insurance (Residence and Persons Abroad) 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 Report relating to National Insurance be printed.

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

Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain Chases of Documents existing or accruing in the Ministry of Health (National Health Service) which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, an Address for the Certificate of Conviction and Sentence of the Assize Court at Belfast on the 30th day of November 1954, in the case of Thomas James Mitchell.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

The Friendly Societies Bill was, according Friendly Societies Act, 1896 to 1948, preceded by a Statement made by Her Majesty's Command, Friendly Societies (Friendly Societies Acts, 1896 to 1948) Amendment, 1955.

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

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

Dr. Hill, by Her Majesty's Command, read the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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

Copy of Regulations, dated 4th July 1955, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Colliery Workers Supplementary Scheme) Amendment (No. 2) Order, 1955.

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session 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 Minister of Pensions and National Insurance in connection with claims for benefit from friendly societies and trade unions; and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any charge on moneys provided by Parliament which may result from treating as expenses incurred in carrying into effect the Acts relating to national insurance such expenses as may be incurred by any Government department in connection with the furnishing of information relating to claims and awards under those
Acts by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance to any registered friendly society or branch, or to any registered trade union or branch of a registered trade union; and
(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the fees payable under or by virtue of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896.—(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 Wireless Telegraphy (Blind Persons) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Godber.)
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

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

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

[No. 25.]

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

PRAYERS.

The Dewsbury Moor Crematorium Bill (Lords) was read a second time and committed.

The German Potash Syndicate Loan Bill (Lords) was read a second time and committed.

The Order made upon the 10th day of June last, That the London County Council (Loans) Bill be committed, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty of the 8th day of this instant July, for a Return relating to Mr. Thomas James Mitchell.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th July 1955, entitled the Potatoes (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Road Traffic and Vehicles, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th July 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 a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Holy Trinity, Kensington Gore, and All Saints, Knightsbridge, in the diocese of London.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Major Sharples (added in respect of the Road Traffic Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Green.

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

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee Police on the Police (Scotland) Bill (Lords) do meet in Committee Room C on Thursday next at Eleven of the clock.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That those words be there added;—

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, 249.
Mr. Pearson:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, 303.
Mr. Oakshott:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Transport Commission.

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Mr. Oakshott:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.
Tuesday, 12th July, 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 Bills, originating in the Lords and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

Maidstone Corporation Bill [Lords].

Monmouthshire County Council Bill [Lords].

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of the 4th day of April 1949 on the Accession of the Federal Republic of Germany, signed at Paris on the 23rd day of October 1954 (the United Kingdom acceptance was notified on the 5th day of May 1955).

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

Mr. Secretary Head presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on the Administration of the Territorial Army.

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 Scheme, dated 7th July 1955, entitled the White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) Scheme, 1955.

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 Schemes—

(1) dated 7th June 1955, made by the Nottinghamshire County Council, and
(2) dated 23rd June 1955, made by the Paddington Metropolitan 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.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order (Mortlake Crematorium Board) Bill, That they had considered the Order contained in the Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought not to be confirmed; and that they had, therefore, directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

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

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Dewsbury Moor Crematorium Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment 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 Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order (German Potash Syndicate Loan Bill [Lords]), That they had considered the Order contained in the Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought not to be confirmed; and that they had, therefore, directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

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Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Drayson; Standing Committee B, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hughes-Young.
Mr. Charles Williams reported from the Select Committee on Elections, That they had considered the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, supported by Captain Crockett, Mr. Secretary Stuart, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to re-enact with modifications the law relating to the disqualification for membership of the House of Commons of persons holding offices or places under the Crown and other offices or places, and persons contracting with the Crown or having pensions from the Crown; to make corresponding provision in respect of the Senate and House of Commons of Northern Ireland; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next and to be printed.

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

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

(The Committee.)

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1955-56.

Class VIII.

Vote 1. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
1. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Food, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; of County Agricultural Executive Committees; of the Agricultural Land Commission; of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; and of the White Fish Authority and the Scottish Committee thereof.

Class VIII.

Vote 2. Agricultural and Food Grants and Subsidies.
2. £9,589,010 (Supplementary), for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Food and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for grants and subsidies to farmers and others for the encouragement of food production and the improvement of agriculture; and for certain direct subsidy payments and certain trading and other services, including payments and services in implementation of agricultural price guarantees.

Class VIII.

Vote 3. Agricultural and Food Services.
3. £10 (Supplementary), for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Food and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, for grants, grants in aid and expenses in connection with agricultural and food services; including land drainage and rehabilitation of land damaged by flood and tempest; purchase, development and management of land, including land settlement and provision of smallholdings; services in connection with livestock, and compensation for slaughter of diseased animals; provision and operation of machinery; training and supplementary labour schemes; control of pests; education, research and advisory services; marketing; agricultural credits; certain trading services; subscriptions to international organisations; and sundry other services including certain expenses in connection with civil defence.

Class V.

4. £2,295,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Health and the Board of Control; expenditure on the Polish health services; measures for civil defence; port health administration; residential accommodation for the aged, infirm, &c.; purchases on repayment for other Government Departments; expenses in connection with welfare food services and food hygiene; and sundry other services, including a subscription to the World Health Organisation.

Class V.

5. £3,007,000 (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.

Class V.

Vote 10. Department of Health for Scotland.
6. £694,990 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Health for Scotland and the General Board of Control for Scotland; for grants and other expenses in connection with water and sewerage services, town and country planning and the creation of new towns; expenses in connection with welfare food services and food hygiene; and certain expenses in connection with civil defence and other services.

Class II.

Vote 2. Foreign Office Grants and Services.
7. £10,350,010 (Supplementary), for sundry grants and services connected with Her Majesty's Foreign Service, including subscriptions to international organisations and grants in aid.

Class I.

Vote 23. Flood and Tempest Distress Relief.
8. £150,000 (Supplementary), for a grant in aid of the Lord Mayor's National Flood and Tempest Distress Fund and other Funds.
Class I.

Vote 24a. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund.

9. £63,271, to repay to the Civil Contingencies Fund certain miscellaneous advances.

Class II.


10. £6,395,471 (Supplementary), for sundry Commonwealth services, including subscriptions to certain international organisations and grants in aid; the salaries and expenses of Pensions Appeal Tribunals in the Republic of Ireland; a grant to the Republic of Ireland in respect of compensation to transferred officers; and certain expenditure in connection with former Burma services.

Class III.


11. £805,000 (Supplementary), for sundry Colonial Services, including subscriptions to certain international organisations and grants in aid; and certain expenditure in connection with the liabilities of the former Government of Palestine.

Class IV.

Vote 1. Ministry of Education.

12. £9,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Education, and of the various establishments connected therewith, including sundry grants in aid; a subscription to an international organisation, grants in connection with physical training and recreation, and grants to approved associations for youth welfare.

Vote 15. National Galleries, Scotland.

13. £25,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the National Gallery, Scotland, and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, including certain grants in aid.

Class V.

Vote 6. Medical Research Council.

14. £82,300 (Supplementary), for a grant to the Council in respect of research schemes under Conditional Aid arrangements.


15. £338,500 (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.

16. £172,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and subordinate departments, including the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Commission.

Vote 2. Board of Trade (Assistance to Industry and Trading Services).

17. £404,000 (Supplementary), for the expenditure of the Board of Trade on assistance and subsidies to certain industries, and on trading and other services; including subscriptions to international organisations and grants in aid.

Class VII.

Vote 3. Public Buildings, United Kingdom.

18. £30,000 (Supplementary), for expenditure in respect of sundry public buildings in the United Kingdom, including a grant in aid, and sundry other services.

Class IX.

Vote 6. Ministry of Fuel and Power (Special Services).

19. £10 (Supplementary), for the supply, storage and distribution of petroleum products and certain other special services of the Ministry of Fuel and Power, including expenditure on civil defence and payments to recipients agreed with the United States Government of the sterling counterpart of dollars provided for the import of American coal.

Class VIII.

Vote 10. Ministry of Food.

20. £10 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food; for the cost of trading services, including certain subsidies; for direct subsidy payments, including certain payments under agricultural price guarantees; for subscriptions to certain international organisations; and for sundry other services, including certain expenses in connection with civil defence and payments to certain other Votes.

Class VIII.

Vote 12. Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

21. £1,563,870 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland and the Crofters Commission; for grants and subsidies, including certain payments under agricultural price guarantees, to farmers and others for the encouragement of food production and the improvement of agriculture; and for grants, grants in aid and expenses in connection with services to agriculture; including land drainage and flood services; purchase, improvement and management of land; land settlement; public works in the congested districts; services in connection with livestock and compensation for slaughter of diseased animals; provision and operation of machinery; training and labour schemes; control of pests; agricultural education, research and advisory services; marketing; and agricultural credits.
Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56.

22. £80 (Supplementary), for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

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Army Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56.

23. £70 (Supplementary), for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Army Services for the year.

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Air Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56.

24. £60 (Supplementary), for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year, including a further grant in aid to the Royal Society.

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- Total Surpluses: £42,667,050 2s. 4d.
- Net Surplus: £37,093,799 2s. 4d.

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Air Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Air Services.

III. Whereas it appears by the Air Expenditure Receipts Expenditure Receipts Estimated compared with over actual compared with Expenditure Receipts Expenditure Receipts Additional Married

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Air Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Air Services.

3. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. Brooke.)

### Resolutions to be reported.

The application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Air Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Air Services.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 4, line 43, by leaving out from the word "and" to the end of line 7 on page 5 and inserting the words "any repayment by them to the Bank in respect of redemption moneys under subsection (4) of this section or under paragraph 6 of the Third Schedule to the Finance Act, 1921, shall be made out of the investments for the time being representing sums paid to them under this section or under that paragraph in respect of unclaimed redemption moneys or if those investments are insufficient out of the Commissioners' account of unclaimed dividends.

The Lord Advocate, by Her Majesty's Command out of moneys provided by Parliament of the present Session.—(Mr. Browne.)

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

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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdeen Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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 Crosby Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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 Aberdeen Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's National Debt Command.—Copy of Papers relative to the position on the 31st day of March 1955, of certain Funds left in Trust for the Reduction of the National Debt.

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 11th July 1955, entitled the Importation of Pedigree Animals (No. 2) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Janner reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Food and Drugs Bill (Lords), now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence.
taken before them; And the Report was brought up and read.

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

No. 38.

Consolidation, &c., Bills (Joint Committee). London County Council (Loans) Bill. Special Report. No. 37.

Mr. Janner reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, That they had agreed to a Special Report relative to the London County Council (Loans) Bill, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

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

No. 37.

London County Council (Loans) Bill.

Mr. Janner reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the London County Council (Loans) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Dudley Williams; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bryan.

Monopolies.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Report of the Monopolies Commission on Collective Discrimination as a basis upon which Her Majesty's Government can formulate its proposals—(Mr. Thorneycroft);

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 "endorses the conclusions of the majority Report of the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Commission on Collective Discrimination, and calls upon the Government to introduce legislation at the earliest possible moment for the purpose of implementing those conclusions, and of ensuring the registration of all collective agreements which provide for minimum prices and the regulation of production and trade"—(Mr. Harold Wilson), 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.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholme; Mr. Pearson: 316. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell: 255.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Report of the Monopolies Commission on Collective Discrimination as a basis upon which Her Majesty's Government can formulate its proposals.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Elections be revived.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they do consider whether the Election of Mr. Holland-Martin as a Member of this House for Ludlow is invalid on the ground that at the time of his election he was a Local Director of the Bank of New Zealand. (Mr. Attorney General.)

Mr. Henderson Stewart reported from the Food and Drugs Committee on Food and Drugs (Scotland) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend and consolidate certain enactments in Scotland relating to food and drugs, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown or Government Department in consequence of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session.

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

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate continuing 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.
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, intended to be introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Dundee Corporation. (Substituted Bill.)

Ordered, That the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended, and that the London County Council (Money) Bill be now read the third time. The Chairman of Ways and Means.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

The Aberdeen Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a European Interim Agreement signed at Paris on the 11th day of December 1953 on Social Security, other than Schemes for Old Age, Invalidity, and Survivors (with Protocol and relevant Documents) (the United Kingdom Ratification was deposited on the 7th day of September 1954).

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Copy of a European Convention signed at Paris on the 11th day of December 1953 on Social and Medical Assistance (with Protocol and relevant Documents) (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 7th day of September 1954).

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 in Council, dated 30th June 1955, approving an Admirmity Memorial praying sanction to amended Scales of Pensions and Gratuities payable to Native Petty Officers and Men invalided from Her Majesty's Naval Service.


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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, by Her Majestys Command,—Copy of the Report of the Standing Committee under the Merchandise Marks Act, 1926, respecting Articles made wholly or mainly of Wire of a description commonly used for Domestic and Catering purposes.

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

Mr. Hayman reported from the Committee on the Leicester 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: 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.

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 Kent Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan, supported by Mr. Nutting, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Turton, and Lord John Hope, presented a Bill to enable Her Majesty to withdraw personal diplomatic immunities from members of the diplomatic missions of certain foreign sovereign Powers and their families; and to exclude citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies from the enjoyment of such immunities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan, supported by Mr. Nutting, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Turton, and Lord John Hope, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of gratuities to or in respect of certain former officials of the Government or Parliament of the Sudan; to increase the superannuation allowances of Sir Robert Howe,
Resolved, That this House takes note of the White Paper on Industry and Employment in Scotland, 1954.—(Sir Walter Monckton.)

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

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 29.]

Friday, 15th July, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Dundee Corporation Bill.

A BILL to confer further powers on the Corporation of the city and royal burgh of Dundee with respect to their transport undertaking; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Stromness Harbour (Guarantee) Order Confirmation Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Stromness Harbour (Guarantee) Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1955, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 7) Order, 1955.

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

New Towns.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Reports of the East Kilbride and Glenrothes Development Corporations for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Regulations, dated 7th July 1955, entitled—
(1) the Education (Local Education Authorised Grant Amending Regulations No. 3, 1955, and
(2) the Training of Teachers Grant Amending Regulations No. 4, 1955.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

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

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

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

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

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

A Clause (Plaintiff's right to transfer to High Court so as to increase his claim)—(Mr. Attorney General)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Then the Title of the Bill was amended, as followeth: A Bill to extend the jurisdiction of county courts and, in connection therewith, to amend the law as to costs in and transfers to the High Court, 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.

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. Godber.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Rights of Way.

Business of the House.

Service.

National Labour and Confirmation.

(Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made upon the 6th day of this instant July, That in the case of the Sugar Bill the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with.

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

The Maidstone Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The Monmouthshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The Stromness Harbour (Guarantee) 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. Ward presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1955, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Air Ministry) (Revocation) (No. 2) Order, 1955.

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


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Orders of the House.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Thomas James Mitchell, returned as a Member for Mid-Ulster, having been adjudged guilty of felony, and sentenced to penal servitude for ten years, and being now imprisoned under such sentence, is incapable of being elected or returned as a Member of this House;

That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for Northern Ireland, to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Mid-Ulster, in the room of Thomas James Mitchell, adjudged and sentenced as aforesaid.

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee of Supply of the 12th day of this instant July, that the several Resolutions which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1955-56.

Civil.

Class VIII.

Vote I. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Food, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; of County Agricultural Executive Committees; of the Agricultural Land Commission; of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; and of the White Fish Authority and the Scottish Committee thereof.

Vote II. Agricultural and Food Grants and Subsidies.

2. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £9,589,010, 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 the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Food and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for grants and subsidies to farmers and others for the encouragement of food production and the im-
provision of agriculture; and for certain direct subsidy payments and certain trading and other services, including payments and services in implementation of agricultural price guarantees.

Vote 3. Agricultural and Food Services.

3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Food and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, for grants, grants in aid and expenses in connection with agricultural and food services; including land drainage and rehabilitation of land damaged by flood and tempest; purchase, development and management of land, including land settlement and provision of small-holdings; services in connection with livestock, and compensation for slaughter of diseased animals; provision and operation of machinery; training and supplementary labour schemes; control of pests; education, research and advisory services; marketing; agricultural credits; certain trading services; subscriptions to international organisations; and sundry other services including certain expenses in connection with civil defence.

Class II.

Vote 2. Foreign Office Grants and Services.

7. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10,350,010, 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 sundry grants and services connected with Her Majesty's Foreign Service, including subscriptions to international organisations and grants in aid.

Class I.

Vote 23. Flood and Tempest Distress Relief.

8. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £150,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, for a grant in aid of the Lord Mayor's National Flood and Tempest Distress Fund and other Funds.

Vote 24a. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £63,271, 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 sundry Commonwealth services, including subscriptions to certain international organisations and certain grants in aid; the salaries and expenses of Pensions Appeal Tribunals in the Republic of Ireland; compensation to transferred officers; and certain expenditure in connection with former Burma services.

Class II.


10. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £805,000, 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 sundry Colonial Services, including subscriptions to certain international organisations and grants in aid; and certain expenditure in connection with the liabilities of the former Government of Palestine.

Class IV.

Vote 1. Ministry of Education.

12. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £9,000, 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 the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Education, and of the various establishments connected therewith.
with, including sundry grants in aid, a subscription to an international organisation, grants in connection with physical training and recreation, and grants to approved associations for youth welfare.

Vote 15. National Galleries, Scotland.

13. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £25,000, 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 the salaries and expenses of the National Gallery, Scotland, and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, including certain grants in aid.

Class V.

Vote 6. Medical Research Council.

14. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £82,300, 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 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 provision of 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.

16. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £172,000, 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 the salaries and expenses of the office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and subordinate departments, including the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Commission.

Vote 2. Board of Trade (Assistance to Industry and Trading Services).

17. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £404,000, 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 the expenditure of the Board of Trade on assistance and subsidies to certain industries, and on trading and other services; including subscriptions to international organisations and grants in aid.

Class VII.

Vote 3. Public Buildings, United Kingdom.

18. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £30,000, 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 sundry public buildings in the United Kingdom, including a grant in aid, and sundry other services.

Class IX.

Vote 6. Ministry of Fuel and Power (Special Services).

19. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, for the supply, storage and distribution of petroleum products and certain other special services of the Ministry of Fuel and Power, including expenditure on civil defence and payments to recipients agreed with the United States Government for the sterling counterpart of dollars provided for the import of American coal.

Class VIII.

Vote 10. Ministry of Food.

20. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food; for the cost of trading services, including certain subsidies; for direct subsidy payments, including certain payments under agricultural price guarantees; for subscriptions to certain international organisations; and for sundry other services, including certain expenses in connection with civil defence and payments to certain other services.

Vote 12. Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

21. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,563,870, 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 the salaries and expenses of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland and the Crofters Commission; for grants and subsidies, including certain payments under agricultural price guarantees, to farmers and others for the encouragement of food production and the improvement of agriculture; and for grants, grants in aid and expenses in connection with services to agriculture; including land drainage and flood services; purchase, improvement and management of land; land settlement; public works in the congested districts; services in connection with livestock and compensation for slaughter of diseased animals; provision and operation of machinery; training and labour schemes; control of pests; agricultural education, research and advisory services; marketing; and agricultural credits.

Navv Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56.

22. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £80, 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 beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.
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**Army Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56**

23. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £70, 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 beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Army Services for the year.

**Air Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56**

24. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £50, 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 beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Air Services for the year, including a further grant in aid to the Royal Society.

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application of such sums for the purposes which they deemed necessary to make good the said total deficits on certain Grants for Army Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Air Services.

3. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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Resolved, That the Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation, for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, laid before this House on the 16th day of June last, be approved. (Commander Noble.)

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

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

[No. 31.]

Tuesday, 19th July, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Kent Water Bill. The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Kent Water Bill, and the same were twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordsships.

The German Potash Syndicate Loan 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.

Dewsbury Moor Crematorium Bill [Lords].

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dewsbury Moor Crematorium Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Iron and Steel. Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th July 1955, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of securities in Hadfields Limited.

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

Import Duties (Drawback). Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Orders, dated 15th July 1955, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 4) Order, 1955, and
(2) the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 5) Order, 1955.

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

Explosives. No. 40. Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives, for 1954.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of the Statute of the Council of Europe signed at London on the 5th day of May 1949 (with Amendments approved by the Committee of Ministers at Strasbourg in 1951 and 1953) (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 26th day of July 1949).

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

Mr. Secretary Stewart presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of an Abstract and Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Administration of Estates and Treasure Trove in Scotland on behalf of the Crown in 1954, and of an Alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Haeres in Scotland, administered by the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, in the same year.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1955, made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, authorising the landing at Avonmouth of two Duikers, four Gerenuks, and three Uganda Kob.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Standing Orders, the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of an Order, dated 11th July 1955, entitled the Prohibition of Landing of Swine from the Isle of Man Order, 1955.

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

Sir Leonard Ropner reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Agriculture (Improvement of Roads) Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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. 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 Nunneaton Corporation Bill, with Amendments to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to advise Mr. Speaker on matters concerning the facilities, including accommodation, available to Members in and about the Palace of Westminster:—And the Committee was nominated of Commander Agnew, Sir Robert Cary, Mr. Daines, Mr. Eliot, Miss Lee, Mr. McLeavey, Mr. Charles Pannell, Miss Pitt, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Storey, and Mr. Thompson.

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

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

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

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

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


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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Tewkesbury.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the Education, Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1955, entitled the Schools Grant Amending Regulations No. 6, 1955.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Road Traffic the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy and Vehicles, of Regulations, dated 13th July 1955, entitled the Street Playgrounds Orders (Procedure) Regulations, 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 issued out of the Consolidated Fund, and of the Sums received from the Raw Cotton Commission in respect of Interest and Repayment No. 42.
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 Maidstone Corporation Bill (Lords). That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: —

That the Bill be permitted to proceed.

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

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

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Bournemouth Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Doncaster Corporation (Trolley Vehicles) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make new arrangements as to the administration of criminal justice in Lancashire and matters connected therewith, and to amend the law of England and Wales as to records and courts of quarter sessions in boroughs, as to the retirement or removal of chairmen and deputy chairmen of quarter
The Criminal Justice Administration Bill (Lords) was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords Message yesterday as relates to the Police (Scotland) Bill (Lords).

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

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

The Prime Minister, supported by Captain Brooke, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Brooke, presented a Bill to validate the election to the House of Commons of John Clarke Brooke, Esquire, and Sir Roland Jennings, Knight, notwithstanding their holding certain offices, and to indemnify them from any penal consequences which they may have incurred by siting and voting as members of that House: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

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

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

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 nineteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Pearson; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Coal Board for 1954.

Resolved, That the Draft Coal Industry Coal Industry Nationalisation (Borrowing Powers) Order, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 21st day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd.)

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

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question being proposed, That the Draft Coal Industry Coal Industry Nationalisation (Borrowing Powers) Order, 1955, be approved .—(Mr. Brooke.)

And a Debate arising thereupon.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That those words be there added:

The House divided.

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{No. 33.}


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

Prayers.

To the British Transport Commission Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th July 1955, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Account showing the Money issued out of Housing, the Consolidated Fund, the Capital Expenditure, and the Money borrowed and repaid by the Department of Health for Scotland and the Ministry of Works, respectively, under the

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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

(1) Volume 2, Trade H, Explosives and Fireworks,
(2) Volume 8, Trade K, Preserved Fruit and Vegetables,
(3) Volume 9, Trade G, Miscellaneous Preserved Foods, and
(4) Volume 10, Trade E, Wooden Containers and Baskets.

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

Mr. Charles Williams reported from the Select Committee on Elections, That they had considered the matter to them referred by the Instruction of the House of the 13th day of this instant July, and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them together with an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Bill was presented a Bill to make provision with respect to persons called up for service in the armed forces of the Crown under the law relating to dentists: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, supported by Mr. Selwyn Lloyd and Sir Walter Monckton, presented a Bill to increase the limit on the contributions out of moneys provided by Parliament which may be made under section one of the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, supported by Mr. Selwyn Lloyd and Sir Walter Monckton, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to persons called up for service in the armed forces of the Crown under the law relating to dentists: 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 Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn;)

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Agriculture Act (Part I) Agriculture. Extension of Period Order, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 6th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Resolved, That the Potatoes (Guaranteed Agriculture. Prices) Order, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 11th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nuneaton Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sandown-Shanklin Urban District Council Bill; and the same were twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st July 1955, made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, authorising the landing at London of one Giraffe.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st July 1955, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Blackwell, Derbyshire) (Revocation) 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:

3. Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the parishes of Saint Mary Redcliffe, Bristol; Saint Thomas, Bristol; and Temple or Holy Cross, Bristol, in the diocese of Bristol.

THE Chatham and District Traction Bill (Lords) was read the third time and passed, with an Amendment.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Liverpool Corporation Bill (Lords) as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Maidstone Corporation Bill (Lords) as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
Ordered, That the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Notice of consideration of Lords Amendments) be suspended until the Summer Adjournment.

Ordered, That, as regards Private Bills to be returned by the House of Lords with Amendments, such Amendments shall be considered at the next Sitting of the House after the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the Lords.

Ordered, That when Amendments thereto are intended to be proposed by the Promoters, a copy of such Amendments shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, and Notice thereof given not later than the day before that on which the Amendments made by the House of Lords are proposed to be taken into consideration.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Gas.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 11th day of July 1955 on Stock issued by the Gas Council.

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

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland).

No. 52.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 13th day of July 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board.

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

Navy (Pay, Pensions, &c.).

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st June 1955, approving an Admiralty Memorial praying sanction to increases in certain rates of pay and to the continuance of a Scheme for the payment of bounties on re-employment in Her Majesty's Naval and Marine Forces.

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

Cinematograph Films.

No. 53.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of postponement and remission of payments due from the National Film Finance Corporation, following an arrangement by that Corporation with the British Lion Film Corporation Ltd., under subsection 1 of Section 2 of the Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans) Act, 1954.

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

Supplies and Services (Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements).

No. 54.

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd July 1955, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) (Amendment) Order, 1955.

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

National Assistance.

Mr. Peake presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the National Assistance Board for 1954.

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Goddard and the Lord Merriam 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.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, supported by Local Government  
Mr. Sandys and Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, 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 Thursday next and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business of the House be suspended until the House Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.

Schedules A, B, and C agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Validation of Elections Bill.

(Elections Bill. (In the Committee.)

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.
The Sudan (Special Payments) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Mr. 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 the Sudan (Special Payments) [Money] proposed to be made, 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 the House do now adjourn—(In the Committee.)

That the Bill be read a second time. — (Mr. Wills.)

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be read a second time.

The Sudan (Special Payments) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Aliens' Employment Bill. — (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 amended and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Bill 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 White Fish Subsidy Fisheries. (United Kingdom) Scheme, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Resolved, That the Herring Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) Scheme, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Colonel Harrison):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

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

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
A Motion being made, That the British Transport Commission Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Duke of Cornwall is concerned therein;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as the Duke of Cornwall's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Bank of England for the year ended the 28th day of February 1955.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account Fund No. 55, showing all the Sums which have been received into the Treasury Chest and paid out of the same during the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, and the Liabilities and Assets on that day, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Second Progress Report signed at Phnom Penh on the 11th day of April 1955 of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia for the period from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of March 1955.

Copy of Documents relating to the Meetings of Heads of Government of France, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, and the United States of America at Geneva between the 18th and 23rd days of July 1955.

Copy of an Agreement signed at Rome on the 27th day of August 1953 between Her Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, and the Union of South Africa, and the Government of India of the one part, and the Government of Italy of the other part regarding British Commonwealth War Graves in Italian Territory (with Protocol of Signatures and Notes exchanged).

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Hospital Endowments Commission.
Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of University Court Ordinances—

(1) No. 306 (No. 78 of the University of Glasgow) (Foundation of the Simon Chair of Mathematics),
(2) No. 307 (No. 81 of the University of Glasgow) (Foundation of the Chair of Mediaeval History), and
(3) No. 308 (No. 82 of the University of Glasgow) (Foundation of the Chair of Economic History).

Copies of University of St. Andrews Commissioners' Ordinances—

(1) No. 17 (Election and period of office of the Assessors on the University Court elected by the Senatus Academicus), and
(2) No. 18 (Faculty of Applied Science).

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

Scientific Policy.

Mr. Birch presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Eighth Annual Report of the Advisory Council on Scientific Policy, for the year ended 31st day of March 1955.

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

Education.


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

Road Traffic and Vehicles.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd July 1955, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) Regulations, 1955.

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

Local Government Superannuation.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes:

(1) dated 21st May 1955, made by the Romford Borough Council,
(2) dated 29th June 1955, made by theamberwell Metropolitan Borough Council,
(3) dated 29th June 1955, made by the Deptford Metropolitan Borough Council,
(4) dated 29th June 1955, made by the Stepney Metropolitan Borough Council,
(5) dated 30th June 1955, made by the St. Marylebone Metropolitan Borough Council, and
(6) dated 6th July 1955, made by the Liverpool 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.

Nationalised Industries.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries in the last Session of the last Parliament be referred to the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.—(Sir Patrick Spence.)

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 County Courts Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Salford Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bristol Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Cheshunt Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment Dewsbury Moor Crematorium Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Liverpool Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Maidstone Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Goddard Estimates, 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 Prime Minister, supported by Captain Brooke, presented a Bill to validate the election (No. 2) Bill, to the House of Commons of Christopher John Holland-Martin, Esquire, notwithstanding his holding the office of local Director of the Bank of New Zealand, and to indemnify him from any penal consequences which he may have incurred by sitting and voting as a member of that House: 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 and Mr. Ede, presented a Bill to make provision for abating the pollution of the air: 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, presented a Bill to validate the election (No. 2) Bill, to the House of Commons of Christopher John Holland-Martin, Esquire, notwithstanding his holding the office of local Director of the Bank of New Zealand, and to indemnify him from any penal consequences which he may have incurred by sitting and voting as a member of that House: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn;)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Poppwell, 231, Mr. Pearson; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn, 290.

So it passed in the Negative.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Rating and Valuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in page 10, line 42, leave out subsection (8), the first Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 13, line 33, leave out from "by" to end of line 34 and insert "an authority having, within the meaning of the Local Loans Act, 1875, power to levy a rate", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 34, line 24, being read a second time, were agreed to. The Lords Amendment in page 34, line 24, leave out from "made" to "that" in line 25 and insert "(whether before or after the passing of this Act) in the valuation list in force in", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Draft National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Colliery Workers Supplementary Scheme Amendment (No. 2) Order, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant July, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Salford Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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

P R A Y E R S.

The House proceeded, pursuant to the Order made upon the 25th day of this instant July, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bristol Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded, pursuant to the Order made upon the 25th day of this instant July, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cheshunt Urban District Council Bill; and the same were twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded, pursuant to the Order made upon the 25th day of this instant July, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Saiford Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded, pursuant to the Order made upon the 25th day of this instant July, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Stock Exchange Clerks' Pension Fund Bill; and the same were twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Prime Minister presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement of Government Policy on Charitable Trusts in England and Wales.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 22nd July 1955, entitled—

(1) the Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations, 1955, and
(2) the Cinematograph (Children) Regulations, 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 Regulations—
(1) dated 22nd July 1955, entitled the Cinematograph (Safety) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955, and
(2) dated 25th July 1955, entitled the Cinematograph (Children) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thornycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— 
Copies of the Report on the Census of Production, 1951—
(1) Volume 2, Trade G, Toilet Preparations and Perfumery,
(2) Volume 5, Trade K, Precious Metals Refining, and
(3) Volume 7, Trade H, Tailoring, Dressmaking, etc.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Monopolies and Restrictive Practices be printed.

Mr. Amory presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on Slaughterhouses in England and Wales.

Mr. Amory also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the White Fish Authority, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Fisheries be printed.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Copies of the Annual Reports and Statements of Accounts for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955—
(1) of British European Airways Corporation, and
(2) of British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Report of the Air Transport Advisory Council for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with a Statement by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Air Navigation and Civil Aviation be printed.

Dr. Hill presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Copy of the Accounts of Cable and Wireless Telegraphy, Limited for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Directors.


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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— 
Copies of the Annual Reports of the Industrial Coal Consumers' Council and the Domestic Coal Consumers' Council for the year ended the 30th day of June 1955.

Copies of the Reports and Statements of Electricity Accounts, including the Reports of Electricity Consultative Councils, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955—
(1) of the London Electricity Board, 
(2) of the South Eastern Electricity Board, 
(3) of the Southern Electricity Board, 
(4) of the South Western Electricity Board, 
(5) of the Northern Electricity Board, 
(6) of the East Midlands Electricity Board, 
(7) of the Midlands Electricity Board, 
(8) of the South Wales Electricity Board, 
(9) of the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board, 
(10) of the Yorkshire Electricity Board, 
(11) of the North Eastern Electricity Board, 
(12) of the North Western Electricity Board, 
(13) of the South East Scotland Electricity Board, and 
(14) of the South West Scotland Electricity Board.

Copy of the Report and Statement of Electricity Accounts, of the British Electricity Authority No. 72, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Report of the Minister of Fuel and Power, Electricity, with respect to the Exercise of his Functions under the Electricity Act, 1947, and the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Copies of the Reports and Statements of Gas Accounts, including Reports of Gas Consultative Councils, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955—
(1) of the Scottish Gas Board, 
(2) of the Northern Gas Board, 
(3) of the North Western Gas Board, 
(4) of the North Eastern Gas Board, 
(5) of the East Midlands Gas Board, 
(6) of the West Midlands Gas Board, 
(7) of the Wales Gas Board, 
(8) of the Eastern Gas Board, 
(9) of the Thames Gas Board, 
(10) of the South Eastern Gas Board, 
(11) of the Southern Gas Board, and 
(12) of the South Western Gas Board.

Copy of the Report and Statement of Gas Accounts, of the British Gas Council for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Report of the Minister of Fuel and Power Gas, with respect to the Exercise of his Functions under the Gas Act, 1948, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Central Land Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Copies of Schemes—
1. dated 5th May 1955, made by the Holborn Metropolitan Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and by the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

2. European Coal and Steel Community Act, 1955.

The Validation of Elections (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. Allan.)
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 25th day of October next, resolve itself into the said Committee. Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 25th day of October next, resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill—(Mr. Allan):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn);
A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-Royal Assent. General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:
Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.
Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;
Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:
2. European Coal and Steel Community Act, 1955.
Mr. Allan reported from the Committee on Friendly Societies [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session 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 Minister of Pensions and National Insurance in connection with claims for benefit from friendly societies and trade unions; and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any charge on moneys provided by Parliament which may result from treating as expenses incurred in carrying into effect the Acts relating to national insurance such expenses as may be incurred by any Government department in connection with the furnishing of information relating to claims and awards under those Acts by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance to any registered friendly society or branch, or to any registered trade union or branch of a registered trade union; and

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the fees payable under or by virtue of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 11 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return of Experiments performed under the Act 39 and 40 Vict., c. 77, during 1954.—(Mr. Hughes-Tooth.)

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George accordingly presented the said Return.

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

Adjournment. 

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

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

[No. 39.]

Tuesday, 25th October, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the deaths of John Thomas Hall, Esquire, Member for Gateshead, West, and the Right Honourable Hector McNeill, Member for Greenock, 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 and Right Honourable Members.

The Blyth Generating Station (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The following Papers, presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of a Statement on the United Kingdom Balance of Payments for the years 1946 to 1955.


Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of July 1955, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of a Statement showing estimated Expenditure on Government Information Services for 1955-56.

Copies—

(1) of Statistics relating to Crime and Criminal Proceedings for 1954, and

(2) of Supplementary Statistics relating to Crime and Criminal Proceedings for 1954.

Copy of Statistics relating to Offences of Drunkenness. Drunkenness for 1954.

Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Fire Service Inspector of Fire Services (Counties and County Boroughs, England and Wales) for 1954.

Copy of Statistics of Foreigners entering and leaving the United Kingdom, 1954.


Copy of the Fifty-first Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, for 1954.

Cambodia

(Copy of a Third Interim Report, signed at Phnom Penh on the 28th day of July 1955, of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia for the period from the 1st day of April to the 28th day of July 1955."

Eastern Mediterranean and Cyprus

(Copy of Documents relating to the Tripartite Conference on the Eastern Mediterranean and Cyprus held at London between the 29th day of August and the 7th day of September 1955 by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Governments of Greece and Turkey.

European Monetary Agreement

(Copy of an Agreement signed at Paris on the 5th day of August 1955 (with Annex and Protocol of Provisional Application) (this Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).)

European Payments Union

(Copy of Supplementary Protocols Nos. 6 and 7 signed at Paris on the 29th day of June and the 5th day of August 1955 amending the Agreement of the 19th day of September 1950 for the Establishment of a European Payments Union, and Protocol amending the Protocol of Provisional Application of that Agreement (the Supplementary Protocols have not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).)

Foreign Compensation Commission

(Copy of the Fifth Annual Report of the Foreign Compensation Commission, for the financial year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Foreign Office Officials

(Copy of a Report concerning the disappearance of two former Foreign Office officials.

Germany

(Copy of an Agreement signed at London on the 22nd day of July 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany for Air Services between and beyond their respective Territories (with Notes exchanged) (Ratifications have not yet been exchanged).

Refrigeration

(Copy of an Agreement signed at Paris on the 1st day of December 1954 replacing the International Convention of the 21st day of June 1920 as modified by the International Agreement of the 31st day of May 1937 concerning the International Institute of Refrigeration (this Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Treaty Series

(Copy of a Convention signed at Tangier on the 10th day of November 1952 relating to the reform of the International Jurisdiction in the Tangier Zone.

Treaty Series

(Copy of a European Cultural Convention signed at Paris on the 19th day of December 1954 (the United Kingdom Ratification was deposited on the 5th day of May 1955).

Treaty Series

(Copy of a Special Agreement signed at Bagdad on the 4th day of April 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Iraq (with Notes exchanged).

Treaty Series

(Copy of Notes exchanged at Paris on the 9th day of October and the 25th day of November 1954 and the 25th day of April 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic regarding the application to Jersey of the Social Security Agreement of the 11th day of June 1948 and Supplementary Agreements.

Treaty Series


Treaty Series

(Copy of Notes exchanged at Tokyo on the 30th day of June 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Japan prolonging until the 31st day of July 1955 the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 29th day of January 1954.

Treaty Series

(Copy of Notes exchanged at Asuncion on Treaty Series the 28th and 29th days of June 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Paraguay prolonging the Trade and Payments Agreement of the 3rd day of April 1950.

Treaty Series


Treaty Series

(Copy of Notes exchanged at Rio de Janeiro Treaty Series on the 50th day of June 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Brazil prolonging certain Articles of the Trade and Payments Agreement of the 21st day of May 1948.

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(Copy of a Convention signed at London on Treaty Series the 18th day of August 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (Ratifications were exchanged at Bonn on the 13th day of June 1955).

Treaty Series

(Copy of Notes exchanged at Copenhagen on Treaty Series the 26th day of October 1954 and the 7th day of May 1955 between Her Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and New Zealand and the Government of Denmark terminating the Agreement of the 21st day of July 1937 respecting Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel.

Treaty Series

(Copy of Notes exchanged at Paris on the Treaty Series 9th day of August 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of France terminating the Agreement of the 13th day of July 1938 regarding Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel.
Copy of Notes exchanged at Amsterdam on the 10th day of August 1939 regarding Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Tokyo on the 11th day of October 1937 regarding Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel.

Copy of Notes exchanged at The Hague on the 18th day of October 1954 and the 14th day of April 1955 between Her Majesty’s Governments in the United Kingdom and New Zealand and the Government of the Netherlands terminating the Agreement of the 21st day of August 1939 regarding Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Amsterdam on the 10th day of August 1939 regarding Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel.

Copy of Notes exchanged at The Hague on the 31st day of January 1955 regarding Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Oslo on the 12th day of July 1955 between Her Majesty’s Governments in the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth of Australia, and New Zealand and the Government of Norway terminating the Agreement of the 11th day of October 1953 regarding Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Tokyo on the 29th day of July 1955 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Japan prolonging until the 31st day of August 1955 the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 29th day of January 1954.

Copy of the Statute of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (drawn up at the Seventh Session of the Conference held at The Hague between the 9th and 31st days of October 1951) (the United Kingdom acceptance was deposited on the 3rd day of January 1955).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Berne on the 23rd day of December 1954 and the 9th day of May 1955 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and New Zealand and the Government of Switzerland terminating the Agreement of the 17th day of May 1938 regarding Documents of Identity for Aircraft Personnel.

Copy of a Memorandum on Economic Development and Social Services in High Commission Territories.

Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the Further Education Grant Amendment Regulations, 1955.


Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 30th June 1955.

Copy of the Report of the Advisory Committee on the development of Pig Production in the United Kingdom.


Copy of the Report of the Ministry of Health for 1954 (Part I) (1) The National Health Service (including a Chapter on International Health); (2) Welfare, Food and Drugs, Civil Defence).

Copy of a Report on the causes of, and circumstances attending, the explosion at Glyncorrwg Colliery, Glamorganshire, on the 13th day of January 1954.

Copy of the Report of the Ministry of Housing, Housing and Local Government for the period from 1950-51 to 1954.

Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 30th June 1955.

Copies of Housing Summaries—
(1) dated 31st July 1955, and
(2) dated 31st August 1955.


Copy of a List of exceptional awards of Pension. Pensions and Allowances sanctioned by the Treasury to serving members, disabled members, and the dependants of deceased members of the Armed Forces during the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

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Copy of a Report on the causes of, and circumstances attending, the explosion at Glyncorrwg Colliery, Glamorganshire, on the 13th day of January 1954.

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4th August 1955:—
Copies of Orders in Council, dated 29th July 1955, entitled—
(1) the Tanganyika Order in Council, 1955,
(2) the Eastern African Court of Appeal (Amendment) Order in Council, 1955,
(3) the Buganda (Transitional Provisions) Order in Council, 1955, and

Merchants.
Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th July 1955, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Exercise of Powers in North Borneo) (Revocation) Order, 1955.

Rhodesia and Nyasaland Federation.
Copies of Orders in Council, dated 29th July 1955, entitled—
(1) the Nyasaland (No. 2) Order in Council, 1955, and
(2) the Nyasaland Protectorate (African Trust Land) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1955.

West Africa.
Copies of Orders in Council, dated 29th July 1955, entitled—
(1) the Gold Coast (Constitution) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1955, and
(2) the Gold Coast (Constitution) (Amendment No. 2) Order in Council, 1955.

5th August 1955:—
Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1955, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1955.

Supplies and Services (Food).
Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1955, entitled the Imported Livestock (Marking) (Amendment) Order, 1955.

Rights of Way.
Copy of an Order, dated 9th August 1955, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Morpeth, Northumberland) (Revocation) Order, 1955.

Local Government.

Local Government Superannuation.
Copy of a Scheme, dated 20th July 1955, made by the Kensington Metropolitan Borough Council and approved, with modifications, by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

10th August 1955:—

11th August 1955:—
Copy of Regulations, dated 5th August 1955, entitled the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) (Amendment No. 1) Regulations, 1955.

Local Government Superannuation.
Copy of a Scheme, dated 27th July 1955, made by the Southwark Metropolitan Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

13th August 1955:—
Copy of an Order, dated 11th August 1955, entitled the Control of Paper (Newspapers) (Economy) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1955.

17th August 1955:—
Copy of an Order, dated 12th August 1955, entitled the Strategic Goods (Control) (Amendment) Order, 1955.

9th August 1955:—
Copy of an Order, dated 15th August 1955, entitled the Exchange Control (Payments) (Italian Monetary Area) Order, 1955, and
(2) the Exchange Control (Specified Currency) (Amendment) Order, 1955.

23rd August 1955:—
Copy of Regulations, dated 17th August 1955, entitled the Teachers' Salaries (Scotland) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1955.

25th August 1955:—
Copy of an Order, dated 17th August 1955, entitled the Teachers' Salaries (Scotland). (Scottish Education Authority Bursaries) (Prescribed Bodies) Regulations, 1955.

30th August 1955:—
Copy of an Order, dated 14th August 1955, entitled the Chancery of Lancaster (Court of Chancery) Order, 1955.

Copies of Rules, dated 14th August 1955, entitled—
(1) the Chancery of Lancaster Rules, 1955, and
(2) the Chancery of Lancaster (No. 2) Rules, 1955.

31st August 1955:—


Local Government Superannuation.
Copy of a Scheme, dated 25th July 1955, made by the Manchester City Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

5th September 1955:—

6th September 1955:—
Copy of Orders, dated 31st August 1955, entitled—
(1) the Welfare Foods (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order, 1955, and
(2) the Welfare Foods (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1955.

8th September 1955:—
Copy of an Order, dated 7th September 1955, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Chester-le-Street, Durham) (Revocation) Order, 1955.
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Agriculture (Scotland). Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 12th October 1955, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

Air Navigation. Nos. 98 & 99. Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on the 27th day of September 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised—

(1) by the British Overseas Airways Corporation, and
(2) by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.


(1) dated 16th August 1955, and
(2) dated 1st September 1955, relating to the Fiduciary Note issue.

Electricity. No. 102. Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 27th day of September 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised by the Central Electricity Authority.

Gas. No. 103. Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 27th day of September 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised by the Gas Council.

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland). Nos. 104 & 105. Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on the 27th day of September 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised—

(1) by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, and
(2) by the South of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 27th day of September 1955 on Stock issued by the British Transport Commission.

Ordered, that the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Air Navigation, Bank Notes, Electricity, Gas, Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland), and Transport be printed.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to Army 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. Ward presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th September 1955, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to the Order of His late Majesty King George the Sixth, dated 26th August 1948, providing for the Government, Discipline, Pay, and Allowances of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force.


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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Eighth Annual Report on Scottish Camps by the Scottish National Camps Association Limited, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the First Annual Report of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, for the period from the 19th day of July 1954 to the 31st day of March 1955.

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

Ordered, that the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Atomic Energy be printed.

Mr. Thorncroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

(1) Volume 1, Trade L, Building Materials,(2) Volume 2, Trade D, Coal Tar Products,
(3) Volume 2, Trade R, Plastic Materials,
(4) Volume 3, Trade G, Non-ferrous Metals (Smelting, Rolling, &c.),
Order of the Day.

Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Patents (Extension of Period of Emergency) Order 1955.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th February 1954, entitled the British Electricity Authority (Langley Common) 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.

Reports of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Coal Mines. Mines for 1954—
(1) for the East Midland Division,
(2) for the North Eastern Division, and
(3) for the Scottish Division.

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

Mr. lain Macleod presented, pursuant to the Registration of Services, the Registrations of Services,
(1) of the Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for the years 1950-51 (with Supplement on Hospital In-patient Statistics), and
(2) of the Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for the two years 1950-51 (with Supplement on General Morbidity, Cancer, and Mental Health).

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

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th December 1954, entitled the Smallburgh Rural (Swafield No. 1) 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 the Ninetieth Annual Report on the British Electricity Authority (The British Electricity Authority), 1954.

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 1954.

Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 13th October 1955, entitled the Buxton (Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1955,
(2) dated 13th October 1955, entitled the Nelson (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1955,
(3) dated 19th October 1955, entitled the Liverpool (Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1955, and
(4) dated 20th October 1955, entitled the Ilford (Drainage) (Extension of Time) Order, 1955, with Certificates by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.
Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no
Committee on the National Insurance (Con­
tinued)

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River Boards. Copies of the Annual Reports, for the year
ended the 31st day of March 1955—
(1) of the Bristol Avon River Board,
(2) of the Cheshire River Board,
(3) of the Cornwall River Board,
(4) of the Cumberland River Board,
(5) of the Glamorgan River Board,
(6) of the Gwynedd River Board,
(7) of the Hampshire River Board,
(8) of the Hull and East Yorkshire River Board,
(9) of the Mersey River Board,
(10) of the Nene River Board,
(11) of the Severn River Board, and
(12) of the Wear and Tees River Board.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

National Insurance. Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the direc­
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Regulations, dated 18th October 1955, entitled
the National Insurance (Contributions) Amend­
ment Regulations, 1955.

Report of the National Insurance Advisory
Committee on the National Insurance (Con­
tinuations) 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 and the
National Insurance Joint Authority in accord­
ance with that Act.

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means pre­
sented, 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).

Orders, 1955.

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).

Cinematograph Fund. No. 107.

Account showing the Receipts and Pay­
ments of the Cinematograph Fund during the
year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with
the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
General thereon.

Industrial Assurance. No. 108.

Copy of the Report of the Industrial Assur­
ance Commissioner for 1954.

Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visits made and Patients
seen by the several Commissioners of the Board
of Control during the six months ended the
30th day of June 1955.

Account of 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 1955, with
the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
General thereon.

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Copy of an Order, dated 13th October 1955,
made by the Governor in the Privy Council of
Northern Ireland, relating to Winter Assize.

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

Scheme for the re-arrangement of the
pastoral supervision of the parishes of Saint
Luke, Bedminster; Saint Silas, Bristol; Temple
or Holy Cross, Bristol and Saint Philip and
Saint Jacob with Emmanuel, Bristol, in the
diocese of Bristol.

Supplementary Scheme for the re-arrange­
ment of the pastoral supervision of the parishes
of Old Saint Pancras, Saint Mathew, Bedfor
New Town; and Saint Michael with All Saints
and Saint Thomas, Camden Town, in the
diocese of London.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he
had received the following Letter and Certifi­
cate from the Judges appointed to try the
Election Petition relating to the Election for
Fermanagh and South Tyrone:

The Royal Courts of Justice (Ulster),
Belfast.
19th October, 1955

The Right Honourable
The Speaker of the House of Commons.
Sir,
Constituency of Fermanagh and South Tyrone

In accordance with the provisions of Section
124 of the Representation of the People Act,
1949, we transmit herewith our certificate in
writing of our determinations upon the Petition
of Lt-Col. Robert George Grosvenor against
the election of Mr. Philip Christopher Clarke
as member for the above constituency, accom­
pained (as directed by Section 111 (6) of the
Act) by a copy of the shorthand writers' tran­
script of the evidence given upon the
hearing of the Petition and also by a copy of
the shorthand writers' transcript of our judg­
ment. It will be observed that we have made
a few slight verbal corrections in the shorthand
writers' transcripts.

Constituency of Mid-Ulster

The matter of the Petition of Mr. Charles
Beattie against the return of Mr. Thomas
James Mitchell as member for the constituency
of Mid Ulster was tried before us at Omagh
within the said constituency on the 5th, 6th
and 7th October 1955. We propose to trans­
mit to you the formal certificate of our deter­
minations upon the Petition when we have
received and have had an opportunity of check­
ing the shorthand writers' transcripts.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR BLACK
CHARLES L. SHEIL
Judges on the Rota for the
Trial of Election Petitions.

SUPREME COURT (NORTHERN IRELAND).
Clarke was returned by the Returning Officer.

Clarke said Election were the above-named Robert May 1955 as having been duly elected at the said Election.

George Grosvenor and Philip Christopher was not duly elected or returned and that the

mined that the said Philip Christopher Clarke

South Tyrone was holden on the 26th day of

Ireland for the Constituency of Fermanagh and

Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern

within the said constituency on the 30th and 31st days of August and the 1st and 2nd days

of September 1955.

AND WHEREAS the said Robert George Grosvenor presented a Petition to the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland  in the Queen's Bench Division praying that it might be deter-

WHEREAS an Election of a member to serve in the present Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the Constituency of Fermanagh and South Tyrone was holden on the 26th day of May 1955.

AND WHEREAS the only candidates at the said Election were the above-named Robert George Grosvenor and Philip Christopher Clarke

AND WHEREAS the said Philip Christopher Clarke was returned by the Returning Officer as having been duly elected at the said Election.

AND WHEREAS on the 17th day of June 1955, the said Robert George Grosvenor presented a Petition to the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland in the Queen's Bench Division praying that it might be determined that the said Philip Christopher Clarke was not duly elected or returned and that the said Robert George Grosvenor was duly elected and ought to have been returned.

AND WHEREAS the matter of the said Petition was tried before us at Enniskillen within the said constituency on the 30th and 31st days of August and the 1st and 2nd days of September 1955.

We hereby certify that at the conclusion of the said trial we determined as follows:—

(a) that at the date of the said Election on the 26th day of May, 1955, the said Philip Christopher Clarke was incapable of being elected as a member of Parliament and was not duly elected or returned; and

(b) that the said Robert George Grosvenor was duly elected to serve in the present Parliament for the said constituency of Fermanagh and South Tyrone and ought to have been returned.

DATED this 2nd day of September 1955.

Arthur Black

Charles L. Sheil

Judges on the Rota for the Court for the trial of an Election Petition for the Constituency of Mid-Ulster.

And the said Letter and Certificate were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

A Copy of the Shorthand Writer's Notes was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this House forthwith with the last Return for Fermanagh and South Tyrone and amend the same by substituting the name of Lieutenant-Colonel Robert George Grosvenor for that of Philip Christopher Clarke as the Member returned for the said constituency—

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn;

The House divided.

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

 Tellers for the (Mr. Allen,

280.

Yea,} Colonel Harrison;

Tellers for the (Mr. McGovern,

99.

Noes,} Mr. Delargy;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this House forthwith with the last Return for Fermanagh and South Tyrone and amend the same by substituting the name of Lieutenant-Colonel Robert George Grosvenor for that of Philip Christopher Clarke as the Member returned for the said constituency.

The Clerk of the Crown thereupon attended at the Table and amended the Return accordingly.

Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House, That he had received the following Letter and Certificate from the Judges appointed to try the Election Petition relating to the Election for Mid-Ulster:

The Royal Courts of Justice (Ulster),

Belfast.

21st October 1955

The Right Honourable The Speaker of the House of Commons.

Sir,

Constituency of Mid-Ulster.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 124 of the Representation of the People Act, 1949, we transmit herewith our certificate in writing of our determination upon the Petition of Mr. Charles Beattie against the election of Mr. Thomas James Mitchell as member for the above constituency, accompanied (as directed by Section 111 (6) of the Act) by a copy of the shorthand writers' transcript of the evidence given upon the hearing of the Petition and also by a copy of their transcript of our judgment.

It will be observed that we have made a few slight verbal corrections in the shorthand writers' transcripts.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur Black

Charles L. Sheil

Judges on the Rota for the Trial of Election Petitions.

To the Right Honourable

The Speaker of the House of Commons

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

COURT for the trial of an ELECTION PETITION for the CONSTITUENCY OF MID-ULSTER.

BETWEEN

Charles Beattie, Petitioner;

and

Thomas James Mitchell, Respondent.

WHEREAS an Election of a member to serve in the present Parliament of the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the Constituency of Mid-Ulster was holden on the 11th day of August 1955

AND WHEREAS the only candidates at the said Election were the above-named Charles Beattie and Thomas James Mitchell.

AND WHEREAS the said Thomas James Mitchell was returned by the Returning Officer as having been duly elected at the said Election

AND WHEREAS on the 25th day of August 1955, the said Charles Beattie presented a Petition to the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland in the Queen's Bench Division praying that it might be determined that the said Thomas James Mitchell was not duly elected or returned and that the said Charles Beattie was duly elected and ought to have been returned.

AND WHEREAS the matter of the said Petition was tried before us at Omagh within the said Constituency on the 5th, 6th and 7th days of October 1955;

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that at the conclusion of the said trial we determined as follows:—

(a) that at the date of the said Election on the 11th day of August 1955, the said Thomas James Mitchell was incapable of being elected as a member of Parliament and was not duly elected or returned; and

(b) that the said Charles Beattie was duly elected to serve in the present Parliament for the said Constituency of Mid-Ulster and ought to have been returned.

DATED this 7th day of October 1955.

ARTHUR BLACK

Judges on the Rota for the Trial of Election Petitions.

And the said Letter and Certificate were ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

A Copy of the Shorthand Writer's Notes was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this House forthwith with the last Return for Mid-Ulster and amend the same by substituting the name of Charles Beattie for that of Thomas James Mitchell as the Member returned for the said constituency.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

The Clerk of the Crown thereupon attended at the Table and amended the Return accordingly.

The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert George Grovenor, for Fermanagh and South Tyrone.

Charles Beattie, Esquire, Member for Mid-Ulster, was sworn.

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

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 25th day of November next, the 9th day of December next, the 3rd and 17th days of February next, the 2nd and 16th days of March next, the 13th and 27th days of April next, the 11th day of May next, and the 15th day of June next;

(3) on and after Friday the 13th day of April next Public Bills other than Government Bills shall be arranged on the Order Paper in the following order:—Consideration of Lords Amendments, Third Readings, Considerations of 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 3rd day of November next, under arrangements to be made by Mr. Speaker, and the Bills shall be presented at the commencement of Public Business on Wednesday the 9th day of November next;

(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 18th day of November next, the 5th and 16th days of December next, the 10th and 24th days of February next, the 9th and 23rd days of March next, the 20th day of April next, the 4th day of May next, and the 8th day of June 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 2nd, 16th and 30th days of November next, the 1st, 5th and 22nd days of February next, the 7th day of March next, the 11th and 18th days of April next, and the 16th day of May next.

(7) until after Wednesday, the 9th day of November next, 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 or introduction and first readings).—(Captain Crookshank.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Validation of Elections (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

The Diplomatic Immunities Restriction Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage 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.

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 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 on the contributions out of moneys provided by Parliament which may be made under section one, under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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6th October

Order. That there be laid before this House a Statement of Changes in Taxation, as proposed by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Supplementary Financial Statement this day.—(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.

PURCHASE TAX.

1. Motion made, That as from the twenty-seventh day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-five—

(a) section nine of the Finance Act, 1952 (which provides for reducing or discharging purchase tax on certain wearing apparel, textiles and domestic furniture by making a deduction from wholesale value), shall be repealed;

(b) subject to any order of the Treasury under section twenty-one of the Finance Act, 1948, Part I of the Eighth Schedule to that Act shall be amended as provided by the Table appended to this Resolution, but this paragraph—

(i) shall not authorise the amendments in paragraphs 1 to 5 of that Table unless provision is made by any Act of the present Session relating to finance for the repeal of the said section nine of the Finance Act, 1952, at least so far as it applies to all descriptions of wearing apparel, textile articles, soft furnishings and bedding, or for its repeal to that extent subject to a saving for articles made wholly or partly of fur-skin, and

(ii) shall not authorise the amendments in paragraph 6 of that Table unless provision is so made for the repeal of the said section nine at least so far as it applies to all descriptions of furniture;

(c) subject as aforesaid, in Part I of the said Eighth Schedule (with any amendments authorised by the foregoing provisions of this Resolution)—

(i) each rate of 25 per cent. in any Group shall be increased to 30 per cent.,

(ii) each rate of 50 per cent. in Group 11 or any following Group shall be increased to 60 per cent., and

(iii) each rate of 75 per cent. in any Group shall be increased to 90 per cent., but this paragraph shall not authorise any increase under one of the foregoing sub-paragraphs which does not apply equally to all rates mentioned in that sub-paragraph;

and in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of the said section twenty-one of the Finance Act, 1948, the reference to the rates of tax provided for by the enactments relating to purchase tax shall include not only the rates provided for...
by this Resolution but also any other rate not exceeding the highest rate at which tax is for the time being chargeable in respect of goods of any class.

**Table.**

1.—(1) In Groups 1 and 3 (which comprise garments, footwear and gloves) each rate of 25 per cent. shall be reduced to 5 per cent., and in Group 2 (which comprises headgear) each rate of 25 per cent. shall be reduced to 10 per cent.

(2) Articles of headgear suitable only for babies’ wear and gloves suitable only for babies’ wear shall cease to be chargeable goods.

2. Handkerchiefs, scarves, shawls and braces shall be chargeable under Group 4 (which comprises haberdashery) at 5 per cent.

3.—(1) Paragraph (a) of Group 5 (which charges textile articles containing wool at 50 per cent.) shall be omitted.

(2) Cushions, cushion pads, pillows, bolsters, overlay mattresses and mattress shapes, being articles of a kind used for domestic purposes, shall be chargeable under Group 5 at 5 per cent. but subject to an exemption for air pillows and cushions and water beds, pillows and cushions, being articles of that kind.

(3) Goods of the following descriptions shall (so far as not already chargeable) be chargeable goods and, subject to the provisions of this paragraph, shall be chargeable at 30 per cent.:

- Vessels designed for use primarily as containers for food or drink in the course of its storage, preparation or consumption, lids for use with vessels so designed, serving trays, bread boards, bowls and jugs and ewers:
  - Household brushes, brooms and mops;
  - Dustbins, buckets and pails;
  - Pedal-operated sanitary bins, coal hodls and coal scuttles;
  - Baths, wash tubs, wash boards, ironing boards, shields and stands for smoothing irons or pressing irons, clothes line posts, clothes pegs, clothes props and clothes airers (other than heated airers);
  - Pot scourers and steel wool;
  - Pastry boards and rolling pins;
  - Coal or cinder sieves and sifters;
  - Electric kettles and other cooking utensils incorporating heating elements;
  - Smoothing irons and pressing irons;
  - Interval timers incorporating an alarm mechanism;
  - Kitchen scales and weights therefor, kitchen weighing machines, hand operated wringers and hand operated mangles;
  - Shopping-baskets and shopping-bags, not being baskets or bags fitted with lids or any other means of closing them.

(2) The charge of 30 per cent. on goods becoming chargeable under this paragraph shall be subject to any higher charge applicable under any Group except that sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (a) of Group 12 (which charges such glassware at a higher rate than the rate in the said paragraph (a)) shall be omitted.

8. Glassware of cut glass falling within Group 11 shall be included in paragraph (a) of that Group and paragraph (d) of that Group which charges such glassware at a higher rate than the rate in the said paragraph (a) shall be omitted.

9.—(1) At the end of paragraph (b) of Group 12 (which comprises space heating appliances and heaters and boilers suitable for operation from electric or gas mains) for the words "suitable for operation from electric or gas mains" there shall be substituted the words "designed for operation by electricity or gas".

(2) Appliances of the following description shall not be chargeable goods:

- Appliances incorporating electric fans or electric pumps or both such fans and such pumps, being—
  - (a) solid fuel burning or oil burning space or water heaters or oil burners of a kind used for space or water heaters, or
  - (b) radiators or convectors for connection to hot water or steam central heating systems.
10.—(1) In Group 25 (which charges pictures, figures, busts, reliefs, vases and similar articles) references to vases shall be omitted.

(2) Frames for pictures, frames and stands for photographs and similar frames and stands shall, subject to the exemption in paragraph (g) of Group 11 (which relates to wooden frames of moulding not less than three inches wide), be included in Group 25 and shall be chargeable at 30 per cent. under the Group.

(3) The tableware, kitchenware and other articles of given materials excluded from Group 25 by paragraph (g) thereof shall include such articles whatever the material of which they are made.

11.—(1) No goods shall be chargeable under Groups 27 and 28 (which relate to goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares and articles of semi-precious materials).

(2) Group 26 (which relates to jewellery) shall include the following entries:

"Articles of personal adornment and other articles of a kind worn on the person, being articles made wholly or partly of gold, silver or other precious metal (not including base metal which is coated or plated with precious metal) ... 60 per cent.

Trophy cups, bowls and similar articles of a kind awarded as prizes 30 per cent."

(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Chairman then proceeded successively to put forthwith the Question on each further increase by—

(a) substituting twenty-seven and a half per cent.;

(b) so increasing the rate of any relief for non-distribution that the difference between the rate of any such tax and that of any such relief remains at two and a half per cent.;

(c) adjusting the rates of distribution charges to take account of reliefs for non-distribution given at the new rate;

and in connection therewith provision shall be made (whether imposing a further charge to tax or not) for the following matters, that is to say, for dividing, either generally or for particular purposes, chargeable accounting periods falling partly before and partly after the end of that month, for treating wholly or partly as a distribution for a chargeable accounting period ending after the end of that month dividends declared on or after the twentieth-sixth day of that month and for adjusting the relief to be given on repayment of loans previously treated as distributions.

And this Resolution shall authorise the making of any other provisions supplementary to the foregoing changes in the profits tax—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—put and agreed to.

AMENDMENTS OF INCOME TAX ACTS.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Income Tax Acts shall be amended in the following respects—

(a) provision shall be made with respect to the computation of the profits or gains or losses of trades comprising dealings in securities in cases where dividends on shares are received which are to be regarded as paid to any extent out of profits accumulated before the shares were acquired, or out of other past profits, and with respect to the restriction of any right to claim exemption from tax on dividends in cases where the dividends are to be regarded as paid to any extent out of past profits;

(b) the amounts which Lloyd's and other underwriters may pay into special reserve funds shall be increased;

And this Resolution shall authorise the making of provisions supplementary to the foregoing amendments, and the imposition of any charge to income tax or the profits tax arising out of those amendments, including charges for past years of assessment or past chargeable accounting periods—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer). 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 to-morrow.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty praying that the Transfer of Functions (Food and Drugs) Order, 1955, dated 30th June 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of July last, be annulled—(Mr. Willey).—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 4th day of October 1955 on Stock issued by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement signed at Manila on the 31st day of January 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for Air Services between and beyond their respective territories (with Notes exchanged at Manila between the 28th day of March and the 21st day of June 1955).

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

Copy of Notes exchanged at Rio de Janeiro on the 16th day of August 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Brazil terminating certain parts of, and supplementing, the Agreement of the 1st day of October 1953 for the Settlement of Brazilian Commercial Arrears with the United Kingdom.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Rio de Janeiro on the 16th day of August 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Brazil terminating Part 1 of Chapter Two and further prolonging Articles 15 and 19 (a) to (d) of the Trade and Payments Agreement of the 21st day of May 1948.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Lima on the 27th day of July 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Peru further prolonging Article VIII of the Payments Agreement of the 20th day of July 1948.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement by the Lord President of the Council with regard to the Remuneration, Allowances, and Pensions payable to Members of the Atomic Energy Authority.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
with respect to the restriction of any right to claim exemption from tax on dividends in cases where the dividends are to be regarded as paid to any extent out of past profits;

(b) the amounts which Lloyd’s and other underwriters may pay into special reserve funds shall be increased;

And this Resolution shall authorise the making of provisions supplementary to the foregoing amendments, and the imposition of any charge to income tax or the profits tax arising out of those amendments, including charges for past years of assessment or past chargeable accounting periods.

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 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.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider whether the Election of Mr. Charles Alfred Howell as a Member of this House for the Birmingham, Perry Barr, Division is invalid on the ground that at the time of his election he was a member of panels constituted by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance under the National Insurance Act, 1946; and to examine any other cases which may be brought to their notice of Members of this House who may have been incapable of election to this House by reason of the fact that at the time of their election they held offices or places of profit under the Crown within the meaning of Section 34 of the Succession to the Crown Act, 1707; and to report whether any such Member was on that account incapable of election to this House, and, if so, what course should be adopted in any such case;—And the Committee was nominated of Commander Agnew, Major Anstruther-Gray, Mr. Bellenger, Sir Robert Conant, Mr. Elliot, Sir Robert Grimston, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Michael Stewart, and Mr. John Taylor.

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

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty praying that the Transfer of Functions (Iron and Steel) Order, 1955, dated 21st June 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 25th day of June last, be annulled.—(Mr. Bottomley):—

The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolutions.  

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.  

—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

[No. 42.]

Friday, 28th October, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Oxford, on the 10th day of May 1955, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Sir Walter Monckton presented, pursuant to Statutes, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th October 1955, entitled the Indiarubber Regulations, 1955.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means. to sit again into the Committee of Ways and Means. —(In the Committee.)

AMENDMENTS OF INCOME TAX ACTS.

Question again proposed, That the Income Tax Acts shall be amended in the following respects—

(a) provision shall be made with respect to the computation of the profits or gains or losses of trades comprising dealings in securities in cases where dividends on shares are received which are to be regarded as paid to any extent out of profits accumulated before the shares were acquired, or out of other past profits, and with respect to the restriction of any right to claim exemption from tax on dividends in cases where the dividends are to be regarded as paid to any extent out of past profits;

(b) the amounts which Lloyd’s and other underwriters may pay into special reserve funds shall be increased;

And this Resolution shall authorise the making of provisions supplementary to the foregoing amendments, and the imposition of any charge to income tax or the profits tax arising out of those amendments, including charges for past years of assessment or past chargeable accounting periods.

Question put and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

Adjournment.

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

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

Adjournment.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of the Right Honourable Charles Williams, Member for Torquay, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the Right Honourable Member.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Leicester Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 8th day of August 1955 on Stock issued by the British Electricity Authority.

National Debt.

Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1955, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations, 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Electricity be printed.
ments authorised by the foregoing provisions of this Resolution—
(6) each rate of 25 per cent. in any Group shall be increased to 30 per cent.,
(6) each rate of 50 per cent. in Group 11 or any following Group shall be increased to 60 per cent., and
(iii) each rate of 75 per cent. in any Group shall be increased to 90 per cent.,
but this paragraph shall not authorise any increase under one of the foregoing subparagraphs which does not apply equally to all rates mentioned in that subparagraph;
and in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of the said section twenty-one of the Finance Act, 1948, the reference to the rates of tax provided for by the enactments relating to purchase tax shall include not only the rates provided for by this Resolution but also any other rate not exceeding the highest rate at which tax is for the time being chargeable in respect of goods of any class.

Table.

1.—(1) In Groups 1 and 3 (which comprise garments, footwear and gloves) each rate of 25 per cent. shall be reduced to 2 per cent. and in Group 2 (which comprises headgear) each rate of 25 per cent. shall be reduced to 10 per cent.
(2) Articles of headgear suitable only for babies' wear and gloves suitable only for babies' wear shall cease to be chargeable goods.

2. Handkerchiefs, scarves, shawls and braces shall be chargeable under Group 4 (which comprises haberdashery) at 5 per cent.

3.—(1) Paragraph (a) of Group 5 (which charges textile articles containing wool at 50 per cent.) shall be omitted.
(2) Cushions, cushion pads, pillows, bolsters, overlay mattresses and mattress shapes, being articles of a kind used for domestic purposes, shall be chargeable under Group 5 at 5 per cent. but subject to an exemption for all pillows and cushions and water beds, pillows and cushions, being articles of that kind.

4.—(1) All goods comprised in paragraph (a) of Group 6 (which relates to tissues and fabrics) shall be chargeable at 10 per cent. under that Group and the goods so comprised shall include tissues and fabrics of whatever material not exceeding twelve inches in width and not comprised in any of the following paragraphs of that group.
(2) The goods comprised in Group 6 as so extended shall not be chargeable as haberdashery under Group 4, and the material referred to in Group 6 as woollen material shall be known as Class A material.

5. Sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of Group 9 (which charges rugs other than fur rugs and floor rugs at 50 per cent.) shall be omitted.

6.—(1) Furniture of a kind used for domestic purposes and of the following descriptions shall be chargeable under Group 11 at 5 per cent.:—
- Wardrobes, cupboards, tallboys, cabinets (other than refrigerator cabinets, chests, chests of drawers, dressing chests, sideboards, bureaux, bookcases, bookcase units, sets of shelves (but not including any of the above-mentioned articles which are made of metal);
- Tables, including writing tables and dressing tables, and trolleys;
- Chairs, settees, stools, pouffes and other seats;
- Divans, bunks, ottomans, spring-bases, box-spring mattresses and other mattresses, not being overlay mattresses;
- Headboards and bedstead ends;
- Fireside curbs.
(2) Babies' high chairs, babies' cradles and stands therefor, cots and playpens shall cease to be chargeable goods.

7.—(1) Goods of the following descriptions shall (so far as not already chargeable) be chargeable goods and, subject to the provisions of this paragraph, shall be chargeable at 30 per cent.:
- Vessels designed for use primarily as containers for food or drink in the course of its storage, preparation or consumption, lids for use with vessels so designed, serving trays, bread boards, bowls and jugs and ersons, household brushes, brooms and mops;
- Dustbins, buckets and pails, and lids for dustbins, buckets and pails;
- Pedal-operated sanitary bins, coal hods and coal scuttles:
- Baths, wash tubs, wash boards, ironing boards, shields and stands for smoothing irons or pressing irons, clothes line posts, clothes pegs, clothes props and clothes airers (other than heated airers);
- Pot scrubbers and steel wool;
- Pastry boards and rolling pins;
- Coal or cinder sieves and sifters;
- Electric kettles and other cooking utensils incorporating heating elements;
- Smoothing irons and pressing irons;
- Interval timers incorporating an alarm mechanism;
- Kitchen scales and weights therefor, kitchen weighing machines, hand operated wringers and hand operated mangles;
- Shopping-baskets and shopping-bags, not being baskets or bags fitted with lids or any other means of closing them.
(2) The charge of 30 per cent. on goods becoming chargeable under this paragraph shall be subject to any higher charge applicable under any Group except that sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) of Group 12 (which charges articles designed for operation by electricity or gas at a higher rate than other articles) shall not apply to electric kettles and other cooking ustensils incorporating heating elements or to smoothing irons or pressing irons.

8. Glassware of cut glass falling within Group 11 shall be included in paragraph (a) of that Group and paragraph (d) of that Group (which charges such glassware at a higher rate than the rate in the said paragraph (a) shall be omitted.

9.—(1) At the end of paragraph (b) of Group 12 (which comprises space heating appliances and heaters and boilers suitable for
operation from electric or gas mains) for the purpose of making (whether imposing a further charge to income tax or the profits tax arising out of those amendments, including charges for past years of assessment or past chargeable accounting periods) shall be increased by—

(a) provision shall be made with respect to the computation of the profits or gains or losses of trades comprising dealings in securities in cases where dividends on shares are received which are to be regarded as paid to any extent out of profits accumulated before the shares were acquired, or out of other past profits, and with respect to the restriction of any right to claim exemption from tax on dividends in cases where the dividends are to be regarded as paid to any extent out of past profits;

(b) the amounts which Lloyd's and other underwriters may pay into special reserve funds shall be increased;

and this Resolution shall authorise the making of provisions supplementary to the foregoing amendments, and the imposition of any charge to income tax or the profits tax arising out of those amendments, including charges for past years of assessment or past chargeable accounting periods.

The said Resolution being read a second time:

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

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.

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 28th day of this instant October, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

AMENDMENTS OF INCOME TAX ACTS.

That the Income Tax Acts shall be amended in the following respects—

(a) provision shall be made with respect to the computation of the profits or gains or losses of trades comprising dealings in securities in cases where dividends on shares are received which are to be regarded as paid to any extent out of profits accumulated before the shares were acquired, or out of other past profits, and with respect to the restriction of any right to claim exemption from tax on dividends in cases where the dividends are to be regarded as paid to any extent out of past profits;

(b) the amounts which Lloyd's and other underwriters may pay into special reserve funds shall be increased;

and this Resolution shall authorise the making of provisions supplementary to the foregoing amendments, and the imposition of any charge to income tax or the profits tax arising out of those amendments, including charges for past years of assessment or past chargeable accounting periods.

The said Resolution being read a second time:

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

The said Resolution being read a second time:

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution and upon the other Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and agreed to this day; and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Brooke, and Sir Edward Boyle do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Brooke accordingly presented a Bill to increase certain taxes and otherwise to amend the law relating to the Public Revenue: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, Her Majesty's Government have been guilty of incompetence and neglect in their economic and financial policy; that in framing the Budget of last April their action was contrary to the interests of the nation, calculated to deceive the electorate and was designed for party political ends; and that the Supplementary Budget and other proposals of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whilst not providing a solution to the problems now facing Great Britain, are unjust in that they impose heavy burdens on persons of limited means and discriminate against local and other public authorities—(Mr. Herbert Morrison);—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Bowden rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—


Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the number of offences relating to motor vehicles in England and Wales, the number of persons prosecuted for such offences, the results of the proceedings in magistrates' courts, and the number of alleged offences in respect of which written warnings were issued by the police, together with the number of persons concerned, during 1954.—Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

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

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Sudan (Special Payments) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Validation of Elections (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the extinguishment of certain common or commonable rights and other rights in respect of part of Fairwood Common in the County of Glamorgan and for the determination payment and apportionment of the compensation money payable in respect of such extinguishment; to extend the powers conferred on the Mayor Aldermen and Burgess of the County Borough of Swansea by the Civil Aviation Act 1949; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Gloucestershire County Council to demolish the Concert Hall forming part of the Shire Hall of the County and to use the space thereof for building purposes; to confer further powers on the Gloucestershire County Council and local authorities in the county of Gloucester in relation to lands and highways and the local government improvement and finance of the county; to enact provisions with respect to hairdressers' and barbers' premises and public entertainments; to make further provision for the superannuation of employees; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise a variation of the works authorised by the Cheshire and Lancashire County Councils (Runcorn-Widnes Bridge &c.) Act 1947; to amend that Act in certain respects; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Swansea Corporation (Fairwood Common) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Gloucestershire County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Runcorn-Widnes Bridge Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Sandys, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Deedes, presented a Subsidies Bill.

Bill to make provision with respect to contributions in connection with housing accommodation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Agriculture (Improvement of Roads) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sitting of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes, Colonel Harrison: 225.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Short: 175.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Horse Artillery.

General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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


And the Question being again proposed, Adjournment, That this House do now adjourn:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
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 Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

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

S E V E R A L Public Petitions were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, by Emergency Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memo- randum on the Continuance of Emergency Legislation.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George also presented, Offences relating —Return to an Address to Her Majesty yesterday for a Return relating to Offences relating to Motor Vehicles. No. 113.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George also presented, Church pursuant to the directions of a Measure,— Commission.

Copy of the Seventh Annual Report of the Church Commissioners for England, with Accounts, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Offences relating to Motor Vehicles be printed.

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the direc- tions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th October 1955, entitled the Aden Colony (Amendment) Order, 1955.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 28th East Africa. October 1955, entitled—

(1) the East African Territories (Air Trans- port) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1955, and
(2) the Kenya Protectorate (Amendment) Order in Council, 1955.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th Falkland October 1955, entitled the Falkland Islands (Legislative Council) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1955.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 28th Foreign October 1955, entitled the Muscat Order, 1955.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 28th Merchant October 1955, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping (Load Line Con- version) (Various Countries) Order, 1955, and
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Confirmation of Legislation) (Aden) Order, 1955.

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

P R A Y E R S .
Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1954.

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

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Reports of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Mines for 1954—

(1) for the North Western Division, and
(2) for the West Midland and Southern Division.

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

Colonel Gomme-Duncan reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on the Police (Scotland) Bill (Lords), now pending in the House of Lords, That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; and the Report was brought up and read.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the policy on National Service set out in Command Paper No. 9608 for an immediate reduction in the length of National Service set out in Command Paper No. 9608, instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “_regrets that no provision is made in Command Paper No. 9608 for_” House “_non-effective Pay and Allowances during the year ended the 31st day of March 1955 which have been sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, pursuant to the Order in Council dated 19th December 1881._” be left out stand part of the Question;

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Pearson;

326. Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Tellers for the Noes;

Mr. Pearson.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House approves the policy on National Service set out in Command Paper No. 9608.

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties (No. 1) Order, 1955, dated 16th September 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 20th day of September last, be approved.—(Mr. Low.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Artificial Cream Act, 1950, and the Food and Drugs Amendment Act, 1954, together with certain other enactments amending and supplementing Part V of the said Act of 1938 in relation to slaughterhouses and knackers' yards; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

The Clerk Assistant at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from the remainder of this day's Sitting. Whereupon Sir Charles MacAndrew, the Chairman of Ways and Means, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

And the Question being 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 (Committee of Bills).

Mr. Sandys, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Clean Air [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 abating the pollution of the air, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

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

(Colonel Harrison.)

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

[No. 47.]

Friday, 4th November, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following com—

Death of a Member.

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of the Right Honourable William Whiteley, C.H., Member for Blaydon, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sympathy with the relatives of the Right Honourable Member.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd November 1955, entitled the
The following Paper, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 5th day of this instant November pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:


Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, on the 26th day of May 1955 amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 Benefit for very short spells of Unemployment or Sickness.

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

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

Accounts of (a) the Sums received into and disbursed out of the Consolidated Fund, (b) the Redemption Stock issued, and (c) the Redemption Stock Sinking Fund, under the Tithe Act, 1836, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.
Adjournment.

Mr. Elliot reported from the Select Committee on Elections, That they had made progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

No. 117.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Colonel Harrison);—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to continue certain expiring laws, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, the Road Traffic Act, 1934, and the Population (Statistics) Act, 1938, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six; and of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, and the Licensing Act, 1953, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, being expenses which under any Act are to be defrayed out of such moneys.—(Mr. Brooke.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

MEMORANDA.

Monday, 7th November, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Clean Air Bill to Standing Committee B and the Dentists Bill to Standing Committee A.

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 Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 49.]

Tuesday, 8th November, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and inquired into under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in pursuance of the Standing Order not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:

Gloucestershire County Council Bill (Lords).

Runcorn-Widnes Bridge Bill (Lords).

Swansea Corporation (Fairwater Common) Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Public Petition was presented and read; Public Petitions, Vide First Report.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Draft Order in Council entitled the International Finance Corporation Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, presented, Aliens and Protected Persons (Naturalisation). No. 118.

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,—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the University of Oxford on the 17th day of May 1955 amending the Statutes of the University, and
(2) made by the Governing Body of Saint John Baptist College, Oxford, on the 19th day of May 1955 amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

(1) Volume 2, Trade O, Oils and Greases,
(2) Volume 4, Trade E, Small Arms, and
(3) Volume 6, Trade A, Cotton Spinning and Doubling.

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 1st November 1955, entitled—

(1) the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 1955,
(2) the Road Vehicles (Excise) (Prescribed Particulars) Regulations, 1955, and
(3) the Road Vehicles (Index Marks) (Amendment) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Reports, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955—

(1) of the Dee and Clwyd River Board,
(2) of the Lancashire River Board,
(3) of the Northumberland and Tyne-side River Board,
(4) of the Somerset River Board,
(5) of the South West Wales River Board,
(6) of the Usk River Board, and
(7) of the Yorkshire Ouse River Board.

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

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

(1) the British Electricity Authority (Langley Common) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1954,
(2) the Smallburgh Rural (Swaffield No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1954,
(3) the Buxton (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1955,
(4) the Ilford (Drainage) (Extension of Time) Order, 1955,
(5) the Nelson (Repeal of Local Enactment) Order, 1955,
(6) the Liverpool (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1955, and

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

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

Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the National Debt Commissioners in respect of the Capital and Income of the Irish Land Purchase Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

The Order of the day being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholme; Mr. Pearson:
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Lieutenant-Commander Thompson re- Clean Air [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for abating the pollution of the air, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament—

(a) of the following contributions to expenses of any local authority, that is to say—

(i) four-sevenths of the approved expenses of the authority in making repayments of seven-tenths of the expenses, on adaptations to avoid contraventions of the provisions of the said Act relating to areas declared thereunder to be smoke control areas, of owners or occupiers of, or other persons interested in, private dwellings which are not new dwellings;

(ii) two-fifths of the approved expenses of the authority in making, in or in connection with private dwellings owned by them or under their control not being new dwellings, adaptations to avoid such contraventions as aforesaid; and

(iii) two-fifths of the approved expenses of the authority in carrying out, in or in connection with private
dwellings which are not new dwellings, any such adaptations as aforesaid which have been required by notices served by them under the said provisions of the said Act;

(b) any administrative expenses incurred under the said Act by the Minister of Housing and Local Government or the Secretary of State; and

(c) any increase attributable to the said Act in the moneys to be provided by Parliament under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954.

In this Resolution "approved" means approved by the said Minister or the Secretary of State.

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

Lieutenant-Commander Thompson reported from the Committee on Dentists [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to dentists being an Act which establishes a General Dental Council, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any part of the expenses incurred by that Council in connection with an experiment for ascertaining the value to the community of the existence of a class of ancillary dental workers undertaking dental work of a kind determined under the said Act.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

[No. 50.]

Wednesday, 9th November, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—List of Exceptions to the Army Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay, and Allowances.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Drayson, Mr. James Lindsay, and Mr. Speir; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Burden, Mr. Jennings, Major Sharples, and Mr. Woolam.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee A in respect of the Dentists Bill, viz.:—Mr. Balfour, Mr. Bevis, Mr. Blenkinsop, Mr. Finlay, Mr. Fort, Air Commodore Harvey, Mr. Hastings, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Holmes, Miss Hornsby-Smith, Mr. John Hynd, Mr. Ledger, Sir Hugh Linne, Mr. Iain Macleod, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Orson, Mr. Henry Price, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Royle, Mr. Shepherd, Colonel Stoddart-Scott, Dr. Summerskill, Mr. Vaughan-Morgan, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Wakefield.

Mr. Ernest Davies, supported by Mr. Ede, Mr. Harold Wilson, Mr. Leather, Sir Eric Errington, Mr. Mulley, Mr. Philip Bell, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Longden, Mr. de Freitas, Mr. Nield, and Mr. Mellish, presented a Bill to authorise the conduct of small lotteries for other than private gain by societies for raising money for charitable, sporting and other purposes and to amend the law with respect to gambling; and for other purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant November and to be printed.

Mr. Baldwin, supported by Mr. Renton, Mr. Speir, Mrs. Emmet, Mr. Gooch, Mr. Hurdi, Sir Robert Boothby, Mr. Gerald Williams, Mr. William Yates, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Pott, presented a Bill to make provision for the improvement of transport in rural areas by rail, road, and water; and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of December next and to be printed.

Mr. Sparks, supported by Mr. Frederic Harris, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mrs. Butler, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. MacColl, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Charles Ponnell, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Lindgren, Mr. Pargiter, and Miss Burton, presented a Bill to repeal section sixty-eight of the Local Government Act, 1929, and section forty-five of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1929: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of March next and to be printed.

Mr. Leather, supported by Mr. Vaughan-Morgan, Mr. Fort, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Alport, Mr. Longden, Sir Hugh Linstead, Dame Irene Ward, Mr. Powell, Mr. Maude, Mr. Summers, and Captain Duncan, presented a Bill to provide for altering the extent to which deductions from widows' benefits and retirement pensions under the National Insurance Act, 1946, are to be made in respect of earnings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Mason, supported by Mr. James Griffiths, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Ronald Williams, Mr. Neal, Mr. Bernard Taylor, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Finch, Mr. Blyton, Mr. Short, Mr. Marquand, and Mr. Steele, presented a Bill to amend the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Acts, 1946 to 1954, in relation to increases of disablement pension in respect of special hardship allowance and unemployment supplement; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the
first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Vaughan-Morgan, supported by Mr. Leather, Sir Lionel Heald, Mr. Royle, Mr. Simon, Mr. William Thomas Williams, and Mr. Longden, 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 the 2nd day of March next and to be printed.

Mr. John Howard, supported by Mr. Brown, Mr. Croxin, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Gower, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Charles Pannell, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Renton, Mr. Tiley, Mr. Tomney, and Mr. Fienburgh, presented a Bill to amend section fourteen of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1952, and certain provisions of the Legitimacy Act, 1926; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of December next and to be printed.

Mr. Fisher, supported by Mr. Gough, Viscount Hinchinbrooke, Mr. Holland-Whitton, Mr. Kerr, Sir Guy Lloyd, Mr. Nabarro, Mr. Orr-Ewing, Mr. Russell, Sir Charles Taylor, and Mr. Wood, 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 17th day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Deer, supported by Miss Herbishon, Mr. Ronald Williams, Mr. Bernard Taylor, Mr. White, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. David Griffiths, Mr. Blyton, Mr. Finch, Mr. Mason, and Mr. Tomney, 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 17th day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Hay, supported by Mr. Mitchison, Sir Robert Grimston, Mr. Younger, Mr. Rippon, Mr. Wake, Mr. Lindgren, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Champion, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Robert Jenkins, presented a Bill to enable local authorities to defray certain expenses in connection with official and courtesy visits; 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 3rd day of February next and to be printed.

Sir Eric Errington, supported by Sir Lionel Beach, Mr. Maitland, Mr. Simon, Mrs. Summers, Major Hicks-Beach, Mr. Fletcher-Cooke, and Sir Ian Horobin, presented a Bill to amend the Trustee Act, 1923, and the law relating to the range of trustee investments for charitable and non-charitable trusts; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of December next and to be printed.

Mr. Robert Edwards, supported by Mr. Robens, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Warboys, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Lee, Mr. Sidney Silverman, Mr. Smith, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Hunter, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a permanent committee to inquire into, review and report on the social, educational, cultural, and economic needs and consequences of the application of automation and electronic devices to British industry and agriculture; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of December next and to be printed.

Mr. Thornton-Kemsley, supported by Major Austruther-Grey, Captain Duncan, Colonel Gomme-Duncan, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Hoy, Mr. Lawson, Sir Gay Lloyd, Mr. Maitland, Mr. Malcolm MacPherson, and Mr. John Taylor, presented a Bill to authorise local authorities in Scotland to contribute to the expenses incurred by frontagers 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 25th day of this instant November and to be printed.

Mr. O'Neill, supported by Sir Charles Taylor, Mr. Eden, Mr. Renton, and Sir Peter Mardonald, presented a Bill to amend the Local Government (Street Works) (Scotland) Act, 1910; for the payment of allowances out of the Industrial Injuries Fund to workmen to whom the matters aforesaid; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Janner, supported by Mr. Skellington, Mr. Awbery, Mr. Deer, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Grenfell, Mr. Cedwyn Hughes, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, Mr. Padley, Sir Leslie Plummer, Mr. George Thomas, and Mr. West, presented a Bill to make provision for the disfranchisement of residential property held under long leases; 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 17th day of February next and to be printed.

Sir Wavell Wakefield, supported by Mr. Albu, Dr. Bennett, Mr. Beswick, Wing Commander Grant-Ferris, Mr. Ian Harvey, Mr. Phillips Price, Dame Irene Ward, and Mr. William Wells, presented a Bill to change to public health inspectors the designation of sanitary inspectors appointed under the Local Government Act, 1933, or the London Government Act, 1939: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of March next and to be printed.

Captain Corfield, supported by Mr. Mathew, Mr. Pat, Mr. Keegon, and Mr. Hughes-Young, presented a Bill to extend the basis of compensation for land acquired compulsorily under Act of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of February next and to be printed.

Mr. Hill, supported by Mr. Ashton, Mr. Lister Bill.
Mr. Speir, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Vaughan-Morgan, presented a Bill to make provision for the abatement of litter; to provide penalties for the deposit of litter; and for matters connected with the purposes aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of March next and to be printed.

Mr. Hugh Fraser, supported by Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Foster, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Maude, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Simon, Mrs. White, Sir Henry D’Avigdor-Goldsmid, Mr. Albu, Mr. Nicolson, and Mr. Houghton, presented 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 upon Friday the 25th day of this instant November and to be printed.

The House of Commons Disqualification 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.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.
Wednesday, 9th November, 1955.
In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Blackburn Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Dentists Bill.

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 4th November 1955, entitled the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th November 1955, entitled the Valuation Lists (Totals of Values) Regulations, 1955.

Copy of Rules, dated 7th November 1955, Rating and Valuation.

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

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

Supplementary Scheme for administering the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Gaunt Charity for the repair of the former Church of Saint Jude, Moorfields, in the diocese of Sheffield.

Commander Agnew reported from the Committee on the Monmouthshire County Council Bill (Lords), That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Burden; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tiley.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Henry Price in respect of the Dentists Bill; and had appointed in substitution Sir Albert Braithwaite.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Aliens' Employment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Aliens' Employment Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed put, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Captain Crookshank);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Legh.]

Yea, Mr. Wakefield: 232.

Tellers for the [Mr. Wilkins.]

Noes, Mr. Joseph Price: 157.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Wills.]

Yea, Mr. Wakefield: 193.

Tellers for the [Mr. Holmes.]

Noes, Mr. Joseph Price: 132.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Seven Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Three by the Committee of Selection:

Ordered, That any Petitions against the Bill presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the fifth day after this day in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents, do stand referred to the Committee, but that if no such Petition is presented, or if all such Petitions are withdrawn before the meeting of the Committee, the Order for the committal of the Bill to a Select Committee shall be discharged and the Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee:

Ordered, That any Petitioner whose Petition stands referred to the Committee shall, subject to the Rules and Orders of the House and to the prayer of his Petition, be entitled to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agents, upon his Petition provided that such Petition is prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of the House, and the Member in charge of the Bill shall be entitled to be heard by his Counsel or Agents in favour of the Bill against such Petition:

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them:

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

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of a Sugar Board, and to make further provision as respects the British Sugar Corporation Limited, and for other related purposes, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required to enable advances to be paid under the said Act to the Sugar Board established thereunder, being either—

(i) advances, of which the principal amount outstanding at any time shall not exceed twenty-five million pounds, for meeting outgoings of the said Board, or

(ii) advances, of which the principal amount outstanding at any time shall not exceed thirty million pounds, for enabling the said Board to make advances to the British Sugar Corporation Limited;

(b) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer under the said Act, being repayments of, or interest on, sums advanced thereunder to the said Board, and the application of those sums in redeeming or repaying debt or in so far as they represent interest towards meeting such part of the annual charges for the National Debt as represents interest:

(c) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required by the Treasury under the said Act for fulfilling guarantees in respect of debentures issued by the said Corporation of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding an amount sufficient to raise fifteen million pounds;

(d) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses under the said Act of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, or of any other Minister of the Crown or Government department.—(Mr. Amory.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered. That the Report be received upon Monday next:

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of a Sugar Board, and for other related purposes, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the levying, in the United Kingdom and in the Isle of Man, of a surcharge on sugar and molasses becoming chargeable with customs or excise duty, and on sugar or molasses used in the manufacture or preparation of imported goods which become so chargeable;
The said Resolution, being read a second time,

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow,

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(a) to authorise the levying as aforesaid of

sums to be paid to the Sugar Board established under the said Act, as counterparts to distribution payments to be made by that Board in respect of such sugar and molasses as are mentioned in the preceding paragraph in the event of a suspension of the surcharge referred to in that paragraph;

(c) to provide for the raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing sums (or any part of sums) to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund by virtue of the said Act or of providing for the replacement of all or any part of sums so issued;

(d) to provide for the payment into the Exchequer of any sums required by the said Act to be so paid, being—

(i) interest on, or repayments of, sums advanced to the said Board, or

(ii) sums retained by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, out of the proceeds of the said surcharge, in respect of their expenses incurred in pursuance of the said Act, or

(iii) repayments of sums issued to the Treasury for the purpose of fulfilling guarantees given under the said Act.—(Mr. Brooke.)

Resolution 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 Mr. Speaker's Certificate, Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Certificate Act, 1911.

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

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

[No. 52.]

Friday, 11th November, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

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

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

(ii) to authorise the Treasury to borrow by means of terminable annuities, or in any other manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing

Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage (Money).

Mr. Heath reported from the Committee on Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage (Money) a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the limit on the contributions out of moneys provided by Parliament which may be made under section one of the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act, 1944, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys so provided of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of such moneys under the said section one, 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.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
money for sums so authorised to be issued, or for repaying to the Consolidated Fund all or any part of the sums so issued, and to authorize payment into the Exchequer of any sums so borrowed; (iii) to provide for the payment of such terminable annuities out of moneys provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, or, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund; (iv) to authorise the repayment into the Exchequer of such sums as are equal to the excess of—
(a) the sums authorised to be issued under paragraph (ii) of this Resolution over
(b) the sums borrowed by means of such annuities as are payable under the said Act of the present Session out of moneys provided by Parliament, and to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of interest on the sums so authorized to be repaid;
(v) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph, and the application of sums so issued in redemption or repayment of debt, or, in so far as they represent interest, towards meeting such part of the annual charges for the National Debt as represents interest.—(Dr. Hill.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Local Government Elections Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committal of Bills).

Ordered, That Mr. Elliot be discharged from the Select Committee on House of Commons Accommodation, &c.; and that Captain Waterhouse be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Oakshott.)

Ordered, That Mr. Bowden be appointed a Managing Trustee of the House of Commons Members' Fund in pursuance of Section 2 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act, 1939.—(Mr. Oakshott.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine o'clock, adjourned till Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.  

[No. 53.]

Monday, 14th November, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Gloucestershire County Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Runcorn-Widnes Bridge Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Ordered, That the Swansea Corporation (Fairwood Common) Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended the 29th day of September 1955; and a separate Account of the Capital of the said Duchy to the same date.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, by Civil Service. Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Civil Service, 1953-55.

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

Sir Patrick Spera reported from the Select Nationalised Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and that the Report was brought up and read.

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

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries in the last Session of the last Parliament be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mrs. McLaughlin, and had appointed in substitution Miss Vickers.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mrs. McLaughlin, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Carrie.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty under section seventy-five of the Patents Act, 1949, praying that the Patents (Extension of Period of Emergency) Order, 1955, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the third day of October last.—(Mr. Erroll.)

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.

SCHEDULE.

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

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

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

Regulations ninety-one to ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, and ninety-six (General, administrative, legal and supplementary provisions).

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

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

Regulation one and paragraph (5) of Regulation three of the Defence (Patents, Trade Marks, etc.) Regulations, 1941.

The whole of the Defence (Sale of Food) Regulations, 1943.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty under section seventy-five of the Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1946, praying that the enactments specified in the Schedule hereto, which would otherwise expire on the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, be continued in force for a further period of one year until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

SCHEDULE.

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

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

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

(v) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of sums paid into the Exchequer as mentioned in the last preceding paragraph, and the application of sums so issued in redemption or repayment of debt, or, in so far as they represent interest, towards meeting such part of the annual charges for the National Debt as represents interest.

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

Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Bill.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Allan 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's Certificate.

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

Post Office Development and Finance.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House approves the Report on Post Office Development and Finance—(Dr. Hill);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Mr. James Johnson: 224. Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Noes, Mr. Legh: 273.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

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

MEMORANDA.

Monday, 14th November, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Local Government Elections Bill to Standing Committee B.

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 relate exclusively to Scotland.

Tuesday, 15th November, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Gloucestershire County Council Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Swansea Corporation (Fairwood Common) Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Oslo on the 18th day of May 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Norway extending to certain Colonial territories the Convention of the 2nd day of May 1951 for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income.

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

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Pensions, &c., granted.
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Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Death Penalty Bill to abolish or for a period suspend the passing and execution of the death sentence on conviction of murder and to substitute an alternative penalty therefor: And that Mr. Sydney Silverman, Mr. Ede, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Blyton, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Pasco, Mr. Daines, Dr. Strood, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Paget, Sir Beverley Baxter, and Mr. Wade do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Sydney Silverman accordingly presented a Bill to abolish or for a period suspend the passing and execution of the death sentence on conviction of murder and to substitute an alternative penalty therefor. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed.

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

Clause No. 1 (Purchase tax). Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 19, at the end, to insert the words "except insofar as it applies to articles made wholly or partly of rabbit fur skin".—(Mr. Elwyn Jones.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Short, Mr. Rogers: 237.

Tellers for the Lieutenant, Commander, Mr. Alian: 287.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 19, to insert the words "with the exception of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsections (4) to (12) thereof".—(Mr. Alian.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. James Johnson: 228.

Tellers for the Commander, Harrison, Mr. Godber: 277.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 19, at the end, to insert the words "except only that the said section nine shall continue to apply to garments made wholly or partly of fur skin as defined in Part I of the Eighth Schedule to the Finance Act, 1948".—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson, Mr. James Johnson: 226.

Tellers for the Godber: 273.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, to leave out lines 27 and 28.—(Mr. Greenwood.)
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Sugar. That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of a Sugar Board, and for other related purposes, it is expedient—
(a) to authorise the levying, in the United Kingdom and in the Isle of Man, of a surcharge on sugar and molasses becoming chargeable with customs or excise duty, and on sugar or molasses used in the manufacture or preparation of imported goods which become so chargeable;
(b) to authorise the levying as aforesaid of sums to be paid to the Sugar Board established under the said Act, as counterparts to distribution payments to be made by that Board in respect of such sugar and molasses as are mentioned in the preceding paragraph in the event of a suspension of the surcharge referred to in that paragraph;
(c) to provide for the raising of money by the Treasury, in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, for the purpose of providing sums (or any part of sums) to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund by virtue of the said Act or of providing for the replacement of all or any part of sums so issued;
(d) to provide for the payment into the Exchequer of sums required by the said Act to be so paid, being—
(i) interest on, or repayments of, sums advanced to the said Board, or
(ii) sums retained by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise out of the proceeds of the said surcharge, in respect of their expenses incurred in pursuance of the said Act, or
(iii) repayments of sums issued to the Treasury for the purpose of fulfilling guarantees given under the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time:

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

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

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

Wednesday, 16th November, 1955:
And the Question being put:
Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday, 15th November, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Sugar Bill to Standing Committee A.
The House, according to Order, resolved Finance Bill itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Purchase Tax).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 1 and 2.—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

Mr. Harold Wilson moved, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again; but the Chairman, pursuant to Standing Order (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Question put. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Oakshott, Yeas, Mr. Barber; Mr. Holmes: 237.]

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 3 and 4.—(Mrs. White.) Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Colonel Harrison, Yeas, Mr. Godber: 270.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. James Johnson: 228.]

An Amendment made.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising:

Thursday, 17th November, 1955:

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

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Yeas, Mr. Wakefield: 193.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Holmes, Noes, Mr. Short: 148.]

Question put accordingly, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, Yeas, Mr. Wakefield: 190.]

Tellers for the [Mr. James Johnson, Noes, Mr. John Taylor: 149.]

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Gaitskell):—Debate arising:—

Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

[No. 561]

Thursday, 17th November, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Gateshead, West, in the room of John Thomas Hall, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Bowden.)

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Edinburgh Corporation: And the Bill, (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant November.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement signed at Cairo on the 19th day of October 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Egyptian Government regarding the Suez Canal Base (with Annexes, Notes exchanged, and Agreed Minute).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Cairo on the 3rd day of May 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Egypt supplementing the Agreement of the 19th October 1954 regarding the Suez Canal Base (with Agreed Minute).

Copy of an Agreement signed at London Treaty Series No. 73, 1955.

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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Lace Industry (Scientific Research Levy) 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 the Eighth Report of the Agricultural Land Commission, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.  

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of a Scheme, dated 1st November 1955, made by the Poole 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. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of a Report, dated 2nd November 1955, by the Administrator of the Shanghai Municipal Council to the Secretary of State for Air, in pursuance of the Shanghai Municipal Council Act, 1931.

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

Copy of a Report to the Lord Chancellor of the number of visits made, the number of patients seen, and the number of miles travelled by the Visitors of Lunatic asylums during the six months ended the 30th day of September 1955.

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

Mr. Benson reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, that they had made further progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.  

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

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts in the last Session of the last Parliament 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 Friendly Societies Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Agricultural Research Bill 70.

Mr. Amory, supported by Mr. Secretary Stuart and Mr. Brooke, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to agricultural research: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

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

Barber):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Chairman of Standing Committee

in respect of the Sugar Bill.

there shall be substituted the words "three hundred pounds" and for the words "three hundred and twenty-five pounds" there shall be substituted the words "three hundred and seventy-five pounds";

(b) in paragraph 2 of the said Schedule (which provides that the annual amount of any periodical payment made to any person by virtue of her being the widow of a past member of the House of Commons shall not exceed one hundred and fifty pounds or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to two hundred and twenty-five pounds per annum, whichever is the less), for the words "one hundred and fifty pounds" there shall be substituted the words "one hundred and eighty pounds" and for the words "two hundred and twenty-five pounds" there shall be substituted the words "two hundred and fifty-five pounds";

(c) in paragraph 2A of the said Schedule (under which the annual amount of any periodical payment made to any person by virtue of his being the widower of a past member of the House of Commons is not to exceed one hundred and fifty pounds or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to two hundred and twenty-five pounds per annum, whichever is the less), for the words "one hundred and fifty pounds" there shall be substituted the words "one hundred and eighty pounds" and for the words "two hundred and twenty-five pounds" there shall be substituted the words "two hundred and fifty-five pounds";—(Mr. Viant.)

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

(Mr. Barber):—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-four minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 17th November, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph 1 of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Austin Hudson Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Sugar Bill.

[No. 57.]

Friday, 18th November, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in the present Parliament for Greenock, in the room of the Right Honourable Hector McNeil, deceased.—(Mr. Bowden.)

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the Purchase Tax, directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th November 1955, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 5) Order, 1955. 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 25th day of May 1955, amending the Statutes of the College. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Friendly Societies Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising the vital necessity for increasing Britain's export trade, both visible and invisible, and in view of the steady growth of foreign competition, urges Her Majesty's Government to give every encouragement to industries in their efforts to achieve a substantial increase in export markets—(Sir Charles Taylor);—instead thereof.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "invisible" to the end of the Question and adding the words "notes with concern the relative decline in the exports of many British industries and deplores the failure of Her Majesty's Government to take any positive action to encourage and promote our export trade"—(Mr. Malley),—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 Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill:

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

Received, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Godber.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Mr. Studholme,
Mr. Allen:

Mr. Holmes,
Mr. John Taylor:

308.

245.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which upon the 17th day of this instant November was proposed to be made to the Question, that the Housing Subsidies Bill be now read a second time:

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

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

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

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the

Mr. Studholme,
Mr. Wakefield:

Mr. Pearson:

321.

243.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

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

Tellers for the

Mr. Studholme,
Mr. Wakefield:

Mr. Pearson:

319.

243.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

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

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

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

(in the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present
Session to make provision with respect to contributions in connection with housing accommodation, it is expedient—

A. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament to a local authority or to a development corporation in respect of each new dwelling, and in certain cases in respect of the site of a building consisting of or comprising one or more new dwellings, being in either case a dwelling or dwellings approved for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session by the Minister of Housing and Local Government (in this Resolution referred to as “the Minister”) and provided by, or provided in pursuance of arrangements under section ninety-four of the Housing Act, 1936, with the authority, or, as the case may be, provided by the corporation otherwise than in pursuance of such arrangements, of an annual subsidy for a period not exceeding sixty years of the appropriate amount hereinafter specified, that is to say—

(a) in respect of a dwelling provided for the purpose of re-housing persons displaced by slum clearance or re-development in accordance with a re-development plan within the meaning of the said Act of 1936 or coming from camps or other unsatisfactory temporary housing accommodation designated by the Minister, or for the purpose of accommodating persons from outside the local authority’s area in which the dwelling is situated, an annual subsidy not exceeding—

(i) in the case of a dwelling other than a flat in a block of flats of four or more storeys, twenty-two pounds one shilling or, where that dwelling is provided for the purpose of accommodating persons as aforesaid, twenty-four pounds;

(ii) in the case of a flat in a block of flats of four storeys, thirty-two pounds;

(iii) in the case of a flat in a block of flats of five storeys, thirty-eight pounds;

(iv) in the case of a flat in a block of flats of six or more storeys, fifty pounds, increased by one pound fifteen shillings for each storey by which the block exceeds six storeys;

(b) in respect of any other dwelling, an annual subsidy not exceeding—

(i) in the case of a dwelling other than a flat in a block of flats of four or more storeys, ten pounds or, where the Minister thinks fit so to determine in the case of a dwelling provided for the agricultural population of a county district, nineteen pounds;

(ii) in the case of a flat in a block of flats of four storeys, twenty pounds;

(iii) in the case of a flat in a block of flats of five storeys, twenty-six pounds;

(iv) in the case of a flat in a block of flats of six or more storeys, thirty-eight pounds, increased by one pound fifteen shillings for each storey by which the block exceeds six storeys;

(c) in respect of the site of a building consisting of or comprising one or more dwellings, being a site as determined in accordance with the said Act of the present Session the cost of which as developed, expressed as a cost per acre, exceeds four thousand pounds, an annual subsidy at the rate of sixty pounds per acre, increased at the rate of thirty-four pounds per acre for every thousand pounds or part of a thousand pounds by which the said cost exceeds five thousand pounds.

B. To authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the sums necessary to increase any annual subsidy aforesaid in respect of a dwelling provided by a local authority, if in the opinion of the Minister the provision of that dwelling is urgently needed but would impose an unreasonably heavy rate burden or necessitate the charging of unreasonably high rents, to any amount not exceeding, in the case of a dwelling other than a flat in a block of flats of four or more storeys, thirty pounds or, in the case of such a flat, forty pounds.

C. 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 under any other enactment out of moneys so provided.

D. To authorise the payment into the Exchequer of all sums received by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the said Act of the present Session.

This Resolution, the expression “new dwelling” means a dwelling—

(a) the tender or estimate for the erection of which was accepted by a formal resolution of a local authority or development corporation passed on or after the third day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, not being a tender or estimate which was submitted to the Minister for approval before that day; or

(b) provided in pursuance of arrangements under section ninety-four of the Housing Act, 1936, made on or after the said third day of November—(Mr. Sandys);

Tuesday, 22nd November, 1955:

Question put and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Adjournment.

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Monday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Mr. Blackburn reported from Standing Committee A, that they had gone through the Local Authorities (Stock) Regulations, 1955, and had appointed a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Order made upon the 15th day of this instant November, that the Draft Local Authorities (Stock) Regulations, 1955, do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1955, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 7) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Second Interim Report of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos, for the period from the 1st day of January to the 30th day of June 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme, entitled the Coastal Flooding (Emergency Provisions) Scheme, 1956.

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,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Local Authorities (Stock) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
Finance Bill. Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill.

In the Committee.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Reports for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955—

34. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
42. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
43. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
44. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
47. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
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86. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
89. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
90. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
95. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
100. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
111. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
120. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
121. London County Council ( Loans) Act, 1955.
Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes, do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

No. 127.

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

Captain Waterhouse reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made Progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

No. 128.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C of the Select Committee on Estimates in the last Session of the last Parliament be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Sub-Committee of Select Committee on Estimates in the last Session of the last Parliament that they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Astor, Dr. Broughton, Mr. John Harvey, Mr. Leaver, Mr. Maddan, and Mr. Rippon; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Blagood, Mr. Dance, Mr. John Howard, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Mohon, and Mr. Dudley Williams.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Underground Works (London) Bill, with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill. (In the Committee.)

Schedule No. 1.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 11, line 9, to leave out "(r)".—(Mrs. Mann.)

Question put, That "(r)" stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Allen: 262.
Mr. Arthur Allen: 222.
Mr. Short: 204.
Mr. James Johnson: 204.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 11, line 9, to leave out "(o)".—(Mrs. Corbett.)

Question proposed, That "(o)" stand part of the Schedule.

Chairman moved, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Gaitskell):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 11, line 12, to leave out the words "dustbins, buckets, pails" and the words "—(Mr. Allsop.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Wills: 229.
Mr. Wakefield: 187.
Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Arthur Allen: 187.
Mr. Waterhouse: 229.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Oakshott.)

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

No. 61.

Thursday, 24th November, 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 Gloucestershire County Council Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Corporation Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement (No. 80, 1955), signed at London on the 18th day of November 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium for Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.

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 23rd November 1955, authorising the laying at London of one Gazette.

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 15th September 1955, made by the Surrey County Council and approved, with modification, 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 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 Diocesan Education Committees Measure, 1955, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England.

One hundred and twenty-third Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee (upon the Diocesan Education Committees Measure, 1955).

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Dundee Corporation Bill. Corporation Bill, That they had examined the Bill and directed him to report the same, as amended, to be true; 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 of Means reported from the Committee on the Dundee Corporation Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble 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.

Wing Commander Grant-Ferris reported from the Committee on the Blyth Generating Station (Ancillary Powers) Bill (Lords), That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-an-hour after Ten of the clock.

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

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on Expiring Laws Continuance (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to continue certain expiring laws, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such expenses as may be occasioned by the continuance of the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1934, the Road Traffic Act, 1934, and the Population (Statistics) Act, 1938, until the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six; and of the Rent of Furnished Houses Control (Scotland) Act, 1943, the Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, 1946, and the Licensing Act, 1953, until the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, being expenses which under any Act are to be defrayed out of such moneys.

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

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

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule. Amendment proposed, in page 3, to leave out lines 7 and 8.—(Mr. Paget.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, to leave out lines 14 and 15.—(Miss Herbison.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, to leave out lines 28 and 29.—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, to leave out lines 41 to 44.—(Mr. Albert Evans.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Aliens' Employment Bill: And the same were read.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords Amendment in the Title, line 1, be postponed till after the consideration of the subsequent Amendments.—(Mr. Brooke.)
Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The postponed Lords Amendment, in the Title, line 1, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Friendly Societies Bill; and the same was twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Leeward Islands Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Diplomatic Immunities Restriction Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Reciprocal withdrawal of personal immunities).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 13, to leave out from the word “as” to the end of line 14 and insert the words “is necessary to secure reciprocity.”—(Mr. Fletcher.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

“(2) If it appears to Her Majesty that the personal immunities conferred by law on the envoys of foreign sovereign Powers accredited to Her Majesty, their families and servants, and members of the official staff of such envoys and their families exceed in any respect those necessary for the due performance by any envoy of a foreign sovereign Power of his diplomatic responsibilities, Her Majesty may by Order in Council withdraw the said personal immunities to such extent and in respect of such classes of persons as appears to Her Majesty to be proper.”—(Mr. Fletcher.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 4 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 thereto.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) Regulations, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 26th day of July last, be approved.—(Mr. Molson.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
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, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business.

Whereupon Mr. Roy Jenkins 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; and the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday the 9th day of December next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill.

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

Adjourned.

Resolving, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Redmayne.)

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

[No. 63.]

Monday, 28th November, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Torquay Writ.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Torquay, in the room of the Right Honourable Charles Williams, deceased.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Documents relating to the meeting of Foreign Ministers of France, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, and the United States of America, held at Geneva between the 27th day of October and the 16th day of November 1955.

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

London Traffic.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st November 1955, entitled—

(i) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (Kensington) Regulations, 1955,

(ii) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (Finsbury) Regulations, 1955,


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

Mr. Peake presented, by Her Majesty's National Command,—Copy of an explanatory Manuscript on the Draft National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 1955.

Mr. Peake also presented, pursuant to the National directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ended the 1st day of July 1955.

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

(In the Committee.)

Schedule No. 1.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 11, to leave out lines 16 to 20.—(Mr. White.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Wills,
Colonel Harrison: 241.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. John Taylor,
Mr. Rogers: 199.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 11, line 32, to leave out " (g) ".—(Mr. Coldrick.)

Question put, That " (g) " stand part of the Schedule.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Lieutenant-Commander Thompson: 244.
Mr. Barber: 207.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Arthur Allen,
Mr. Short: 242.

An Amendment made.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the First Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Oakshott: 242.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Joseph Price,
Mr. Wilkins: 200.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had 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 adjourn itself into the said Committees.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

[No. 64.]

Tuesday, 29th November, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

The Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

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

Marriages.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1955, entitled the Marriages Validity (Cranley Hall, Ilford) 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.

Wool Textiles.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Wool Textile Research Council, Bradford, for the period ended the 30th day of September 1955.

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

Supplies and Services (Control of Trade by Sea).

Mr. Boyd-Carperter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd November 1955, entitled the Control of Trade by Sea (Revocation) Order, 1955.

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

Public Health.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1955, entitled the Beckenham (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.

Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd November 1955, entitled the Valuation Lists (Form of Proposal for Alteration) Regulations, 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Hector Hughes accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law of criminal procedure relating to the preferment of indictments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

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

Postponed Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 3 (Lloyd's and other underwriters).

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 40, after the word "effect", to insert the words "as regards any underwriter who establishes to the reasonable satisfaction of the surveyor of taxes that a substantial part of his business represents the insurance of risks outside the United Kingdom"—(Mr. Robinson)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Arthur Allen, 197. Yeas, Mr. Joseph Price: 246. Noes, Mr. Allan: ]

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Studholme, 235. Yeas, Mr. Wakefield: 179. Noes, Mr. Joseph Price: ]

Postponed Clause No. 4 (Purchases of shares by financial concerns and persons exempted from tax).

Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 34, after the word "entitled", to insert the words "after the twenty-sixth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-five"—(Mr. Gaitskell)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, 185. Yeas, Mr. James Johnson: 238. Noes, Mr. Godber: ]

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 19, line 12, to leave out the word "substantially"—(Mr. Harold Wilson)

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

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, 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 thereunto.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Godber)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 29th November, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Dr. King Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Road Traffic Bill in place of Mr. Bowles.

Wednesday, 30th November, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Runcorn-Widnes Bridge Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

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

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of October 1955, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

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

Colonial Research, 1954-55.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Annual Reports, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955—

(1) of the Colonial Research Council,
(2) of the Colonial Products Research Council,
(3) of the Colonial Social Science Research Council,
(4) of the Colonial Medical Research Committee,
(5) of the Committee for Colonial Agricultural, Animal Health, and Forestry Research,
(6) of the Colonial Insecticides, Pesticides, and Herbicides Committee,
(7) of the Colonial Economic Research Committee,
(8) of the Tsetse Fly and Trypanosomiasis Committee,
(9) on Fisheries Research by the Colonial Fisheries Advisory Committee, and
(10) of the Director of the Anti-Locust Research Centre on Locust Research and Control,
together with Memoranda relating to Research Matters not covered by the Reports of Specialist Advisory Bodies.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd November 1955, entitled the Pensions (Governors of Colonies) Order, 1955.

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

Overseas Service.

Mr. Amery presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th November 1955, entitled the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) (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 an Order, dated 29th November 1955, entitled the Welfare Foods (Great Britain) Amendment (No. 2) Order, 1955.

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


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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations, 1955, dated 22nd July 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 27th day of July last, be annulled—(Dr. Stroud);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Arthur Allen,
Mr. Short;
Mr. Studholme,
Lieutenant-Commander Thompson;

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Oakshott.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 30th November, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph 2 of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Small Lotteries and Gaming Bill to Standing Committee C.

I have received your Addresses praying that the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) and Emergency Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1965, and the various Defence Regulations and enactments which you specify be continued in force respectively for a further period of one year until the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

I will give directions accordingly.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of the 14th day of November last relating to Patents and Designs had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household submitted to the House, That their Addresses of the 14th day of November last relating to the re-erection of the Buxton Memorial Drinking Fountain, a copy of which Proposal was laid before this House on the 15th day of this instant November.—(Mr. Birch.)
I have received your Addresses praying that the Patents (Extension of Period of Emergency) Order, 1955, and the Registered Design (Extension of Period of Emergency) 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 Gloucestershire County Council Bill [Lords];

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Corporation (Fairwood Common) Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, on the 8th day of June, 1955, amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Sir Walter Monckton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Second Report of the National Advisory Committee on the Employment of Older Men and Women.

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 25th November, 1955, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (Sevenoaks) Regulations, 1955, and
(2) the London Traffic (Restriction of Waiting) (Grays) (Amendment) Regulations, 1955.

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

Wing Commander Grant-Ferris reported from the Committee on the Blyth Generating Station (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Hillingdon Estate Bill [Lords] relates to the estate of an individual and is, in his opinion, such that the Standing Orders, with which it is to be inquired into by the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, should not apply thereto.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing Subsidies Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Introduction of new housing subsidies).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words "(not being such a dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (4) of this section)". — (Mr. Mitchison.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Arthur Allen: 172.
Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Harrison: 217.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words "(not being such a dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (5) of this section)". — (Mr. Mitchison.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

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, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, pursuant to the Order made upon the 13th day of June last, relating to Statutory Instruments, &c. (Procedure). — And it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

Adjourment. — (Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

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

Thursday, 1st December, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Henry Hynd Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Local Government (Street Works) Scotland Bill and Sir Robert Grimsditch Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Small Lotteries and Gaming Bill.

[No. 67.]

Friday, 2nd December, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Iron and Steel.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 22nd November 1955, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holdings of securities in John Lysaght’s Scunthorpe Works Limited and Brymbo Steel Works Limited.

Bank Notes.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of the amount of Notes issued more than forty years and outstanding on the 26th day of October 1955, which have been written off from the total amount of Notes issued from the Issue Department of the Bank of England.

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

Austria (No. 2, 1955).

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Documents, signed at Vienna between the 21st day of September 1949 and the 10th day of May 1955, ancillary to the Austrian State Treaty Negotiations.

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


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National Insurance.

Mr. Peake presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1955, entitled the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) Amendment Regulations, 1955.

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

National Insurance.

Report of the National Advisory Committee on the National Insurance (Determination of Claims and Questions) 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.

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

Account of the Receipts and Payments by the Postmaster General under Section 2 of the Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Act, 1950, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Teeling; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Longden.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Noise proposed, That this House notes with concern the detrimental effect of noise and vibration on the health, wellbeing, and efficiency of the nation; and urges Her Majesty's Government to give careful attention to the importance of research and education in this field, and to the need for more effective measures for the protection of the public.—(Sir Lionel Heald)

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 nine minutes after Three of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

[No. 68.]

Monday, 5th December, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dundee Corporation Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Monmouthshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

(1) of Statutes made by the University of Oxford on the 14th and 28th days of June 1955 amending the Statutes of the University.

(2) of a Statute made by the Governing Body of All Souls College, Oxford, on the 24th day of June 1955 amending the Statutes of the College.

(3) of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on the 11th day of July 1955 amending the Statutes of the College.
(4) of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, on the 10th day of June 1955 amending the Statutes of the College, and
(5) of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Saint John Baptist College, Oxford, on the 8th day of July 1955 amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statistical Abstract for the British Commonwealth and the Sterling Area for the years 1951 to 1954.

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

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

Accounts of the Sums received into and paid out of the Herring Marketing Fund and of receipts and payments by the Herring Industry Board with respect to receipts and payments by the Herring Industry Board with respect to grants under Section 6 of the Herring Industry Act, 1953, in the period ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and Audited Statements with respect to the Application of Moneys advanced to the Herring Industry Board with respect to grants under Section 6 of the Herring Industry Act, 1953, in the period ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

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

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

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

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

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the Clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 28th November 1955, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 16th day of November 1955 on Stock issued by the South of Scotland Electricity Board.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd December 1955, directing that an officer of the Government Actuary’s Department shall be subject to the provisions of Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1946.

Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets of Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments in the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Bank Notes, Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) and Government Departments (Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London between the 14th day of November and the 6th day of December 1955 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Austrian Federal Government on Austrian Neutrality.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 1st December 1955, entitled—

(1) the East Africa (High Commission) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1955; and
(2) the East African Territories (Air Transport) (Amendment) No. 2 Order in Council, 1955.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 1st West Africa, December 1955, entitled—

(1) the Nigeria Protectorate and Cameroons (Imperial Statutes Extension) Order in Council, 1955,
(2) the West African Court of Appeal (Amendment) Order in Council, 1955,
(3) the West African (Appeal to Privy Council) Order in Council, 1955, and
(4) the African Territories (Imperial Statute Extension) (Amendment) Order, 1955.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Countries) (Various) (No. 2) Order, 1955.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1955.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st Land Registration (Title (Oldham)) Order, 1955.

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

[No. 69.]

Tuesday, 6th December, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Monmouthshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.
Mr. Amory presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Welsh Agricultural Land Sub-Commission on the Mid-Wales Investigation.

Mr. Amory also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 1st December 1955, entitled the White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) No. 2 Scheme, 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 the Sixth Report of the National Parks Commission, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1955.

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

Captain Waterhouse reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made further Progress in the matter to which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee E together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

No. 139.

Order, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee E of the Select Committee on Estimates in the last Session of the last Parliament be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Teachers (Superannuation) [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
Tellers for the A Mr. Wills, Yeas, 251.  Mr. Legh:
Tellers for the A Mr. Short, Noes, 186.  Mr. Wilkins:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:
Tellers for the A Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn, Yeas, 299.  Mr. Studholme:
Tellers for the A Mr. Popplewell, Noes, 249.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committee of Bills).

Sir David Eccles, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Teachers (Superannuation) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committee), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1946, and so much of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1939 to 1953, as relates to superannuation and to the employment of teachers over the age of sixty-five years, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

1. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums authorised or required to be so paid by virtue of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session including any increase attributable thereto in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other enactment being provisions—
   (a) increasing the rate of contributions payable by teachers and employers under the Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1946, and providing for supplementary contributions by employers;
   (b) altering the scale of any allowances to be granted under those Acts, and providing for increased annual allowances in return for surrender of additional allowances;
   (c) amending the law with respect to the periods of recognised or contributory service, and the salary and average salary, to be taken into account for the purposes of allowances and other benefits under the said Acts, the age and other conditions governing eligibility for such allowances or benefits, and the deductions which may be made from such allowances or benefits on account of service which qualifies for other superannuation purposes;
   (d) providing for the payment of pensions to widows, children and other dependants (including widowers of married women), being pensions supported by contributions satisfied by the reduction or refund of additional allowances, death gratuities or returnable contributions, and making further provision for the allocation of benefits to spouses or dependants out of annual superannuation allowances;
   (e) enabling teaching service (including past service) other than recognised or contributory service to be treated as contributory service for the purposes of the said Acts, and providing for the retrospective recognition of certain teachers for those purposes, and for the payment or repayment of contributions in connection with the matters aforesaid;
   (2) The remission of any sums recoverable under the Education (Scotland) (War Service Superannuation) Act, 1939.

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(3) The payment into the Exchequer of any sums to be so paid under any provision of the said Act of the present Session, including any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.—(Sir David Eccles)

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 adjourn.—(Mr. Godber.)

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

[No. 70.]

Wednesday, 7th December, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Godber presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 25th day of November 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

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


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 Regulations, dated 2nd December 1955, entitled the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1955.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, and the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937, with respect to escapes from the care of fit persons, from approved schools and from remand homes or special reception centres: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of this instant December and to be printed.

Resolved, That the Draft National Assistance (Determination of Need) Amendment Regulations, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 22nd day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Marple.)

Resolved, That the Draft Coastal Flooding (Acreage Payments) Scheme, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 22nd day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Resolved, That the Grant received by the British Overseas Airways Corporation, as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household, be approved.—(Mr. Walker-Smith)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, in pursuance of Section 3 of the International Finance Corporation Act, 1955, praying that the International Finance Corporation Order, 1955, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 8th day of November last.—(Mr. Solicitor General)

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

Mr. Godber reported from the Committee on Teachers (Superannuation) (Moneys), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1946, and so much of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1939 to 1953, as relates to superannuation and to the employment of teachers over the age of sixty-five years, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums authorised or required to be so paid by virtue of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session (including any increase attributable thereto in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other enactment) being provisions—

(a) increasing the rate of contributions payable by teachers and employers under the Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1946, and providing for supplementary contributions by employers;

(b) altering the scale of any allowances to be granted under those Acts, and providing for increased annual allowances in return for surrender of additional allowances;

and

(2) The payment into the Exchequer of any sums to be so paid under any provision of the said Act of the present Session, including any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.—(Sir David Eccles)

Resolution to be reported.

The Hillingdon Estate Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 25th day of November 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

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


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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. Godber reported from the Committee on Teachers (Superannuation) (Moneys), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1946, and so much of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1939 to 1953, as relates to superannuation and to the employment of teachers over the age of sixty-five years, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums authorised or required to be so paid by virtue of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session (including any increase attributable thereto in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other enactment) being provisions—

(a) increasing the rate of contributions payable by teachers and employers under the Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1946, and providing for supplementary contributions by employers;

(b) altering the scale of any allowances to be granted under those Acts, and providing for increased annual allowances in return for surrender of additional allowances;

and

(2) The payment into the Exchequer of any sums to be so paid under any provision of the said Act of the present Session, including any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.—(Sir David Eccles)

Resolution to be reported.
Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

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

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

[Mr. Godber]:—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 after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

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.:—

Barneys Corporation,
Camperl Laird and Company,
City of London (Various Powers),
Dover Corporation,
Elder Yard Chapel Chesterfield,
Felixstowe Dock and Railway,
Fylde Water Board,
Heywood and Middleton Water,
Huddersfield Corporation,
Liverpool Overhead Railway,
London Necropolis,
Manchester Corporation,
Middlesex County Council,
North-East Surrey Crematorium Board,
Ponypool and District Water,
Rhyd Urban District Council,
Saint Stephen Walbrook (Saint Antholin's Churchyard),
Sion College,
Tees Conservancy,
Tyne Tunnel,
Walthamstow Corporation ;

and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons, viz.:—

Barry Corporation (Barry Harbour),
Bedford Corporation,
Bournemum Swagen Motor Road and Ferry,
Bristol Corporation,
British Transport Commission (No. 2),
Castle Gate Congregational Church Burial Ground (Nottingham),
Chertsey Urban District Council,
Croydon Corporation,
Edinburgh Corporation,
Ipswich Dock,
Leeds Corporation,
London County Council (General Powers) (No. 2),
Manchester Ship Canal,
Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation,
People's Dispensary for Sick Animals,
Rugby Corporation,
Scottish Union and National Insurance Company,
Walsall Corporation,
West Bromwich Corporation.

The Dundee Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Monmouthshire County Council Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gloucestershire County Council Bill (Lords):

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of January next.
Swansea Corporation (Fairwood Common) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of January next.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 9th December 1955, relative to the loan for New Zealand. 8th December 1955, relative to the loan for Common) Bill (Fairwood Common) Bill

Fire Services. Mr. Secretary Expenses. turn to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the No. 141. 16th day of June last, for a Return relating to Navy (Loan of Mr. Secretary

Swansea The Order of the day being read, for the Swansea Corporation Treaty Series Copy of a Cultural Convention signed at Treaties Series Copy. of Notes exchanged at Washington (No. 84, 1955). between the 4th and 16th days of August 1955, relative to the loan for New Zealand. 8th December 1955, relative to the loan for Common) Bill (Fairwood Common) Bill

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection. That they had discharged the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Report from Standing Committee B Mr. Legh added in respect of the Clean Air Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Oakshott. Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee. That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee D, viz.: Mr. Alport, Miss bacon, Colonel Banks, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Channon, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cove, Mr. John Hall, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Irving, Mr. Key, Mr. Langford-Holt, Mr. Masby, Mr. Charles Pannell, Mr. Peart, Mr. Pott, Mr. Spearman, Mr. Thompson, Miss Vickers, and Mr. William Thomas Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee D in respect of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill, viz.: Mr. Ainsley, Lord Baldwin, Mr. Black, Mr. Bowen, Sir David Eccles, Mr. Ede, Miss Herbitsou, Dr. King, Mr. Legh, Commander Mainland, Mr. Maude, Lieutenant-Commander Maydon, Mr. Moore, Mr. Nairn, Mr. Pitman, Mr. Powell, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Ross, Mr. Short, Mrs. Slater, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. George Thomas, Lady Twedman, and Mr. Vosper.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Therapeutic Substances Act 1925, and the Therapeutic Substances Acts (Prevention of Misuse) Acts, 1947 to 1953, and had a Message had been brought from the Lords, that the Lords therein assert that certain words have been inserted in the Bill:—It passed the House.

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 2, line 25, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply in the case of any company whose profits in any relevant chargeable accounting period are less than ten thousand pounds".—(Mr. Roy Jenkins).

And the Question being put. That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, by leaving out the word "seven" and inserting the word "six".—(Mr. Fletcher), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "seven" stand part of the Bill;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, by leaving out the word "fivey" and inserting the word "forty".—(Mr. Fletcher), instead thereof.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of June last, for a Return relating to Election Expenses.

Fire Services. Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Tokyo on the 30th day of September 1955, between Her Majesty's Government of Japan prolonging until the 31st day of October 1955 the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 11th day of February 1946.

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington between the 4th and 16th days of August 1955, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Japan prolonging until the 31st day of October 1955 the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 29th day of January 1954.

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 (Ratifications were exchanged on the 26th day of October 1955).

Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington between the 4th and 16th days of August 1955, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America supplementing the Schedule of Routes annexed to the Air Services Agreement of the 11th day of February 1946.

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 2nd December 1955, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) Amendment No. 2 Regulations, 1955.

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


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 15, line 16, by inserting the word "full" after the first word "a".—(Mr. Jay.)

And the Question being put, That the word "full" be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

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

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

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. Barber.)

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

MEMORANDA.

Thursday, 8th December, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill to Standing Committee D.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Gordon Touche Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill.

Friday, 9th December, 1955.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented and Public Petitions read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.—Vide First Report.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's iron and Steel Command.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 6th December 1955, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of ordinary shares in Consett Iron Company Limited.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the Import Duties directions of several Acts of Parliament,—(Drawback) Copy of an Order, dated 6th December 1955, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 8) Order, 1955.
Accounts and Balance Sheets of the Post Office for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, including Accounts of the Postal Telegraph, and Telephone Services and subsidiary Trading Accounts relating to International Telegraph Services and International Telephone Services, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and certain Returns relating to Capital Borrowings and a Report and Statistics relating to various services.

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

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Regulations, dated 8th December 1955, entitled the Police (Overseas Service) (Cyprus) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, on the 7th day of October 1955 amending the Statutes of the College.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rural Transport Improvement 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. Baldwin rose in his place and claimed the House to be now put.

And the Question was not decided in the Affirmative, but 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Legitimation (Re-registration of Birth) Bill;
Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Charles Pascoelt; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Edwards.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Maude (added in respect of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Jenkins.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Motion for the Adjournment of the House moved by a Minister of the Crown be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House for One hour after Ten of the clock).—(The Prime Minister.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That the Diocesan Education Committees Measure, 1955, 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)

Ordered, That there be appropriated from the salaries of Members of Parliament under the House of Commons Members' Fund Act, 1939, one-tenth of these salaries for the purposes of administering the provisions of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act, 1948, Section 4.—(Sir Hugh Linseaud.)

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

[No. 74.]
Tuesday, 13th December, 1955.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blyth Generating Station (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;—

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of the Report of the Nature Conservancy for the year ended the 30th day of September 1955. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

(1) the Marriages Validity (Cranley Hall, Ifford) Order, 1955, and
(2) the Beckenham (Repeal of Local enactments) Order, 1955.

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

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

Supplementary Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Saint Anne, Limehouse; Saint Dunstan and All Saints with Saint Thomas and Saint Faith, Stepney; and Saint John with Saint Matthias, Limehouse Fields; in the Diocese of London.

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

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, with County Council Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the British Transport Commission Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Police Act to consolidate with amendments certain enactments relating to police forces in Scotland and to the execution of warrants in the border counties of England and Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act for enabling the Settled Estates of Lord Willoughby de Broke Esquire Willoughby de Broke to be disentailed and to enable capital moneys to be raised out of the said Settled Estates and for other purposes connected with those Estates; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords request that the Commons will please give leave to Sir Edward Fellowes, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C., Clerk of the House of Commons, to attend to give evidence before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Powers of the House.

The Willoughby de Broke Estate Bill (Lords) was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House proceeded to take into consideration so much of the Lords Message as requests the attendance of Sir Edward Fellowes, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C., Clerk of the House of Commons, before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Powers of the House of Lords.

Resolved: That Sir Edward Fellowes, Clerk of this House, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath given leave to Sir Edward Fellowes to go to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Harry Enos Randall, Esquire, Member for Gateshead, West, was sworn.

Jesse Dickson Mabon, Esquire, Member for Greenock, was sworn.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Agricultural Research Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Finance Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn, 305.
Mr. Studholme: 248.
Tellers for the Noes, 
Mr. Pearson:
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

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

The Agricultural Research Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[No. 75.]

Wednesday, 14th December, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blyth Generating Station (Ancillary Powers) Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 24th day of January next.

The Order made upon the 6th day of this instant December, That the Paper relating to Fisheries do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Warrants, dated 12th December 1955, entitled—
(1) the Inland Post Warrant, 1955,
(2) the British Commonwealth and Foreign Post Office Warrant (No. 1) Warrant, 1955, and
(3) the British Commonwealth and Foreign Parcel Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant, 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 14th December 1955, entitled the White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) No. 2 Scheme, 1955.


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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to Merchant Shipping, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1956.

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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Willoughby de Broke Estate Bill [Lords] relates to the estate of an individual, and is, in his opinion, such that the Standing Orders compliance with which is to be inquired into by the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills should not apply thereto.

The Order made yesterday, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read and discharged, pursuant to the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Personal Bills).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Colonel Lancaster reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2nd, 8th, and 30th days of November last and the 9th day of this instant December, and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. John Hall; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alastair Harrison.

Sir Robert Grimston reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Small Lotteries and Gaming Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 13th day of April next; and be printed.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Housing Subsidies Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Orders (Sittings of the House) — (Captain Crookshank);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Colonel Harrison: 242.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Allen: 194.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. John Taylor: 205.
Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Harrison: 252.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words " (not being such a dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (6) of this section) "—(Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising:

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Godber: 239.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allan: 206.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes: 206.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Allen: 243.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words " (not being such a dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (7) of this section) "—(Mr. Key.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Godber: 206.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Redmayne: 243.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words " (not being such a dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (6) of this section) "—(Mr. Key.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes: 206.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Godber: 220.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Godber: 239.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Redmayne: 243.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words " (not being such a dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (6) of this section) "—(Mr. Arthur Henderson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising:

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Godber: 239.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Redmayne: 243.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words " (not being such a dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (7) of this section) "—(Mr. Key.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes: 206.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Godber: 220.

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Godber):—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-eighth minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.
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[No. 761]

Thursday, 15th December, 1955.

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

PRAYERS.

Immunities and Privileges.

THE Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 7th day of this instant December relating to Immunities and Privileges had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the International Finance Corporation Order, 1955, be made in the form of the Draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

Monmouthshire County Council Bill [Lords].

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Monmouthshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee: Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 24th day of January next.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932—

(1) to the Borough of Chorley,
(2) to the Urban District of Rushden, and
(3) to the Rural District of Tetbury.

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

Mr. Secretary Macmillan presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an International Convention signed at Geneva on the 7th day of November 1952 to facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material (the United Kingdom Ratification was deposited on the 21st day of October 1955).


Copy of Notes exchanged at Cairo between the 30th day of May 1949 and the 20th day of March 1950 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Egypt regarding the Construction of the Owen Falls Dam, Uganda.


Copy of Notes exchanged at Addis Ababa between the 5th day of July and the 12th day of August 1953 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Ethiopia providing for the Termination of the Lease of the Gambela Enclave.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fifth Report of the Road Haulage Disposal Board, for the six months ended the 28th day of November 1955.

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

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated the 12th day of December 1955, entitled the Coast Protection (Rate of Interest) Regulations, 1955.

Copy of Regulations, dated the 12th day of December 1955, entitled the Water (Rate of Interest on Deposit) Regulations, 1955.

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 Receipts and Expenditure under Petroleum. Section 5 of the Petroleum (Production) Act, 1934, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Mr. Elliot reported from the Select Committee on Elections, That they had made further Progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them together with an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read.

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

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

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Hillingdon Estate Bill [Lords]. That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Police (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Thorneycroft, and Mr. Molson, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Transport Act, 1953, relating to the disposal by the British Transport Commission of the property held by them for the purposes of the existing road haulage undertaking (including the provisions as to the transport levy and the Transport Fund) and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Valuation and Rating (Scotland) (Money) be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)
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Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and adding the words "this House declines to give a second reading to a Bill which fails to have regard to the one fundamental understanding on which the Sorn recommendations were made, that the system of rating should not be overloaded; which fails to deal with the derating provisions of the Local Government Act, 1929; which further restricts the narrow basis of local taxation by placing the whole burden on tenants and owner-occupiers; and which fails to deal comprehensively with the financial provisions of local authorities in Scotland."—(Mr. Woodburn), 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. Buchanan-Hepburn rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Galbraith:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Short:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committal 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 Valuation and Rating (Scotland) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law regarding valuation and rating in Scotland and to amend the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954, with respect to the payment of Exchequer Grants to local authorities in Scotland (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorize the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) in respect of the year beginning with the sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of any subsequent year beginning with the sixteenth day of May, of grants to local authorities in Scotland amounting in the aggregate to a sum which bears the same proportion to the total of the relevant local expenditure (as defined in subsection (2) of section five of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954) of all the burghs and landward areas in Scotland as the notional Exchequer Grant for Scotland (as calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Act) bears to the notional relevant local expenditure for Scotland (as calculated as aforesaid);

(b) of any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954;

(c) of any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act relating to lands and heritages occupied for the purposes of a police force, in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under section ten of the Police (Scotland) Act, 1946;

(d) of all expenses incurred under the Act by the Secretary of State.—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eighteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 15th December, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Richard Williams Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Local Government (Street Works) (Scotland) Bill, in place of Mr. Henry Hynd.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the British Transport Commission Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 9th December 1955, relative to the fiduciary note issue.

Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Commissioner of the Royal Hospital Chelsea (for Services other than those voted by Parliament in the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts—

(1) Classes I to V, and
(2) Classes VI to X.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital Chelsea (for Services other than those voted by Parliament in the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Malta Round Table Conference, 1955.

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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951:

(1) Volume 2, Trade N, Mineral Oil Refining,
(2) Volume 3, Trade C, Iron Foundries,
(3) Volume 4, Trade B, Marine Engineering.

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

Resolved, That this House urges Her Majesty's Government to make further provision for the maintenance and excavation of ancient monuments in South Western England, in particular at the Stone Circle at Avebury, at sites in the neighbourhood and at Stonehenge.—(Mr. Francis Noel-Baker.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House views with concern the closure of the Halifax, Bradford and Keighley railway line to local passenger traffic serving those towns and adjacent villages; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to take such action as may be necessary to ensure, by the reinstatement of the service, an adequate public transport service.—(Mr. Hirst.)

The Question was amended, in line 2, by inserting after the word "of", the words "branch railway lines and in particular of".—(Captain Duncan.)

And the Question, so amended, being proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Hirst 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 it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Children and Young Persons Bill was, Children and Young Persons Bill.

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

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to, Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Automation and Second Reading of the Automation and Electronics Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of January next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensioners' Milk Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of January next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of January next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indictments (Amendment) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of January next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant December, That the Rural Transport Improvement Bill be now read a second time; 

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 27th day of January next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. 

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

PRAYERS.

The Hillingdon Estate Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed. 

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

The Willoughby de Broke Estate Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of the One hundred and sixteenth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Records, for 1954. 

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

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Reports on the Plan for a British Caribbean Federation— 

(1) by the Civil Service Preparatory Commission, 
(2) by the Fiscal Commissioner, and 
(3) by the Judicial Commissioner.

Copy of a Statement on Arrangements for financial control of Grant-in-Aid of the Administration of the Somaliland Protectorate. 

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Mental Illness Majesty's Command,—Copy of Proposals for Amendment of the Law relating to Mental Illness and Mental Deficiency in Scotland. 

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


Copies of Regulations, dated 13th December 1955, entitled— 

(1) the Telegraph (Inland Written Telegram) Amendment (No. 1) Regulations, 1955, and 
(2) the Telegraph (Inland Written Press Telegram) Amendment (No. 1) Regulations, 1955. 

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

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


Copies of Rules, dated 13th December 1955, entitled— 

(1) the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 3) 1955, and 
(2) the Rules of the Supreme Court (Appeals), 1955. 

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 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. 

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Frederick Mackarness Bennett, Esquire, New Member for Torquay, was sworn.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Business of Criminal Justice Administration Bill [Lords] and of the Committee on Criminal Justice Administration [Money] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Captain Crookshank.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Fisherian, put, That the White Fish Subsidy (United Kingdom) No. 2 Scheme, 1955, dated 14th December 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Mr. Amory);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Studdholme, Mr. Barber:]
Yea,
Mr. Joseph Price,
Noes,
Mr. Holmes:
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Criminal Justice Administration Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committee of the Whole House), 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 the Committee had come to a Resolution.

In the Committee.

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make new arrangements as to the administration of criminal justice in Lancashire and matters connected therewith, and to amend the law of England and Wales as to recorders and courts of quarter sessions in boroughs and as to other matters thereinafter referred to as "the new Act," it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase attributable to any such new arrangements as aforesaid in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament on account—

(i) of salaries and of pensions and other benefits under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, and the Administration of Justice (Pensions) Act, 1950; or

(ii) of other expenses on account of courts of law in Lancashire, being either expenses ordinarily so payable on account of assize courts or corresponding expenses on account of courts set up by the new Act to take the place of assize courts, but including expenses incurred on or in connection with the provision of office accommodation for the use of the clerk of assize or other officers of the courts;

(b) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of salaries at a rate not exceeding four thousand pounds a year to the recorders of Liverpool and Manchester while acting as judges of any courts set up as aforesaid, and of any pension or other benefit made payable by the new Act on the retirement or death of any such recorder in respect of his service as such a judge;

(c) the payment into the Exchequer of any contribution required by the new Act to be made by the city council of Liverpool or of Manchester to the expenses authorised by the foregoing paragraphs to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament or out of the Consolidated Fund:

(i) to any such new arrangements as aforesaid; or

(ii) to amendments of the law of England and Wales as to courts of quarter sessions and magistrates' courts and matters connected with those courts.—

(Mr. Attorney General.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

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.

Tuesday, 19th December, 1955.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bill from the Examiners of Petitions for Petitions.

Private Bills. That, in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills, the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

- Barnsley Corporation.
- Barry Corporation (Barry Harbour).
- Bedford Corporation.
- Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry.
- Brierley Corporation.
- Cammell Laird and Company.
- Castle Gate Congregational Church Burial Ground (Nottingham).
- Chertsey Urban District Council.
- City of London (Various Powers).
- Croydon Corporation.
- Dover Corporation.
- Edinburgh Corporation.
- Elder Yard Chapel Chesterfield.
- Felthamwe Dock and Railway.
- Fylde Water Board.
- Heywood and Middleton Water.
- Huddersfield Corporation.
- Ipswich Dock.
- Leeds Corporation.
- Liverpool Overhead Railway.
- London County Council (General Powers) (No. 2).

[No. 79.]
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Fourth Interim Report of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam, for the period from the 17th day of October 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Japan prolonging until the 31st day of March 1956, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Agreement signed at Bagdad on the 30th day of April 1955, amending the Statutes of the Union of South Africa, and Pakistan and the British Commonwealth War Graves in Iraqi Territory.

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 in the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Account of the Hospital Endowments Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Local Loans Fund in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Royal Naval Prize Fund for Royal Naval Vessels for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, 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 effecting the union of the Benefices and Parishes of Wakefield, and Holy Trinity, Wakefield, and St Mary, Wakefield, in the Diocese of Wakefield, and for authorising the taking down of the Church of Holy Trinity, Wakefield, and the sale of the site and materials thereof.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to Admiralty jurisdiction, legal proceedings in connection with ships and aircraft and the arrest of ships and other property, to make further provision as to the appointment, tenure of office, powers and qualifications of certain judges and officers, to make certain other amendments of the law relating to the Supreme Court and the county courts and of the law relating to the enforcement of certain judgments, orders and decrees, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Resolved, That this House do meet tomorrow at Eleven of the clock; that no Questions shall be taken after Twelve of the clock; and that Five of the clock Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolved, That this House, at its rising tomorrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 24th day of January next.—(Captain Crookshank.)

Resolved, That this House, in reviewing the progress of Civil Aviation, takes note of the Reports and Accounts of the British Overseas Airways Corporation and the British European Airways Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.—(Mr. Profumo.)

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 Rushden, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Chorley, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Tetbury, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Rushden, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Tetbury, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 15th day of this instant December, be approved.—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Mr. Allen reported from the Committee on Valuation and Rating (Scotland) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make new arrangements as to the administration of criminal justice in Lancashire and matters connected therewith, and to amend the law of England and Wales as to recorders and courts of quarter sessions in boroughs and as to other matters therein referred to as "the new Act ", it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954;

(b) any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act relating to lands and heritages occupied for the purposes of a police force, in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under section ten of the Police (Scotland) Act, 1946;

(c) of all expenses incurred under the Act by the Secretary of State.

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

Mr. Allen reported from the Committee on Criminal Justice Administration [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make new arrangements as to the administration of criminal justice in Lancashire and matters connected therewith, and to amend the law of England and Wales as to recorders and courts of quarter sessions in boroughs and as to other matters therein referred to as "the new Act ", it is expedient to authorise—

(i) of salaries and of pensions and other benefits under the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act, 1925, and the Administration of Justice (Pensions) Act, 1950; or

(ii) of other expenses on account of courts of law in Lancashire, being either expenses ordinarily so payable on account of assize courts or corresponding expenses on account of courts set up by the new Act to take the place of assize courts, but including expenses incurred on or in connection with the provision of office accommodation for the use of the clerk of assize or other officers of the courts;

(b) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of salaries at a rate not exceeding four thousand pounds a year to the recorders of Liverpool and Manchester while acting as judges of any courts set up as aforesaid; and of any pension or other benefit made payable by the new Act on the retirement or death of any such recorder in respect of his service as such a judge;
(c) the payment into the Exchequer of any contribution required by the new Act to be made by the city council of Liverpool or of Manchester to the expenses authorised by the foregoing paragraphs to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament or out of the Consolidated Fund;
(d) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament by way of Exchequer equalisation grant under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954, being an increase attributable—
(1) to any such new arrangements as aforesaid; or
(2) to any such new arrangements as aforesaid; or
(i) to any such new arrangements as aforesaid; or
(ii) to amendments of the law of England and Wales as to courts of quarter sessions and magistrates' courts and matters connected with those courts.

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

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

(Mr. Allin.)

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

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 20th December, 1955.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Criminal Justice Administration Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

[No. 80.]

Wednesday, 21st December, 1955.

The House met at Eleven 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 been complied with, viz.:—

British Transport Commission (No. 2).

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 1955, with Salaries and Allowances, with a List of those holding more than one Appointment.

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

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Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th December 1955, entitled the Cinematograph (Children) (No. 2) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at Bagdad on the 20th day of December 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Iraq referring to the Special Agreement signed at Bagdad on the 4th day of April 1955.

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

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, pursuant to Air Force, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th December 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) as amended by subsequent Orders.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Cinematograph Films, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th December 1955, entitled the Cinematograph (Children) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th December 1955, entitled—
(1) the Food Standards (Butter and Margarine) Regulations, 1955,
(2) the Labelling of Food (Amendment) Regulations, 1955, and
(3) the Mineral Oil in Food (Amendment) Regulations, 1955.

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

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the Education, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th December 1955, entitled the Training of Teachers Grant Regulations, 1955.

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

Mr. Turton presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th December 1955, entitled the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

Copy of Regulations, dated 14th December 1955, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1955.

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

Rights of Way. Mr. Aubrey Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th December 1955, entitled the Open-Cast Coal (Highway Orders (Revocation)) (No. 2) Order, 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 Regulations, dated 16th December 1955, entitled the Legal Aid (Various Courts) Regulations, 1955.

Selection Committee B. The Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Renton; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Woodams.

Standing Committee B. Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Renton (added in respect of the Road Traffic Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jennings.

Standing Committee B. Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Miss Pitt (added in respect of the Clean Air Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Martin Lindsay.

Standing Committee D. Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Alport; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Harvey.

Standing Committee D. Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Powell (added in respect of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Captain Corfield.


Mr. Amory, supported by Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, Mr. Secretary Stuart, Mr. Iain Macleod, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Nugent, and Mr. Niall Macpherson, presented a Bill to provide for securing the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in agriculture and certain other occupations and the avoidance of accidents to children arising out of the use, in connection with agriculture, of vehicles, machinery or implements; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of January next and to be printed.

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

Royal Assent. A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker.

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to 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:


Diocesan Education Committees Measure, 1955.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 24th day of January next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[No. 81.]

Tuesday, 24th January, 1956.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Writ issued during the Adjournment, a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Blaydon, in the room of the Right Honourable William Whiteley, C.H., deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Gainsborough, in the room of Captain the Right Honourable Harry Frederick Comfort Crookshank, C.H., called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Heath.)
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Hereford, in the room of the Right Honourable James Purdon Lewis Thomas, called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Heath.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Taunton, in the room of the Right Honourable Henry Lennox D'Aubigné Hopkinson, C.M.G., called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Heath.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Blyth Generating Station (Ancillary Powers) Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Monmouthshire County Council Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gloucestershire County Council Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, at Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swansea Corporation (Fairwood Common) Bill (Lords);

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, at Seven of the clock.

The following Papers, presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

- Copy of the Ninetieth Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.
- Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 16th January 1956, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of Securities in the South Durham Steel and Iron Company Limited.
- Copy of a Statement relating to the Export of Surplus War Material.
- Copy of a Supplementary Agreement, signed at Cairo on the 3rd day of December 1955, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Egyptian Government for the establishment of an International Commission to supervise the Process of Self-Determination in the Sudan; with Notes exchanged, modifying the Anglo-Egyptian Agreement of the 12th day of February 1953 concerning Self-Government and Self-Determination for the Sudan; and further Notes exchanged.

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Copy of Notes exchanged at Copenhagen between the 26th and 30th days of September 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Sweden amending the provisions of the Air Services Agreement of the 20th day of January 1955, to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Stockholm on Treaty Series No. 8, 1955.

Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Sweden amending Schedule 1 to the Annex to the Notes exchanged on the 23rd day of June 1952 amending the Air Services Agreement of the 27th day of November 1946.

Copy of Verbatim Records of the Meetings United Nations of the Second Session of the Sub-Committee (No. 1, 1956).

of the United Nations Disarmament Commission held at Lancaster House, London, between the 25th day of February and the 18th day of March 1955 (22nd to 30th Meetings).

Copy of Verbatim Records of the Meetings United Nations of the Second Session of the Sub-Committee (No. 2, 1956).

of the United Nations Disarmament Commission held at Lancaster House, London, between the 22nd day of March and the 6th day of April 1955 (31st to 40th Meetings).

Copy of Verbatim Records of the Meetings United Nations of the Second Session of the Sub-Committee (No. 3, 1956).

of the United Nations Disarmament Commission held at Lancaster House, London, between the 19th day of April and the 18th day of May 1955 (41st to 49th Meetings).

Copy of Verbatim Records of the Meetings United Nations of the Second Session of the Sub-Committee (No. 4, 1956).

of the United Nations Disarmament Commission held at New York between the 1st day of June and the 13th day of September 1955 (50th to 59th Meetings).

Copy of Verbatim Records of the Meetings United Nations of the Second Session of the Sub-Committee (No. 5, 1956).

of the United Nations Disarmament Commission held at New York between the 14th day of September and the 7th day of October 1955 (60th to 68th Meetings).


Copy of Particulars of Grants of Pay and Air Force. Allowances, &c., sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury during the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, under the Dispersing Order of the 14th day of January 1952, made under Section 2 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act, 1917.

Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 30th Housing. November 1955.

The following Papers, required by several Parliamentary Acts of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the mentioned dates pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

22nd December 1955:—

23rd December 1955:—

Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1955, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 10) Order, 1955.

London Traffic.


30th December 1955:—

Poisons.

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd December 1955, entitled the Poisons List (No. 2) Order, 1955.

Poisons.

Copy of Rules, dated 23rd December, 1955, entitled the Poisons (No. 2) Rules, 1955.

National Health Service (Scotland).

Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December 1955, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations, 1955.

Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions).

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1955, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Roads, Bridges and Ferries) Order, 1955.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1955, entitled the Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland Federation (Transfer of Functions) Order, 1955.

West Africa.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd December 1955, entitled the Togoland under United Kingdom Trusteeship (Plebiscites Order in Council, 1955.

Local Government.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1955, entitled the West Riding of Yorkshire Review (Amendment) Order, 1955.

2nd January 1956:—

Import Duties (Exemptions).

Copy of an Order, dated 29th December 1955, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 11) Order, 1955.

4th January 1956:—

London Traffic.


Road Traffic and Vehicles.

Copy of Regulations, dated 29th December 1955, entitled the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations, 1955.

6th January 1956:—

Animals.


Local Government (Scotland).

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th December 1955, entitled the Local Government Contributions to Association of District Councils (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1955.

9th January 1956:—

Education.

Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd January 1956, entitled the Education (Local Education Authorities) Grant Amending Regulations No. 4, 1956.

16th January 1956:—

London Traffic.


Rights of Way.

Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1956, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Blackwell, Derbyshire) (Revocation) Order, 1956.

18th January 1956:—


19th January 1956:—

Copy of an Order, dated 13th January 1956, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 1) Order, 1956.

20th January 1956:—

Copy of Regulations, dated 12th January 1956, entitled the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1956.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury—

(1) on the 21st day of December 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised by the British European Airways Corporation, and

(2) on the 20th day of December 1955 on Stock proposed to be raised by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Copies of Treasury Minutes—

(1) dated 9th January 1956, and

(2) dated 17th January 1956 relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th January 1956, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1956.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Gas Council on the 28th day of December 1955 Nos. 156 and 158.

Statesments of Guarantees given by the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland).

(1) on the 21st day of December 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised by the South of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, and

(2) on the 29th day of December 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th January 1956, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 1) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Air Navigation, Bank Notes, Gas, and Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Fourth (No. 1, 1956) Interim Report, signed at Phnom Penh on the 3rd day of October 1955, of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia for the period from the 1st day of April to the 30th day of September 1955.

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

Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on the 11th day of October 1955 amending the Statutes of the House.
(2) made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on the 7th day of October 1955 amending the Statutes of the College, and

(3) made by the Governing Body of Peterhouse, Cambridge, on the 8th day of November 1955 amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the General Report by the Board of Trade on Bankruptcy for 1939 to 1953.

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

(1) Volume 2, Trade E, Chemicals (General),

(2) Volume 2, Trade F, Drugs and Pharmaceutical Preparations,

(3) Volume 3, Trade M, Railway Carriages and Wagons and Trams,

(4) Volume 6, Trade I, Hosiery and other Knitted Goods,

(5) Volume 10, Trade A, Timber,

(6) Volume 10, Trade B, Furniture and Upholstery, and

(7) Volume 10, Trade F, Paper and Board.

Copy of the Income and Expenditure Account of British Lace Furnishings (Overseas) Limited for the year ended the 30th day of June 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 Order, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) Order, 1956.

Copy of a Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under Part III of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868.

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

Mr. Turton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1952, Text.

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

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report and Abstract of Accounts of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 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 1955—

(1) of the East Suffolk and Norfolk River Board,

(2) of the East Sussex River Board, Vol. 211

(3) of the Great Ouse River Board,

(4) of the Welland River Board, and

(5) of the Wye River Board.

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

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

Memorandum by the Lord Chancellor proposing corrections and minor improvements (Consolidation of Enactments).

No. 162.

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 Brompton and Saint Mark, New Brompton, and for authorising the taking down of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brompton, and the sale of the site and materials thereof; the said Parishes being in the Diocese of Rochester.

Ordered, That the Paper relating to Sexual Offences (Consolidation of Enactments) be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Boyd Carpenter and Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth (added) Committee B. in respect of the Road Traffic Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Deedes and Mr. Wakefield.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee B, That they had discharged Standing Committee B Mr. Deedes and Sir Lancelot Joynson-Hicks (added) Committee B. in respect of the Clean Air Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Powell and Mr. Renton.

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

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

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

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1956, entitled the Marriages Validity (Salvation Army Citadel, Leigh) 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.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1956, entitled the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Protected Area) (General Licence) Order, 1956.

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

Mr. Turton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Cost of the National Health Service.

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


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

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

Copy of all Applications made by the First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England for Advances to Government authorised by Parliament from the 6th day of January 1955 to the 5th day of January 1956, and the Answers of the said Court thereto.

Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bank of 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 1956; 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 4th day of April 1955, the 4th day of July 1955, the 4th day of October, 1955, and the 4th day of January 1956.

Account showing the Money issued out of the Consolidated Fund and the Expenditure therefrom under the Housing (Temporary Accommodation) Act, 1945, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund and of the Payments made and Contributions recovered by the Treasury under the Wart Damage (Public Utility Undertakings) Act, 1949, in the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, 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 Account, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Account of the payments by the Central Land Board under Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, and Section 56 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947, and of the sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under Sections 67 and 64 of those Acts respectively in connection with such payments for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the Accounts relating to Housing (Temporary Accommodation), Ironstone Restoration, and Town and Country Planning be printed.

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

Clause No. 1 (Introduction of new housing subsidies).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words "not being such a new dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (8) of this section".—(Mr. Blyton.)
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Rogers, Yeas, 205.
Mr. Deer, Tellers for the [Mr. Stiuholme, Noes, 251.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words "(not being such a dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (9) of this section)".—(Mr. Gibson.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. John Taylor, Yeas, 208.
Mr. Holmes: Tellers for the [Colonel Harrison, Noes, 240.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words "(not being such a new dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (12) of this section)".—(Mr. Gooch.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, 204.
Mr. Wilkins: Tellers for the [Mr. Stiuholme, Noes, 246.

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

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. Richard Butler and Mr. Gaitskell be added to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Galbraith.)

Adjournment.

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

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

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 21st day of December 1955 on Loans proposed to be raised by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Air Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Air Services Accounts.

Abstract Account showing the Issues made Consolidated from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, 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.

Abstract Accounts of the Commissioners of Crown Lands.

Crown Lands for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Navy Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Abstract Account of the Receipts into, and Issues out of, the Development Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Electricity. Treasury on the 28th day of December 1955, No. 174. on Loans proposed to be raised by the Central Electricity Authority.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Air Navigation and Electricity be printed; and that the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Treaty Series Majesty's Command.—Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington between the 20th day of October and the 3rd day of November 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America rectifying the Agreement of the 15th day of June 1933 for Co-operation on the Civil Uses of Atomic Energy.

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


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 16th January 1956, entitled the
Llanelli (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order, 1956, 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. Viant presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Government Actuary on the general financial position of the House of Commons Members' Fund on the 30th day of September 1955.

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

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had added Ten Members to the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Atkins, Mr. Chichester-Clarke, Lieutenant-Colonel Grosvenor, Mr. Keegan, Captain Kerby, Mr. James Lindsay, Mr. Mason, Mr. Mathew, Mr. Moss, and Mr. Whitelaw.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords:

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

The Lords have agreed to the Crosby Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Bill.

Message from the Lords.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business and on any Private Business set down for consideration at Seven of the clock this evening, by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, be exempted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) and that, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business), any such Private Business may be taken after Nine of the clock.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 12, line 33, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(10) If the Privy Council are dissatisfied with the manner in which the General Dental Council are carrying out the provisions of this section, the Privy Council may give such directions as they think fit as to the manner of carrying them out, and it shall be the duty of the General Dental Council to comply with any such directions."—(Mr. John Hynd.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 12, line 33, by leaving out the word "five" and inserting the word "six".—(Mr. John Hynd),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "five" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 30, line 25, by leaving out the word "one" and inserting the word "two".—(Mr. John Hynd),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "one" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 30, line 44, by inserting, after the word "present", the words "and voting".—(Mr. John Hynd.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Agricultural Research 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.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And it being Seven of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business), further Proceeding stood postponed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Blyth Generating Station (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Restriction on Employment) — (Mr. Mikardo); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Gloucestershire County Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause No. 231 (School agreements)—(Mr. Hayman);

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Royle; 
Mr. Kershaw: 41.

Tellers for the Noes, Captain Corfield; 
Mr. Partridge: 76.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Swansea Corporation (Fairwood Common) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

The House resumed the postponed Proceeding on the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being again proposed;
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And it being after 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. Wakefield.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

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

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

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Monday, 30th January, 1956.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Crosby Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Account of Moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and 6 & 7 Will 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan which was guaranteed by this country under the authority of the said Acts, and of the Amount repaid by the Greek Govrnment on account of the same, up to the 31st day of December 1955.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon other Army Accounts.

Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency for the year ended the 30th day of September 1955.

Account of Receipts into and Payments out of the Road Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to the Army (Appropriation Account), Iron and Steel, and the Road Fund be printed.

Mr. Buchan-Heppburn presented, pursuant to Civil Aviation, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th January 1956, entitled the Air Navigation (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th January 1956, entitled the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th January 1956, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Agriculture) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th January 1956, entitled the Humber and Trent Shipping Rules (Revocation) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th January 1956, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Agriculture) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th January 1956, entitled the Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th January 1956, entitled the West African Territories (Air Transport) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1956.

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

Mr. Aubrey Jones presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Electricity Supply Industry.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Reports of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in accordance with Section 61 of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946—

(1) on the Provision made for Byssinosis under the Act, and

(2) on the Question whether Cadmium Poisoning should be prescribed under the Act.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned—(Mr. Heath);

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
thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at
Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr.
Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the
Standing Order, till to-morrow.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant
to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Ken-
nington Gardens Regulations, 1956.

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

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the
Second Annual Report of the Essex River
Board for the year ended the 31st day of
March 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 Sugar Industry (Research
and Education) Fund, showing the Revenue
and Expenditure attributable to the year ended
the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report
of the Comptroller and Auditor General
thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this
House, Accounts relating to Trade and Navi-
gation of the United Kingdom for each month
during the year 1956.—(Mr. Thorneycroft).

Mr. Fletcher reported from the Select Com-
mittee 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. Richard Williams reported from the
Scottish Standing Committee, That they had
gone through the Local Government (Street
Works) (Scotland) Bill and made Amendments
thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the
Standing Committee, be taken into considera-
tion upon Friday the 27th day of April next;
and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceed-
ings of the Committee be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments
made by this House to the Monmouthshire
County Council Bill [Lords], without any
Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved
itself into a Committee on the Housing Subsi-
dies Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Introduction of new housing
subsidies).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1,
line 8, at the end, to insert the words "other
than the new dwellings mentioned in subsec-
tion (15) of this section".—(Mr. MacColl.)

Question put, That those words be there
inserted.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. John Taylor,
Yea, Mr. Rogers; 221.
Tellers for the Mr. Studholme,
Noes, Mr. Godber; 271.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Studholme,
Yea, Mr. Godber; 269.
Tellers for the Mr. Short,
Noes, Mr. Deer; 221.

Clause No. 2 (Power to abolish or reduce subsidies).

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 21, after the word "may", to insert the words "at any time after the expiry of a period of two years beginning on the passing of this Act and thereafter".—(Mr. Lindgren.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Holmes,
Yea, Mr. Deer; 211.
Tellers for the Mr. Wills,
Noes, Mr. Godber; 252.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 22, to leave out the words "or of the site of".—(Mr. Parkin.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 23, to leave out from the word "the" to the word "or" in line 21 and insert the words "local authority's area in which the dwelling is situated".—(Mr. Bevan.)

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

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 made Progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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

[No. 87.]

Wednesday, 1st February, 1956.

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

PRAYERS.

A BILL to authorise the transfer to the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Barry of a portion of Barry Harbour now vested in the British Transport Commission; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
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A Bill to make further provision with regard to the letting of houses in the borough of Bedford; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Bournemouth Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Company to raise additional capital; to confer further powers on the Company; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the city of Bristol to increase certain of the maximum rates due leviable by the Company; to confer further powers upon them with reference to their dock undertaking; to confer further powers on the Commission; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the British Transport Commission to construct works and to acquire lands; to make provision with respect to the River Kennet Navigation and the Kennet and Avon Canal; to authorise the closing for navigation of certain inland waterways and the supply of water from the Lancaster Canal; to transfer a light railway to the Admiralty; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands and the completion of certain works; to confer further powers on the Commission; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the removal of restrictions attaching to the Castle Gate Congregational Church Burial Ground in the City of Nottingham; to declare that the Trustees of such burial ground have power to sell lands comprising a part thereof; to authorise the erection of buildings on the said lands; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to regulate and control the burial grounds and cemeteries in the urban district of Chertsey; to make further and better provision for the health local government improvement and finances of the urban district; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Croydon to construct street works and to purchase lands compulsorily for those and other purposes; to make further provision for the health local government improvement and finances of the borough; to provide for the variation of certain agreements relating to the reception and treatment of sewage and to make further provision with regard to sewerage and the prevention of flooding; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers on the Corporation of the City of Edinburgh with respect to their transport undertaking; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Ipswich Dock Commission to increase their borrowing powers; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the boundary of the City of Leeds; to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Leeds with reference to lands and to their undertakings; to empower them to establish an undertaking for the supply of heat; to make further provision for the improvement health local government and finances of the city; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the London County Council and other authorities; to alter the boundary between the administrative counties of London and Surrey; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Manchester Ship Canal Company to execute works and to acquire lands; to extend the time limited for the construction by the Company of certain railways; to increase or make new provisions with regard to the tolls rates and charges leviable by the Company; to confer further powers upon the Company of borrowing money and to enact other financial provisions; to confer further powers with regard to the superannuation fund of the Company and the payment of pensions and benefits; to confer further powers upon the Company; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further powers upon the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of Newcastle upon Tyne; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend the People’s Dispensary for Sick Animals Act 1949; to confer further powers on the People’s Dispensary for Sick Animals; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Rugby to continue and maintain waterworks and works for delivering water into the Oxford Canal of the British Transport Commission and to acquire lands; to enact provisions for the protection from pollution of the waters in the Conford Feeder of the Oxford Canal and in the River Swift; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to repeal the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company’s Acts 1878 to 1939 and to reincorporate The Scottish Union and National Insurance Company; to confer powers on the Company with respect to the carrying on of their business and the regulation of their affairs; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
A Bill to authorise the Mayor Aldermen and
Burgesses of the borough of Walsall to pro­
vide certain travel concessions on public ser­
vice vehicles and trolley vehicles; and for
other purposes, was read the first time; and
ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Mayor Aldermen and
Burgesses of the borough of West Brom­
wich to provide certain travel concessions on
public service vehicles; and for other purposes,
was read the first time; and ordered to be
read a second time.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd, presented, by Her
Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement
signed at Asuncion on the 21st day of Novem­
ber 1955 between Her Majesty's Governments
in the United Kingdom and the Government
of Paraguay on Trade and Payments (the
Agreement has not yet been ratified).

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

Commander Noble, presented, by Her
Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement
signed at Wellington on the 20th day of
December 1955 between Her Majesty's
Governments in the United Kingdom and New
Zealand on Social Security.

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

Mr. Thorneycroft, presented,—Return to an
Order yesterday relating to Trade and Navigation.

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

Mr. Sandys, presented, pursuant to the direc­
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of
Orders—
(1) dated 25th January 1956, entitled the
Kingston-upon-Thames (Amendment of Local
Enactments) Order, 1956, and
(2) dated 23rd January 1956, entitled the
Peckham (Repeal and Amendment of
Local Enactments) Order, 1956,
with Certificates by the Minister of Housing
and Local Government under Section 2 of the
Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

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

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

Account of Sums issued out of the Con­
solidated 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 1955,
with the Report of the Comptroller and
Auditor-General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

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

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Clause No. 3 (Rate of subsidies for
dwelling).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4,
line 13, to leave out of the word "the" to
the word "or" in line 21 and insert the words
"local authority's area in which the dwelling
is situated".

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

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes: Mr. Lloyd; Mr. Oakes: 241.
Mr. Cotter: 240.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Taylor: 204.
Mr. John Taylor: 204.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4,
line 23, to leave out the words "in some other
area" and insert the words "outside that area
or by some other local authority for the pur­
purpose of accommodating persons coming from
that area and in either case for the relief of
congestion or over-population within that area.

—(Mr. Mitchell). Question put. That the words "in some other area" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes: Mr. Strode, Mr. Griffiths: 250.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Short, Mr. Bottomley: 208.

Clause as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Power to increase subsidies
in certain circumstances).

Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 22,
to leave out of the word "accommoda­
tion" to the word "that" in line 24 and insert
the words "in the district of".—(Mr. Arthur
Sankey.) Question, That the words proposed to be
left out stand part of the Clause, put and
agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 5,
line 29, to leave out the words "and other".
(—Mr. MacColl.)

Question put. That the words "and other"
stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes: Mr. Wakefield, Mr. Godber: 235.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Joseph Price: 206.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 5,
line 32, to leave out of the word "authority" to the first word "the" in line
34.—(Mr. Thornton.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes: Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Godber: 233.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Rogers: 199.

And it being after Ten o'clock, the Chair­
man 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
report, 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.

Ordered, That notwithstanding anything in paragraph (2) of the Standing Order Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers), Part II of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill shall be considered by the Scottish Standing Committee as if such Part had been a separate Bill, which after committal by the House had been so allocated; and when the provisions committed to the Scottish Standing Committee and the provisions committed to Standing Committee D have been reported to the House, the Bill shall be considered as if it had been reported to the House as a whole.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

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

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

[No. 88.]

Thursday, 2nd February, 1956.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order is applicable thereto, viz.:

Ministry of Housing and Local Government
Provisional Order (Colne Valley Sewerage Board) (No. 2) Bill.

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

Fire Services.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st January 1956, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1956.

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

Housing (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st December 1955.

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

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Queen's College, Oxford, on the 26th day of October 1955 amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Sandys presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 31st December 1955.

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

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee in accordance with subsection 3 of Section 41 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the Question of Widows' Benefits.

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

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


Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Selection Committee in respect of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill; and had charged from Standing Committee B Mr. Bence, Mr. Bryan, Lieutenant-Colonel Cordeaux, Mr. Darling, Sir Eric Errington, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Gresham Cooke, Mr. Garden, Mr. James Harrison, Vice-Admiral Hughes Hallatt, Mr. Hughes-Young, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Page, Mr. Norman Fannell, and Mr. Woollam; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Allaven, Mr. Barter, Wing Commander Bullus, Squadron Leader Cooper, Mrs. Emmet, Mr. Glover, Mr. John Hall, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Leslie Lever, Mr. Malm, Mr. David Price, Sir Peter Roberts, Lieutenant-Colonel Schofield, and Mr. William Yates.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee B, that they had discharged from Standing Committee B Members to the Scottish Standing Committee Lieutenant-Colonel Grosvenor, Mr. Moss, and Mr. Whitelaw added in respect of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hirst, Mr. Godman Irvine, and Mr. Stones.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Scottish Standing Committee, That they had added Ten Members to the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill [Part II], viz.: Mr. Amery, Lieutenant-Commander Baldock, Mr. Burden, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Reeder Harris, Mr. Kershaw, Mr. Maddan, Mr. Mason, Mr. O'Neill, and Mr. Stones.
Dr. King reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Road Traffic Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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


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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Housing Subsidies Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 5 (Power to increase subsidies in certain circumstances).

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Subsidies for expensive sites). Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 13, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mrs. Ieger.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Godber: 219. Mr. Short: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Price: 100. Mr. Collins.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Subsidies for privately provided agricultural dwellings).

Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 31, to leave out from the word "there" to the end of line 32, and add the words "was substituted the word 'nil'".—(Mr. Collins.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Termination of duty to make rate fund contributions).

Amendments made.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Studholme: 201. Mr. Godber: 160. Mr. John Taylor.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson: 151. Mr. Barber: 192.

Clause No. 9 (Power of Minister to recover certain contributions).

Amendment proposed, in page 7, line 37, at the end, to insert the words "and that the local authority of that exporting area nominated that person to the authority providing the dwelling as being a person in need of housing accommodation".—(Mr. Robert Jenkins.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson: 151. Mr. Joseph Price: 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Godber: 160. Mr. Barber.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Interpretation).

Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 25, after the word "Act", to insert the words "or by agreement with the owner".—(Mr. Mitchell.)

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

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 32, at the end, to insert the words "from houses which are unfit for human habitation and not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, or which are so arranged as to be congested, or, where the re-development plan was submitted to the Minister before the third day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, from any house in the re-development area".—(Mr. Powell.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wills: 185. Mr. Wilkins: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Pearson: 151. Mr. Wilkins: 145.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 12 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 amended and agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

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

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

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

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 2nd February, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Hoy Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of Part II of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill and Mr. Nicholson Chairman of the Standing Committee B in respect of the Clean Air Bill.
THE Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order (Colne Valley Sewerage Board) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, Mr. Secretary Stuart, Sir David Eccles, and Mr. Brooke, presented a Bill to provide for increases in certain pensions; and to amend the Pensions (Increase) Acts, 1920 and 1924, the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944, and 1947, the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1952 and the Second Schedule to the Pensions (India, Pakistan and Burma) Act, 1955: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

The National Insurance 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 Local Authorities (Expenses) 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 Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) 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 17th day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Automation and Electronics Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensions' Milk Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of this instant February.

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 Fifth 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 1955.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indictments (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 17th day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of December last, That the Rural Transport Improvement Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 17th day of this instant February.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

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

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A VERBAL Amendment was made to the Blyth Generating Station (Ancillary Powers) Bill [Lords].

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time; The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Barry Corporation (Barry Harbour) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

The Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

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

Ordered, That the British Transport Commission (No. 2) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
The Castle Gate Congregational Church Burial Ground (Nottingham) Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

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

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

The Ipswich Dock Bill was read a second time and committed.

Ordered, That the Leeds 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.

Ordered, That the Manchester Ship Canal Corporation Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered, That the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed, and that the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Public Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st February 1956, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations, 1956.

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 Rules, dated 31st January 1956, entitled the Bankruptcy (Amendment) Rules, 1956.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Select Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Emett, Mr. Glover, Sir Peter Roberts, and Mr. William Yates; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Astor, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Seward, and Mr. Summers.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Whitelaw (added in respect of the Clean Air Bill); and had appointed in substitution Viscount Hinchingbrooke.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed, and that the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Public Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland of his Proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, and the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act, 1862, as applied by Section 5 of the Harbours, Piers and Ferries (Scotland) Act, 1937, in the year ended the 31st day of January 1956.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of Rules, dated 31st January 1956, entitled the Bankruptcy (Amendment) Rules, 1956.

The Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisional Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Commital Bills).

Mr. A. Ministry, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisional Bill) 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 provide for securing the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in agriculture and certain other occupations and the avoidance of accidents to children arising out of the use, in connection with agriculture, of vehicles, machinery or...
The Order of the day being read, for the Croydon Corporation Bill; 

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Leeds Corporation Bill; 

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

The London County Council Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Manchester Ship Canal Bill; 

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

The Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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

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

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

Mr. Secretary Head presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimates for the Army 1956-57.

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

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Universities the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of University Court Ordinances—

(1) No. 310 (University of Edinburgh No. 106) (Foundation of the Chair of Economic History), and

(2) No. 311 (University of Edinburgh No. 107) (Alteration of Title of Chair of Old Testament Language, Literature and Theology and Amendment of University Court Ordinance No. CLXXXIII (Edinburgh No. 64) (Board of Nomination and Foundation of New Chairs in the Faculty of Divinity)).

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 Fifth Annual Report on Smallholdings in England and Wales, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Sands presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fifty-second Annual Report of the Metropolitan Water Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 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 Marriages Validity (Salvation Army Citadel, Leigh) Order, 1955.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, Member for Mid-Ulster, having at the time of his election held certain offices of profit under the Crown, was incapable of being elected or returned as a Member of this House, and that this House agrees with the recommendations contained in the Second Report from the Select Committee on Elections.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committal of Bills).

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee on Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for securing the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in agriculture and certain other occupations and the avoidance of accidents to children arising out of the use, in connection with agriculture, of vehicles, machinery or implements; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Secretary of State in carrying out the said Act.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned—(Mr. Wakefield)—A Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, being then nineteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 7th February, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee A.

MR. BROOKE presented, pursuant to the Superannuation, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 7th February 1956, directing that an officer of the Admiralty shall be subject to the provisions of Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1946.

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

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department.
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extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertain-
ments Act, 1932—

(1) to the Urban District of Hebden Royd,
(2) to the Urban District of March, and
(3) to the Borough of Spenborough.

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

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, by Her
Majesty's Command,—Estimates for Air Ser-
vice for the year ending the 31st day of
March 1957.

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

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of
the Report on the Census of Production, 1951—

(1) Volume 2, Trade P, Seed Crushing and
Oil Refining, and
(2) Volume 3, Trade B, Iron and Steel
(Melting and Rolling).

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means pre-
sented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of
Parliament,—Report by the Chairman of Com-
mittees of the House of Lords and the Chair-
man 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
Liability (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order,
1956.

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

Ordered. That there be laid before this
House, Accounts of the Civil Contingencies
Fund, 1954-55, showing (1) the Receipts and
Payments in connection with the Fund in the
year ended the 31st day of March 1955, and
(2) the Distribution of the Capital of the
Fund at the commencement and close of the
year; with the Report of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Thorneycroft.)

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Com-
mittee, That they had added Sixteen
Members to Standing Committee C in respect
of the Local Authorities (Expenses) Bill viz.:
Mr. Herbert Butler, Mr. Gibson, Sir Robert
Grinsson, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Robert
Jenkins, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Parker, Mr. Powell,
Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Rippon, Mr. Rogers, Mr.
Russell, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Wade, and Mr.
Wheelock.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the
Committee, That they had added One
Member to Standing Committee C in respect
of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Whitelaw.

Mr. Sandys, supported by Mr. Powell and
Mr. Brooke, presented a Bill to make addi-
tional provision for payments in respect of
several unfit houses subject to compulsory
purchase, clearance, demolition or closing
orders: And the same was read the first time;
and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be
printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Govern-
ment Business be exempted, at this day's
Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing
Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Richard
Butler.)

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the
Committee, That they had appointed in substitution Mr. Leslie
Thomas.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the
Committee, That they had discharged from
Standing Committee B Viscount Hinchin-
brooke (added in respect of the Clean Air
Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mrs.
McLaughlin.
investigation of food thus suspected must be carried out as quickly as is reasonably practicable."—(Mr. Willis.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 21, line 36, by inserting, after the word "food", the words "or drug."—(Mr. Home.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 22, line 29, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "in accordance with a scale of fees approved by the Secretary of State".—(Mr. Willis.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 23, line 3, by inserting, after the word "but", the words "part of".—(Miss Herbison.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 23, line 3, by inserting, after the word "any", the word "competent".—(Mr. Willis.)

And the Question being put, That the word "competent" be there inserted in the Bill:—

It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The Lord Advocate, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

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

The Police (Scotland) Bill [Lords] 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.

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

MEMORANDA.

Wednesday, 8th February, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Licensing (Airports) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Blackburn Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Local Authorities (Expenses) Bill.
Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider whether any changes are desirable in the present methods of giving effect to the principle that there should be some limitation to the anticipation of Parliamentary debates by broadcasting;—And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Amery, Mr. Beelder, Mr. Wedgewood Benn, Sir Herbert Butcher, Mr. Crossman, Mr. Ness Edwards, Mrs. Emmet, Sir Robert Grimston, Sir Lionel Hoare, Mr. Holt, Sir James Hutchison, Mr. McAdden, and Mr. Sydney Silverman.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Mr. Wakefield.)

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment 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.

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

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

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 9th February, 1956.

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 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 94.]

Friday, 10th February, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to West, Warrington, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Walthamstow, West, in the room of the Right Honourable Clement Richard Attlee, O.M., C.H., called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Bowden.)

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy (Scotland), of an Instrument, dated 2nd February 1956, entitled the Nurses (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules, 1955, Approval Instrument, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for the year ended the 31st day of March 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 an Order, dated 4th February 1956, entitled the Exports (Relaxation of Price Control (Revocation)) Order, 1956.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with concern the present state of the film industry and trade and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to take action to redress the present unfair incidence of entertainments duty and to institute an independent inquiry into the organisation and problems of the industry—(Mr. Rankin);

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 "welcomes the statement made by the President of the Board of Trade on the 2nd day of this instant February and the opportunity which will be given to all sections of the film industry to express their views on future film policy"—(Mr. Hirst),—instead thereof.

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

And the Main Question being again proposed:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Automation and Electronics Bill;

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1956, entitled the Agricultural Goods and Services Scheme (England and Wales) Order, 1956.

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

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th February 1956, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes (Leyton)) Regulations, 1956, and
(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes (Watford)) Regulations, 1956.

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:—

Copy of an Account of the Sums issued to the Postmaster General out of the Consolidated Fund under subsection (2) of Section 12 of the Television Act, 1954, and of the Sums received by him and paid into the Exchequer during the period ended the 31st day of March 1955 in respect of advances to the Independent Television Authority; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Saint Anne, Upperton, Eastbourne; Saint Peter, Eastbourne; Saint Michael, Ocklynge, Eastbourne; All Souls, Eastbourne; and Saint Philip, Eastbourne; in the diocese of Chichester.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Dudley Williams; and had appointed in substitution Mr. McKibbin.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be expedited, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

Captain Sir Keith Sinjohn Joseph, Baronet, Member for Leeds, North-East, was sworn.

Ordered, That the Charles Beattie Indemnity Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed, to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, 1956, and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Commitural of Bills).

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision, amongst other things, as to the appointment, tenure of office, powers and qualification of certain judges and officers, it is expedient to authorise payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of the remuneration of persons appointed under the said Act to act for the county court judge for any district in the despatch of business at any sitting of the court for that district; and
(b) any increase in the sums which fall to be so paid under any enactment relating to the salaries or superannuation of officers of the Supreme Court or of county courts, being an increase attributable to any provision of the said Act—

(i) providing for the appointment of assistant district registrars of county courts any of the enactments aforesaid which apply to whole-time assistant registrars of county courts any of the enactments aforesaid which apply to whole-time registrars of county courts, and the payment into the Exchequer of any increase attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session in the sums which fall to be paid into the Exchequer under subsection (3) of section twenty-five of the Administration of Justice (Pensions) Act, 1950.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable local authorities to defray certain expenses in connection with official and courtesy visits, and for purposes connected with the matter aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954.-(Mr. Attorney General.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Therapeutic Substances Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 19 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

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

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to consolidate with amendments certain enactments relating to police forces in Scotland and to the execution of warrants in the border counties of England and Scotland, it is expedient—

A. to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(i) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any enactment providing for the payment of grants towards the expenses of police authorities and joint police committees in Scotland; and

(ii) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under any provision of the said Act of the present Session empowering him—

(b) to provide courses of instruction in matters relating to police service for constables of police forces maintained under any provision of the said Act, and for that purpose maintain central training institutions (including instructing and administrative staff and land, buildings and equipment); or

(ii) to make arrangements for the attendance of constables of such police forces at courses provided otherwise than as aforesaid;

and

B. to authorise the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the Secretary of State from police authorities or joint police committees in Scotland, or deducted by him from moneys otherwise payable by him to any such authority or committee, by virtue of any provision 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 Police (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 11 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 13 and 14 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 15 and 16 amended and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 17 to 28 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 31 to 38 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Another Clause (Financial provisions)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Central training and other common services)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Financial provisions)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Draft Local Authorities (Stock) Regulations, 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 22nd day of November last, be approved.—(Mr. Powell.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Legh.)

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

Tuesday, 14th February, 1956. The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:—

Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Bill.
Castle Gate Congregational Church Burial Ground (Nottingham) Bill.
People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Bill.
Scottish Union and National Insurance Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be committed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords].

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

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 1956, regarding the Application of Surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1955, to meet Deficits on other Air Votes and Sums chargeable to Balances irrecoverable for the same year.

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

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum of the Secretary of State for Air relating to the Air Estimates, 1956-57.

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

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, entitled—

Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Overseas Food Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the Local directions of an Act of Parliament, Copies of Orders, dated 8th February 1956, entitled—

(1) the Devizes (Extension) Order, 1956,
(2) the Malmesbury (Extension) Order, 1956, and
(3) the Preston (Extension) Order, 1956, with Certificates by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The 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 London-Bristol Trunk Road (Middlesex Compulsory Purchase) Order, 1955.
(2) the Kingston-upon-Thames (Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1956, and
(3) the Rochdale (Repeal and Amendment of Local Enactments) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Fletcher reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further Progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Police (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
Sir Hugh Linstead presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity called Archdeacon Johnson's Almshouse, at Uppingham, in the County of Rutland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Sir Hugh Linstead presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity known as the Baptist Chapel and other Charities at Totnes and Tuckenhay in the County of Devon: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Sir Hugh Linstead presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of certain Charities in the Parish of Stoneleigh, in the County of Warwick: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Sir Hugh Linstead presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity called Archdeacon Johnson's Almshouse, at Uppingham, in the County of Rutland: 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 taking into consideration the Housing Subsidies Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 3, page 4, lines 24 and 28, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Bevan.—(Mr. Mitchison.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

Clause No. 3 (Rate of subsidies for dwellings).

Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 24, after the second word "area", to insert the word "either".—(Mr. David Jones.)

Question put, That the word "either" be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Rogers, Mr. John Taylor: 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Wills: 271.

Clause agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill, without further Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "(not being such a new dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (6) of this section)".—(Mr. MacColl.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Rogers, Mr. John Taylor: 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Wills: 272.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "(not being such a new dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (6) of this section)".—(Mr. Herbert Butler.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Deer: 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Wills, Mr. Joseph Price: 252.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "(not being such a new dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (7) of this section)".—(Mr. Bevan.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Deer, Mr. Joseph Price: 207.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Wills, Mr. Godber: 248.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "(not being such a new dwelling as is mentioned in subsection (8) of this section)".—(Mr. Bevan.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Deer, Mr. Joseph Price: 207.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Studholme, Mr. Wills, Mr. Godber: 245.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 4, line 10, by leaving out paragraph (c).—(Viscount Hinchinbrooke.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:

—It was resolved in the affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.
Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainment Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Hodden Royd, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainment Act, 1932, to the Borough of Spenborough, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee on Local Authorities (Expenses) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable local authorities to defray certain expenses in connection with official and courtesy visits, and for purposes connected with the matter aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under Part I of the Local Government Act, 1948, or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, dated 16th December 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 21st day of December last, be annulled—(Mr. Willey) :—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Mineral Oil in Food (Amendment) Regulations, 1955, dated 16th December 1955, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 21st day of December last, be annulled—(Dr. Stroud) :—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Transfer of Functions (Agriculture) Order, 1956, dated 25th January 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 30th day of January last, be annulled—(Mr. Willey) :—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

MEMORANDA.

Tuesday, 14th February, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Transport (Disposal of Road Haulage Property) Bill to Standing Committee D.

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 Wing Commander Bullus to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee, in the room of Mr. Powell, resigned.

[No. 97.]

Wednesday, 15th February, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Estimates for Civil and Revenue Departments for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957, with a Memorandum.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply ; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London between the 17th and 29th days of November 1955 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Czechoslovakia prolonging until the 19th day of May 1956 the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 18th day of August 1949.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ward presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Estimate of the further Sum required to be voted for the Navy for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956. Copy of a Statement by the First Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1956-57.
Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee on Supply; and be printed, and that the Paper relating to the Navy Estimates, 1956-57, do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 9th February 1956, entitled the Derbyshire (New Streets) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Norman Hulbert reported from the Committee on the Swansea Corporation (Fairwood Common) 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Blackburn reported from Standing Committee C. That they had gone through the Local Authorities (Expenses) Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Thorneycroft, supported by Mr. Richard Butler, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Walker-Smith, presented a Bill to provide for the registration and judicial investigation of certain restrictive trading agreements, and for the prohibition of such agreements when found contrary to the public interest; to prohibit the collective enforcement of conditions regulating the resale price of goods, and to make further provision for the individual enforcement of such conditions by legal proceedings; to amend the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Acts, 1948 and 1953; to provide for the appointment of additional judges of the High Court and of the Court of Session; and for other purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Housing Subsidies Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time :—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the ['Mr. Redmayne, Yeas, Mr. Wakefield: 294: 46. Tellers for the [Mr. Foppewell, Noes, Mr. Pearson: So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the ['Mr. Redmayne, Yeas, Mr. Wakefield: 294: 46. Tellers for the [Mr. Foppewell, Noes, Mr. Pearson: So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House was adjourned.
Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Wellington (Salop), a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Barber.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDA.

Thursday, 16th February, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Malcolm MacPherson Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Bill.

Friday, 17th February, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, pursuant to Standing Order (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments),— (Notification) the Defence Regulations (No. 1) Order, Services, and the Rating (Scotland) Bill.

Matlock, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

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

Matlock, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

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

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Matlock, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

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

Matlock, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

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

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Matlock, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

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Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of

Matlock, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 9th day of this instant February, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

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
in the United Kingdom and the Government
of Iraq referring to the Special Agreement
signed at Bagdad on the 4th day of April
1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy
of an Order in Council, dated 16th February
1956, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 1)
Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy
of Orders, dated 17th February 1956, entitled—
(1) the Control of Hiring Order, 1956, and
(2) the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale
Agreements (Control) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Edward Dillon Lott du Cann, Esquire,
Member for Taunton, was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the National Insurance
(Industrial Injuries) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Ques-
tion being proposed, That the Bill be now
read a second time:—And a Debate arising
thereupon;

Mr. Mason 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.

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Mr. Mason rose in his place and claimed
to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Ques-
tion be now put:—The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. David Jones,]
Yea's, 87.
[Miss Herbison;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Partridge,]
Noes, 60.

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 the 2nd day of March next.

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 2nd day of March next.
Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time. — (Mr. Wakefield.)

Adjourned, — (Mr. Wakefield.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 100.]


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 Croydon Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at Seven of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leeds Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Manchester Ship Canal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at Seven of the clock.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th February 1956, entitled the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest on Entry) Regulations, 1956.

Copy of Regulations, dated 16th February 1956, entitled the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest on Entry) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

London Traffic.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th February 1956, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (Slough) Regulations, 1955, and

(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (Welwyn Garden City) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, and had agreed upon a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B of the Select Committee on Estimates in the last Session of the last Parliament be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Mathew added in respect of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. da Cann.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty, assuring Her Majesty, on the occasion of Her return from Her visit to Nigeria, of the loyal and affectionate welcome of this House to Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House affirms its confidence in the measures announced by Her Majesty's Government to deal with the economic situation.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

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 "recalling that the policies of the Government have held back our exports, swollen our imports, forced us into a balance of payments deficit, helped to reduce our reserves by a quarter, and driven up our domestic price level, has no confidence in Her Majesty's Ministers or in the measures now proposed by them to overcome the economic crisis"—(Mr. Harold Wilson), 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. Wakefield.)

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read for the House of Commons Disqualification Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered. That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee.—And the Committee was nominated of Major Anstruther-Gray, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Deedes, Mr. Doughty, Mr. Edz, Mr. Fletcher, Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Parker, Mr. Pickthorn, Sir Patrick Spens, Mr. Severs, and Mr. John Taylor.

Ordered. That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered. That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Wakefield.)

Ordered. That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they do consider the Amendments standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Wigg.—(Mr. Wigg.)

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Wakefield):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 101.]

Tuesday, 21st February, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the several Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Private Business hereinafter stated in the Schedule be made.

SCHEDULE—AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS.

Standing Order 28, line 30, leave out " and Fisheries " and insert " Fisheries and Food ".

Standing Order 32, line 10, leave out " and Fisheries " and insert " Fisheries and Food ".

Standing Order 37, line 16, leave out " and Fisheries " and insert " Fisheries and Food ".

Standing Order 39, line 5, leave out " and Fisheries " and insert " Fisheries and Food ".

Standing Order 39, line 10, leave out " the Ministry of Food ".

Standing Order 39, leave out lines 43 to 45.

Standing Order 101, line 6, leave out " and Fisheries " and insert " Fisheries and Food ".

Standing Order 121a, line 4, leave out " printed " and insert " duplicated ".

Standing Order 131a, line 4, leave out from " parties " to the end of the Order, and add:—

" Provided that the minutes may be printed instead of duplicated if the Chairman of Ways and Means has given authority for printing, on an application made to him by the promoters of the bill not less than six clear days before the first meeting of the committee."—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 15th February 1956, entitled the County of London (Coroners' Districts) Order, 1956.


Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Joint Declaration made at Washington on the 1st day of February 1956 by the President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, with an accompanying Communiqué.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Washington on Treaty Series the 15th day of November 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America for the Construction and Operation of a Weather Station on Betio Island.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Saigon between Treaty Series the 3rd and 14th days of October 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Vietnam for the Protection of Trade Marks.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, pursuant to Rights of Way, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th February 1956, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Air Ministry (Revocations) Order, 1956.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the Census of directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951.—Volume 5, Trade E, Hardware, Hollow-ware, Metal Furniture and Sheet Metal.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the Agriculture directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th February 1956, entitled the Milk (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1956.

Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Piers and Fisheries and Food of his Proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Acts, 1861—1915, for 1955.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th February Supplies and 1956, entitled the Bread (Amendment) Order, Services (Food). 1956.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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 1950).

Ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the Table.

The following paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1956, entitled the Supreme Court Fees Order (Northern Ireland), 1956.

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 Part II of the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill (except Part II) and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in Standing Committee D and in the Scottish Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law of Scotland with regard to notice of intended marriage: And that Mr. Bence, Mr. Grimond, Mr. John MacLeod, Mr. Malcolm MacMillan, Mrs. Moon, Mr. Timmorn, and Lady Tweedsmuir do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Bence accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law of Scotland with regard to notice of intended marriage: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of March next and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.


(Vote on Account.)

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £1,015,637,000, 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 1957, viz.:—

Civil Estimates.

Class I.

1. House of Lords ... ... 48,000
2. House of Commons ... 370,000
3. Registration of Electors ... 300,000
4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments ... 1,350,000

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5. Privy Council Office ... 11,000
6. Privy Seal Office ... 5,340
7. Charity Commission ... 34,000
8. Civil Service Commission ... 147,000
9. Exchequer and Audit Department ... 182,000
10. Friendly Societies Registry ... 27,000
11. Government Actuary ... 16,000
12. Government Chemist ... 106,000
13. Government Hospitality ... 20,000
14. The Royal Mint ... 10
15. National Debt Office ... 10
16. National Savings Committee ... 260,000
17. Public Record Office ... 28,000
18. Public Works Loan Commission ... 10
19. Royal Commissions, &c. ... 70,000
20. Secret Service ... 1,700,000
21. Silver ... 1,800,000
22. Tithe Redemption Commission ... 10
23. Miscellaneous Expenses ... 68,000

Scotland:

24. Scottish Home Department ... 530,000
25. Scottish Record Office ... 13,000

Class II.

1. Foreign Service ... 5,500,000
2. Foreign Office Grants and Services ... 10,000,000
3. British Council ... 800,000
4. United Nations ... 1,450,000
5. Commonwealth Relations Office ... 790,000
6. Commonwealth Services ... 680,000
7. Oversea Settlement ... 660,000
8. Colonial Office ... 450,000
9. Colonial Services ... 1,180,000
10. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) ... 5,000,000
11. Development and Welfare (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and South African High Commission Territories) ... 460,000
12. Imperial War Graves Commission ... 440,000

Class III.

1. Home Office ... 1,180,000
2. Home Office (Civil Defence Services) ... 3,800,000
3. Police, England and Wales ... 12,800,000
4. Prisons, England and Wales ... 2,850,000
5. Child Care, England and Wales ... 2,250,000
6. Fire Services, England and Wales ... 1,338,000
7. Carlisle State Management District ... 10
8. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. ... 50,000
9. County Courts ... 220,000
10. Legal Aid Fund ... 600,000
11. Land Registry ... 10
12. Public Trustee ... 10
13. Law Charges ... 185,000
14. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses ... 42,000
15. Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services) ... 238,000
16. Police ... 42,000
17. Prisons ... 265,000
18. Approved Schools ... 84,000
19. Fire Services ... 15,000
20. State Management Districts ... 10
21. Law Charges and Courts of Law ... 92,000
22. Department of the Registers of Scotland ... 10
23. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c. (Northern Ireland) ... 20,000
24. Irish Land Purchase Services ... 600,000
Class IV.
1. Ministry of Education ... £92,000,000
2. British Museum ... 222,000
3. British Museum (Natural History) ... 100,000
4. Imperial War Museum ... 18,500
5. London Museum ... 5,500
6. National Gallery ... 33,000
7. Tate Gallery ... 26,000
8. National Maritime Museum ... 17,000
9. National Portrait Gallery ... 9,900
10. Wallace Collection ... 11,500
11. Grants for Science and the Arts ... 660,000
12. Universities and Colleges, &c., Great Britain ... 17,000,000
13. Broadcasting ... 7,250,000
14. Scotland: —
   15. National Galleries ... 17,150,000
16. National Museum of Antiquities ... 7,500
17. National Library ... 35,500

Class V.
1. Ministry of Housing and Local Government ... £6,300,000
2. Housing, England and Wales ... 13,000,000
3. Exchequer Grants to Local Revenues, England and Wales ... 24,600,000
4. Ministry of Health ... 12,000,000
5. National Health Service, England and Wales ... 154,700,000
6. Medical Research Council ... 900,000
7. Registrar General's Office ... 116,000
8. Central Land Board ... 110,000
9. War Damage Commission ... 220,000
10. Department of Health ... 2,075,000
11. National Health Service ... 17,162,000
12. Housing ... 6,234,000
13. Exchequer Grants to local Revenue ... 3,290,000
14. Registrar General's Office ... 19,000

Class VI.
1. Board of Trade ... £1,522,000
2. Board of Trade (Assistance to Industry and Trading Services) ... 916,000
3. Board of Trade (Strategic Reserves) ... 2,170,000
4. Services in Development Areas ... 2,000,000
5. Financial Assistance in Development Areas ... 150,000
6. Export Credits ... 10
7. Export Credits (Special Guarantees) ... 10
8. Ministry of Labour and National Service ... 7,000,000
9. Ministry of Supply ... 70,000,000
10. Ministry of Supply (Purchasing (Repayment) Services) ... 10
11. Royal Ordnance Factories ... 2,000,000

Class VII.
1. Ministry of Works ... £2,810,000
2. Houses of Parliament Buildings ... 120,000
3. Public Buildings, &c., United Kingdom ... 9,456,000
4. Public Buildings Overseas ... 588,000
5. Royal Palaces ... 170,000
6. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens ... 261,000
7. Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments ... 295,000
8. Rates on Government Property ... 7,800,000
9. Stationery and Printing ... 5,525,000
10. Central Office of Information ... 600,000
11. Peterhead Harbour ... 13,000

Class VIII.
1. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food ... £5,500,000
2. Agricultural and Food Grants and Subsidies ... £90,000,000
3. Agricultural and Food Services ... £4,000,000
4. Food (Strategic Reserves) ... £2,800,000
5. Fishery Grants and Services ... £1,600,000
6. Surveys of Great Britain, &c. ... 990,000
7. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands ... 33,000
8. Agricultural Research Council ... 1,500,000
9. Nature Conservancy ... 120,000
10. Development Fund ... 400,000
11. Forestry Commission ... 3,200,000
12. Department of Agriculture Scotland ... 7,750,000
13. Fisheries (Scotland) and Herring Industry ... 860,000

Class IX.
1. Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation ... £2,981,000
2. Roads, &c., England and Wales ... £15,700,000
3. Transport (Shipping and Special Services) ... £243,000
4. Civil Aviation ... £2,300,000
5. Ministry of Fuel and Power (Special Services) ... £1,350,000
6. Ministry of Fuel and Power (Special Services) ... £2,700,000
7. Atomic Energy ... £30,000,000
8. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research ... £2,517,000
9. Roads, &c., Scotland ... £2,430,000

Class X.
1. Supernumerary and Retired Allowances ... £5,650,000
2. Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance ... £1,500,000
3. War Pensions, &c. ... £32,250,000
4. National Insurance and Family Allowances ... £73,500,000
5. National Assistance Board ... £45,580,000
6. Pensions (India, Pakistan and Burma) ... £2,830,000
7. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, &c. ... £380,000
8. Total for Civil Estimates ... £894,407,000

Revenue Departments.
1. Customs and Excise ... £4,930,000
2. Inland Revenue ... £12,000,000
3. Post Office ... £98,300,000
4. Total for Revenue Departments ... £115,830,000
5. Ministry of Defence ... £5,400,000
6. Total for Civil Estimates, Estimates for Revenue Departments, and 'Estimate for the Ministry of Defence ... £1,015,637,000

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
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 affirms its confidence in the measures announced by Her Majesty's Government to deal with the economic situation;

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "recalling that the policies of the Government have held back our exports, swollen our imports, forced us into a balance of payments deficit, helped to reduce our reserves by a quarter, and driven up our domestic price level, has no confidence in Her Majesty's Ministers or in the measures now proposed by them to overcome the economic crisis"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, Inebriates, Pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Inspector under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900, for 1955. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Police Directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Police Pensions (Scotland) Regulations, 1956.

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 28th day of November 1955 and are of opinion that the Glasgow Corporation Order, so far as Clause No. 4 is concerned, ought to be dealt with by Private Bill and not by Provisional Order and that, save as aforesaid, the Orders be allowed to proceed, subject to such Recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Orders.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1956, entitled the Eggs (Guaranteed Prices) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the London Traffic Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th February 1956, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Unilateral Waiting) (No. 1) Regulations, 1956,
(2) the London Traffic (Unilateral Waiting) (No. 2) Regulations, 1956, and

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the Local Schemes of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Government Superannuation Schemes—

(1) dated 24th January 1956, made by the Barking Borough Council,
(2) dated 12th January 1956, made by the Easington Rural District Council, and
Standing Committee D.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Herbert Butcher reported from the Committee on the Gloucestershire County Council Bill (Lords), that they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Philip Bell, Mr. Burke, Mr. Deedes, Mr. Deer, Sir Eric Errington, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Fleetwood-Hesketh, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. Leslie Lever, Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, Mr. MacColl, Mr. Nield, Sir Victor Raikes, Sir Roland Robinson, Mr. Royle, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomas, Mr. Wakefield, and Mr. Richard Williams; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Collins, Mr. Glover, Mr. Grey, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Oliver, Mr. William Paling, and Mr. Paton.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had discharged from Standing Committee D Miss Bacon, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Chetwynd, Mr. Cole, Mr. Mawby, Mr.Pearl, and Mr. William Thomas Williams; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Collins, Mr. Glover, Mr. Grey, Mr. Mellish, Mr. Oliver, Mr. William Paling, and Mr. Paton.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added Nineteen Members to Standing Committee D in respect of the Criminal Justice Administration Bill (Lords), viz.: Mr. Philip Bell, Mr. Burke, Mr. Deedes, Mr. Deer, Sir Eric Errington, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Fleetwood-Hesketh, Colonel Lancaster, Mr. Leslie Lever, Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, Mr. MacColl, Mr. Nield, Sir Victor Raikes, Sir Roland Robinson, Mr. Royle, Mr. Sydney Silverman, Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomas, Mr. Wakefield, and Mr. Richard Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, that they had added Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee D in respect of the Transport (Disposal of Road Haulage Property) Bill, viz.: Mr. Cole, Mr. Collick, Mr. Beresford Craddock, Mr. Ernest Davies, Mr. Farryhough, Mr. George, Mr. Gower, Mr. Graham Cooke, Mr. Garden, Mr. James Harrison, Viscount Hinchingbrooke, Mr. Holt, Sir James Hutchison, Mr. McLeavy, Mr. Mollon, Mr. Purdhey, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Sparky, Mr. Spence, Mr. Steele, Mr. Strauss, Mr. Watkinson, Mr. Wills, and Mr. Geoffrey Wilson.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Croydon Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to provide that the Corporation in carrying out the works authorised by this Act shall not employ or cause to be employed any person who is paid, either directly or indirectly, by way of salary, contribution to superannuation fund or otherwise, any additional sum of money on condition that he does not join or maintain his membership of any trade union.—(Mr. Julius Silverman):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause No. 68 (School agreements)—(Mr. Rayman):—It passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Manchester Ship Canal Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill promoted by the Manchester Ship Canal Company until action is taken by the Company to co-ordinate the times of opening and closing of the bridges over the Manchester Ship Canal so as to give maximum convenience both to road users and to canal users"—(Mr. Smith), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £500,000, 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 the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Food, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; of County Agricultural Executive Committees; of the Agricultural Land Commission; of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; and of the White Fish Authority and the Scottish Committee thereof.

And it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress and ask leave to sit again.
Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn 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 16th day of November 1955 amending the Statutes of the House.

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 22nd February 1956, entitled the Importation of Potatoes Order, 1956.

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 Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill.

Report on the People’s Dispensary for Sick Animals Bill.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order (Colne Valley Sewerage Board) (No. 2) Bill. That they had examined the Order contained in the Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Barry Corporation (Barry Harbour) Bill. That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true, and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Benson reported from the Committee Public Accounts, of Public Accounts, That they had made no further Progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Sir James Hutchinson (in the place of Mr. R. J. Errington, of the Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Duthie.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Order of the day being proposed, 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.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word “That” to the end of the Question the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill concerned with civil pensions only, until further information is available about the detailed application of the proposed pensions increases to service pensions"—(Sir Eric Errington),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put: Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committal of Bills).
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 Pensions (Increase) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for increases in certain pensions, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

A. Of any expenditure by way of—
   (i) payments in respect of a pension payable by a government department; or
   (ii) any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of moneys so provided,

which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session providing for an increase of a pension, being an increase determined in accordance with the provisions of that Act by reference to the basic rate of the pension and additional to any other increase of the pension under, or by reference to increases under, any of the existing Acts;

B. Of any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of moneys so provided which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session providing, with respect to increases of pensions under, or by reference to increases under, any of the existing Acts—
   (i) for any restriction on the making of such an increase, or on the amount of the increase, imposed by any of those Acts by reference to the means or income of the pensioner to cease to have effect;
   (ii) for the amount of the increase to be that applicable if the pensioner were a married person, whether or not he is in fact a married person;
   (iii) for the upper limit of the amount of a pension which may be increased under any of those Acts to cease to have effect, subject to a maximum increase of sixty pounds a year;
   (iv) for additional pensions to be eligible for such increases;
   (v) for varying the date on which a pension granted in consideration of the surrender of part of another pension is to be deemed to have begun;

C. Of any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of moneys so provided which is attributable to any other provision of the said Act of the present Session relating to pensions payable in respect of service in the police, as a special constable, on the civil staff of the metropolitan police, or as a fireman or police fireman.

In this Resolution—

"pension" has the same meaning as in the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944;

"basic rate", in relation to a pension, means the annual rate of the pension apart from any increase granted under, or by reference to increases under, any of the existing Acts or the said Act of the present Session;


And it being Ten o'clock the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to then referred; and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee on Administration of Justice [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision, amongst other things, as to the appointment, tenure of office, powers and qualification of certain judges and officers, it is expedient to authorise payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of the remuneration of persons appointed under the said Act to act for the county court judge for any district in the despatch of business at any sitting of the court for that district; and

(b) any increase in the sums which fall to be so paid under any enactment relating to the salaries or superannuation of officers of the Supreme Court or of county courts, being an increase attributable to any provision of the said Act—

(i) providing for the appointment of assistant district registrars of the High Court and for their salaries and superannuation; or

(ii) applying to whole-time assistant registrars of county courts any of the enactments aforesaid which apply to whole-time registrars of county courts, and the payment into the Exchequer of any increase attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session in the sums which fall to be paid into the Exchequer under subsection (3) of section twenty-five of the Administration of Justice (Pensions) Act, 1950.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment

(Mr. Wakefield.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Archdeacon Johnson's Almshouse Charity (Oakham and Uppingham) Scheme Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Away from the Table.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Baptist Chapel and other Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Ordered.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Baptist Chapel and other Charities (Totnes and Tuckenhay) Scheme Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Away from the Table.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Leigh Almshouse, Stoneleigh, and other Leigh Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Ordered.)

The Archdeacon Johnson's Almshouse Charity (Oakham and Uppingham) Scheme Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(Away from the Table.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Leigh Almshouse, Stoneleigh, and other Leigh Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.
Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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Monday, 27th February, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAyERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made upon the 20th day of this instant February, That, in the case of the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dundee Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leeds Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of March next.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 10th day of February 1956 on Loans proposed to be raised by the Central Electricity Authority.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Summary of Proposals by Local Authorities for dealing with Unfit Houses under the Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Act, 1954.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) be printed.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report by the Board of Trade on Monopolies and Restrictive Practices for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st February, 1956, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Grants) Regulations, 1956.

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 22nd February 1956, entitled the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1956.

Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the National Insurance (Unemployment and Sickness Benefit) Amendment Regulations, 1956, 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.

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 House of Commons Members' Fund for the year ended the 30th day of September 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Saint David with Saint Michael, Exeter; Saint Edmund,
Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee of Supply of the 21st day of this instant February, a Resolution; which was read, as reported from the Committee to which the said Accounts were referred.

Civil Estimates, Estimates for Revenue Departments, and Estimate for the Ministry of Defence, 1956-57 (Vote on Account).

That a sum, not exceeding £1,015,637,000, be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for

Class I.

1. Ministry of Education ... 91,000,000
2. British Museum ... 222,000
3. British Museum (Natural History) ... 100,000
4. Imperial War Museum ... 18,500
5. London Museum ... 9,500
6. National Gallery ... 33,000
7. Tate Gallery ... 26,000
8. National Maritime Museum ... 17,000
9. National Portrait Gallery ... 9,000
10. Wallace Collection ... 11,500
11. Grants for Science and the Arts ... 660,000
12. Universities and Colleges (Colonial and Nyasaland, and South African High Commission Territories) ... 959,000
13. Broadcasting ... 7,200,000
14. Public Education ... 17,150,000
15. National Galleries ... 14,000
16. National Museums of Antiquities ... 7,500
17. National Library ... 35,500

Class II.

1. Home Office ... 2,000,000
2. Home Office (Civil Defence Services) ... 1,180,000
3. Police, England and Wales ... 3,800,000
4. Prison, England and Wales ... 12,860,000
5. Child Care, England and Wales ... 2,260,000
6. Fire Services, England and Wales ... 1,338,000
7. Carlisle State Management District ... 10
8. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., England and Wales ... 30,000
9. County Courts ... 220,000
10. Legal Aid Fund ... 600,000
11. Land Registry ... 10
12. Public Trustee ... 10
13. Law Charges ... 185,000
14. Miscellaneous Legal Expenses ... 42,000
15. Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services) ... 238,000
16. Police ... 42,000
17. Prisons ... 265,000
18. Approved Schools ... 84,000
19. Fire Services ... 15,000
20. State Management Districts ... 10
21. Law Charges and Courts of Law ... 92,000
22. Department of the Registers of Scotland ... 10
23. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland ... 20,000
24. Irish Land Purchase Services ... 600,000

Class III.

1. Scottish Home Department (Colonial and Nyasaland, and South African High Commission Territories) ... 1,180,000
2. Police ... 265,000
3. Prison, England and Wales ... 12,860,000
4. Child Care, England and Wales ... 2,260,000
5. Fire Services, England and Wales ... 1,338,000
6. State Management Districts ... 10
7. Law Charges and Courts of Law ... 92,000
8. Department of the Registers of Scotland ... 10
9. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland ... 20,000
10. Irish Land Purchase Services ... 600,000

Class IV.

1. Ministry of Education ... 91,000,000
2. British Museum ... 222,000
3. British Museum (Natural History) ... 100,000
4. Imperial War Museum ... 18,500
5. London Museum ... 9,500
6. National Gallery ... 33,000
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13. Broadcasting ... 7,200,000
14. Public Education ... 17,150,000
15. National Galleries ... 14,000
16. National Museums of Antiquities ... 7,500
17. National Library ... 35,500

Class V.

1. Ministry of Housing and Local Government ... 6,500,000
2. Housing, England and Wales ... 13,000,000
3. Exchequer Grants to Local Authorities, England and Wales ... 24,600,000
4. Ministry of Health ... 12,000,000
5. National Health Service, England and Wales ... 154,700,000
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6. Medical Research Council 900,000
7. Registrar General's Office 136,000
8. Cinematograph Film Board 130,000
9. War Damage Commission £2,200,000
Scotland:
10. Department of Health 2,075,000
11. National Health Service 17,162,000
12. Housing 6,234,000
13. Exchequer Grants to Local Revenue 3,290,000
Scotland:
14. Registrar General's Office 15,000

Class VI.
1. Board of Trade 1,522,000
2. Board of Trade (Assistance to Industry and Trading Services) 916,000
3. Board of Trade (Strategic Reserve) 2,170,000
4. Services in Development Areas 2,000,000
5. Financial Assistance in Development Areas 150,000
6. Export Credits 10
7. Export Credits (Special Guarantees) 10
8. Ministry of Labour and National Service 7,069,000
9. Ministry of Supply 70,000,000
10. Ministry of Supply (Purchasing (Repayment) Services) 10
11. Royal Ordnance Factories 2,000,000

Class VII.
1. Ministry of Works 2,910,000
2. Houses of Parliament Buildings 120,000
3. Public Buildings &c., United Kingdom 9,436,000
4. Public Buildings Overseas 288,000
5. Royal Palaces 170,000
6. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens 261,000
7. Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments 295,000
8. Raio on Government Property 7,800,000
9. Stationery and Printing 5,230,000
10. Central Office of Information 600,000
11. Peterhead Harbour 13,000

Class VIII.
1. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food 5,500,000
2. Agricultural and Food Grants and Subsidies 90,000,000
3. Agricultural and Food Services 1,600,000
4. Food (Strategic Reserve) 2,800,000
5. Fishery Grants and Services 990,000
6. Surveys of Great Britain, &c. 33,000
7. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands 1,015,637,000
8. Agricultural Research Council 1,500,000
9. National Parks and Gardens 120,000
10. Development Fund 400,000
11. Forestry Commission 3,220,000
Scotland:
12. Department of Agriculture 7,750,000
13. Fisheries (Scotland) and Herring Industry 860,000

Class IX.
1. Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation 2,981,000
2. Roads in England and Wales 15,700,000
3. Transport (Shipping and Special Services) 243,000
4. Civil Aviation 2,250,000
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of the said Act of the present Session providing, with respect to increases of pensions under, or by reference to increases under, any of the existing Acts—

(i) for any restriction on the making of such an increase, or on the amount of the increase, imposed by any of those Acts by reference to the means or income of the pensioner to cease to have effect;

(ii) for the amount of the increase to be that applicable if the pensioner were a married person, whether or not he is in fact a married person;

(iii) for the upper limit of the amount of a pension which may be increased under any of those Acts to cease to have effect, subject to a maximum increase of sixty pounds a year;

(iv) for additional pensions to be eligible for such increases;

(v) for varying the date on which a pension granted in consideration of the surrender of part of another pension is to be deemed to have begun;

C. Of any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of moneys so provided which is attributable to any other provision of the said Act of the present Session relating to pensions payable in respect of service in the police, as a special constable, on the civil staff of the metropolitan police, or as a fireman or police fireman.

In this Resolution—"pension" has the same meaning as in the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944; "basic rate", in relation to a pension, means the annual rate of the pension apart from any increase granted under, or by reference to increases under, any of the existing Acts or the said Act of the present Session;


Question put and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the House of Commons Disqualification Bill do consist of Sixteen Members.—(Mr. Oakshott.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Diplomatic Immunities Restriction Order, 1956, dated 25th January 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 30th day of January last, be annulled.—(Mr. Fletcher.)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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.
Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 19th December 1955, made by the Oxford City Council and approved with modification by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order, dated 21st February 1956, entitled the Norfolk and Suffolk Area (Conservation of Water) Order, 1956, 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—

(1) the Devizes (Extension) Order, 1956, and
(2) the Malmsbury (Extension) Order, 1956, and
(3) the Preston (Extension) Order, 1956.

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 Payments of Grants under Section 1 of the White Fish and Herring Industries Act, 1953, in the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account be printed.

Mr. Fletcher reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further Progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Austin Hudson reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Sugar Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into Consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Statement on Defence, 1956.—Sir Walter Monckton;

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 “regrets that despite the expenditure of five thousand seven hundred million pounds in four years, the Statement on Defence, 1956, discloses grave weaknesses in our defences; makes no provision for an immediate cut in the period of National Service nor for any specific plan for its eventual abolition nor for an inquiry into defence manpower; and contains no adequate proposals for a more economical and effective allocation of resources between the services”—(Mr. Stokes), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Wakefield.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Wakefield):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Wakefield):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
Civil Defence. Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Regulations, entitled—

(1) the Civil Defence (Fire Services) (Water) Scotland Regulations, 1956, and

(2) the Civil Defence (Shelters) (Maintenance) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Transport. Mr. Watkinson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of International Conventions, signed at Berne on the 25th day of October 1952, concerning—

(1) the Carriage of Goods by Rail, 1953 (CIV), and

(2) the Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Rail, 1952 (CIV),

with Amendments and additional Protocols to the United Kingdom Ratifications were signed on the 15th day of June 1954.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Selection Committee A. 

Davidson, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Dance, Mr. Lagden, Mr. McKibbin, and Mr. Michael Stewart; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bryan, Major Gibson-Watt, Sir Keith Joseph, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Mathew, and Mr. Percy Wells.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee D of the Select Committee on Estimates in the last Session of the last Parliament be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee. That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Biggs, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Champion, Mr. Crouch, Captain Duncan, Mrs. Emmet, Mr. Thomas Fraser, Mr. Goldie, Mr. Grimson, Mr. Hayman, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Hurd, Mr. Godman Irvine, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Llewellyn, Mr. Niall Macpherson, Mr. Nugent, Mr. Owen, Mr. Phillips Price, Mr. Pryde, Mr. Ramsden, Major Wall, Mr. Watkiss, Mr. Willey, and Mr. Thomas Williams.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee D. the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Spence added in respect of the Transport (Disposal of Road Haulage Property) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. William Taylor.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee E. That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee E, viz.: Mr. Blyton, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. George Craddock, Mr. Hudson, Vice-Admiral Hughes Hallett, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Leather, Mr. Leburn, Mr. Longden, Mr. McKay, Mr. Mawby, Mr. Moody, Mr. Nairn, Captain Orr, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Vaughan-Morgan, Mr. Wood, and Mr. Victor Yates.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee E. That the had added Twenty Members to Standing Committee E in respect of the Pensions (Increase) Bill, viz.: Mr. Arbuthnot, Lord Bulstrode, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Carmichael, Colonel Crossthwaite-Eyre, Mrs. Cullen, Mr. Deslau, Sir Eric Errington, Mr. Edward Evans, Sir Ian Fraser, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Colonel Harrison, Mr. Houghton, Dr. King, Lieutenant-Colonel Lipton, Mr. Pickthorn, Captain Pilkington, Brigadier Prior-Palmer, Mr. Randall, Sir Harold Roper, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Wade, Dame Irene Ward, and Mr. Richard Williams.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to occasional licences; and that Mr. Royle, Mr. Edie, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Black, Mr. Bown, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Henry Hynd, Sir Frank Medlicott, Mr. Goromoy Roberts, and Mr. George Thomas do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Royle accordingly presented a Bill to occasional licences and Young Persons. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for re-Defence, 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, 1956;

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "regrets that despite the expenditure of five thousand seven hundred million pounds in four years, the Statement on Defence, 1956, discloses grave weaknesses in our defences; makes no provision for an immediate cut in the period of National Service nor for any specific plan for its eventual abolition nor for an inquiry into defence manpower; and contains no adequate proposals for a more economical and effective allocation of resources between the services", instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Heath, Mr. Studdholme]: 316.
Tellers for the [Mr. Bowden, Mr. Pearson]: 250.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:
Resolved, That this House approves the Statement on Defence, 1956.

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee on Pensions (Increase) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for increases in certain pensions, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

A. Of any expenditure by way of—
   (i) payments in respect of a pension payable by a government department; or
   (ii) any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of moneys so provided, which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session providing for an increase of a pension, being an increase determined in accordance with the provisions of that Act by reference to the basic rate of the pension and additional to any other increase under, any of the existing Acts;

B. Of any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of moneys so provided which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session providing, with respect to increases of pensions under, or by reference to increases under, any of the existing Acts—
   (i) for any restriction on the making of such an increase, or on the amount of the increase, imposed by any of those Acts by reference to the means or income of the pensioner to cease to have effect;
   (ii) for the amount of the increase to be that applicable if the pensioner were a married person, whether or not he is in fact a married person;
   (iii) for the upper limit of the amount of a pension which may be increased under any of those Acts to cease to have effect, subject to a maximum increase of sixty pounds a year;
   (iv) for additional pensions to be eligible for such increases;
   (v) for varying the date on which a pension granted in consideration of the surrender of part of another pension is to be deemed to have begun;

C. Of any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of moneys so provided which is attributable to any other provision of the said Act of the present Session relating to pensions payable in respect of service in the police, as a special constable, on the civil staff of the metropolitan police, or as a fireman or police fireman.

In this Resolution—
   "pension" has the same meaning as in the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1944;
   "basic rate", in relation to a pension, means the annual rate of the pension apart from any increase granted under, or by reference to increases under, any of the existing Acts or 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. Wakefield.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

MEMORANDA.

Wednesday, 29th February, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Pensions (Increase) Bill to Standing Committee E.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Bowles Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Bill and Sir Norman Hulbert Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Pensions (Increase) Bill.

And the Main Question being put;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

A Petition of the Trustees of the British British Museum.

Then the said Petition was brought up and read, setting forth, That the only Funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum and of the British Museum (Natural History) consist of Thirty thousand pounds two and a half per cent. Consolidated
Annuities the annual proceeds whereof amount to Seven hundred and fifty pounds; of a bequest of the eighth Earl of Bridgewater, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four hundred and one pounds; of a bequest of Lord Farnborough, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Seventy-two pounds; of a bequest of the late Henry Louis Florence, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Sixty-nine pounds; of a bequest of the late Honourable Nathaniel Charles Rothschild, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four hundred and thirty-six pounds; of a bequest of the late James Rose Vaile Austin, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Six hundred and fifty-four pounds; of a bequest of the late Mrs. Marjory Kathleen Coldwell, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Twenty-four pounds; of a bequest under the Will of the late Dr. Walter Ewing Crum, the annual proceeds of which amount to about One hundred and sixty-four pounds; of a bequest under the Will of the late William C. Hazlitt, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Two hundred and twelve pounds; and about Twelve thousand five hundred and thirty pounds per annum 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,—Copy of a Statement showing the Civil Staffs employed in Government Departments on the 1st day of January 1956, compiled from returns furnished to the Treasury.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1956, entitled the Fiduciary Note Issue (Extension of Period) Order, 1956.

Account of Securities transferred, and Money paid, to the National Debt Commissioners, and Annuities and Insurances granted, in the year ended the 5th day of January 1956, under the Government Annuities Act, 1929.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreed Minute, signed at London on the 27th day of February 1956, of discussions between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Denmark on arrangements relating to the import of Danish Bacon (with Letters exchanged).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn 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 1955.

Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of the General Medical Council, Branch Councils, and Committees, for 1955, and Balance Sheets as at the 31st day of December 1955.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th February 1956, entitled the Control of Paper (Newspapers) (Economy) Supplies and Services (Raw Materials).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st January 1956.

Mr. Sandys also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th February 1956, entitled the Rent Restrictions Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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 City of London (Various Powers) Bill (Lords), Petition for an Order of Additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

2. That, in the case of the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the Bill be permitted to proceed.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Arbuthnot, and Mr. Pickthorn (added in respect of Pensions (Increase) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Brigadier Clarke and Captain Stanley.

Mr. George Thomas reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Criminal Justice Administration Bill (Lords), and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as followeth:

An Act to make new arrangements as to the administration of criminal justice in Lancashire and matters connected therewith, and to amend the law of England and Wales as to records and courts of quarter sessions in boroughs, as to the retirement or removal of chairmen and deputy chairmen of quarter sessions and of stipendiary magistrates in London, as to the liability of boroughs to contribute to the costs of magistrates' courts.
and courts of quarter sessions for the county
and as to the constitution for purposes of
appeals of the court of quarter sessions for
the county of London, to make further pro-
vision about shorthand notes taken on trials
on indictment, and to transfer to the Lord
Chancellor or the Chancellor of the Duchy
of Lancaster certain functions of the Secretary
of State and to the Rule Committee of the
Supreme Court the power to make rules of
court under the Criminal Appeal Act, 1907,
and rules under the Indictments Act, 1915.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the
Standing Committee, be taken into considera-
tion upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceed-
ings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a
Message had been brought from the Lords by
one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Dentists Bill,
with Amendments; to which the Lords desire
the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That this day the Business of
Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock
and shall be exempted from the provisions of
the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee of Supply:

And a Motion being made, and the Quest-
ion being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do
now leave the Chair.—Mr. Secretary Head;

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, whilst placing
on record its appreciation of the outstanding
services rendered to this country by the Army,
believes that the requirements of modern war-
time for drastic and far-reaching changes
in the defence structure and urges the appoint-
ment of a committee to examine the organisa-
tion of the Army and to make recommenda-
tions"—(Mr. John Hall), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the
words proposed to be left out stand part of the
Question;

And the House having continued to sit till
after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 2nd March, 1956:

And the Question being put;—It was
resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;—The
Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—The House accordingly resolved
itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1956-57.

Vote A. Number of Land Forces.

Resolved, That a number of Land Forces,
not exceeding 485,000, all ranks, be main-
tained 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 1957.

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, this day,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment

---(Mr. Legh.)

And accordingly the House, having con-
tinued to sit till twenty-nine minutes
before Seven of the clock on Friday
morning, adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 1st March, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Stand-
ing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees),
Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Robert
Grimston Chairman of Standing Committee D
in respect of the Transport (Disposal of Road
Haulage Property) Bill.

[No. 109.]

Friday, 2nd March, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Treaty Series
Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Con-
vention signed at London on the 5th day
of April 1946 for the Regulation of the Meshes
of Fishing Nets and the size limits of Fish.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Turton presented, pursuant to the National
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Health Service.
Regulations, dated 27th February 1956, entitled the National Health Service (Traveling Allowances, etc.) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the
directions of several Acts of Parliament, were
laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the
House:

Account of the Acquisition of Guaranteed
Securities Fund for the year ended the 31st
of March 1955, with the Report of the
Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Sums paid into and the Sums
paid out of the Forestry Fund in the year
(Grant in Aid) ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
Account of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Nature Conservancy for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Colonel Banks, Mr. Channon, Mr. Glover, Mr. Alastair Harrison, Mr. John Harvey, Mr. Langford-Holt, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Potter, and Mr. Spearman; and had appointed in substitution Lieutenant-Colonel Cordeux, Mr. Fort, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Green, Mr. Kershaw, Mr. Muddiman, Mr. Moti-Radcliffe, and Mr. Oswald.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dentists Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and be printed.

The Justices of the Peace Act, 1361 (Amendment) 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 Wills &c. (Publication) Bill ;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

And Notice being taken that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Deputy Speaker; and Forty Members got being present, and it being then after One of the clock, the House was adjourned by Mr. Deputy Speaker at four minutes after One of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

[No. 110.]

Monday, 5th March, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

O P E N E D, That the Glasgow Corporation Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The following Papers, presented by Her Majesty’s Command, were delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers) :—

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 1955.

Copy of Correspondence exchanged between Cyprus, the Governor of Cyprus and Archbishop Makarios.

Ordered, That the said Statement be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed; and that the Paper relating to Cyprus do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty’s Irish Sailors Command,—Copy of Accounts of the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, on the 24th day of November 1955 amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on the 23rd day of November 1955 amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to Wool Textiles, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Accounts of the National Wool Textile Export Corporation for the year ended the 30th day of September 1955, with the Report of the Auditors thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to Waithamstow Corporation Bill (Lords), a Motion being made, and the Question first put, till Monday next.

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. Mahon; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harold Davies.

Six Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee D Mr. Fort and Mr. Moti-Radcliffe; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Iremonger.

Edward Charles Redhead, Esquire, Member for Waithamstow, West, was sworn.

Ordered, That this day the Business of Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock the House shall be excepted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—

(Mr. Secretary Birch.)
Tuesday, 6th March, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Castle Gate Congregational Church Burial Ground (Nottingham) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Glasgow Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

- Account of the Transactions of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court under the County Court Funds Rules for 1954:
- and an Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same year in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the County Court Funds Investment Account, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
- 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 respectively, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
- Accounts— Lace.
- Account showing the Revenue and Expenditure of the Wheat Fund attributable to the harvest of the Wheat Fund attributable to the year ended the 31st day of July 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
- Accounts— Wool Textiles.
- (1) of the Sums recovered under the Wool Textile Industry (Export Promotion Levy) Order, 1950, and of their Disposal for the
Trade Practices Mand, acquainted the House, Restrictive Mr. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill, registration and judicial investigation of certain matters, and for the prohibition of such agreements when found contrary to the public interest, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) sums required for the payment of remuneration of the Registrar to be appointed under the said Act of the present Session, and of expenses of the said Registrar (including remuneration of assistant registrars and other officers and servants of the Registrar);

(b) sums required for the payment of remuneration of appointed members of a new Court to be constituted under the said Act, and of expenses of the said Court (including remuneration of officers and servants of the said Court);

(c) sums required for the payment of pensions, allowances or gratuities, or contributions or other payments towards provision for pensions, allowances or gratuities, to or in respect of persons who have held office as Registrar appointed under the said Act or as appointed members of the Court constituted thereunder;

(d) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1950.

(2) The charging on and issue out of the Consolidated Fund, and the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums required respectively to be charged on and issued out of that Fund or to be paid out of moneys so provided which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing the maximum numbers of puisne judges of the High Court and judges of the Court of Session who may be appointed.

(3) The payment into the Exchequer of any sums required to be so paid by any provision of the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Thorneycroft.)

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.

Sir David Eccles, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Teachers (Superannuation) (Money) (No. 2) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1946, and so much of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1939 to 1953, as relates to superannuation and to the employment of teachers over the age of sixty-five years, and for purposes connected with the business of the House.

Restricted Trade Practices Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Restrictive Trade Practices 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, believing that consumers should be set free from exploitation by monopolies and restrictive practices operated for private gain, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which disregards the main recommendations of the Monopolies Commission Report of June 1955 and fails to provide speedy and effective action to protect the public."—(Mr. Jay)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Heath, Mr. Stanbolme; 319.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Popplewell, Mr. Pearson; 252.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was read a second time.

Ordered. That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Legh.)

Resolved. That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Thorneycroft, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Restrictive Trade Practices [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order [Money Committees], in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the registration and judicial investigation of certain restrictive trading agreements, and for
Adjournment.

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 Marriage (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

MEMORANDUM.
Tuesday, 6th March, 1956.

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 Marriage (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to reconstitute and confer new powers upon Sion College within the City of London; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Sion College Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Commander Noble, supported by Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to make provision as to the operation of the law in relation to Pakistan and persons and things in any way belonging to or connected with Pakistan, in view of Pakistan's becoming a Republic while remaining a member of the Commonwealth: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Heath):

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Popplewell, Yess, Mr. Pearson;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Heath, Noes, Mr. Studdholme;]
So it passed in the Negative.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leeds Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the British Transport Commission (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, at Seven of the clock.

The Prime Minister presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement on the Findings of the Conference of Privy Councillors on Security;

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts (a) of Ship building and Ship repairing in Her Majesty's Dockyards and by Contract, and of other Dockyard transactions, and (b) of Production at other Establishments, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement, together with the Reports and Minutes Northern Ireland Parliament.
Committee).

Consolidation Bill, Sexual Offences &c., Bills (Joint Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords], being in the House of Lords, was referred, that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Oliver reported from the Select Committee, No. 221.

Census (Scotland). Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Scotland, 1951—Volume IV, Occupation and Industries. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Clothing Industry. No. 220. Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument,—Copy of an Account of the Sums recovered under Articles appointed to join with a Committee of the Development Council (Dissolution) Order, 1952, and of their disposal, for the period ended the 31st day of March 1955. Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Coal Industry. Mr. Aubrey Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Coal-Mining (Subsidies) (Rateable Value) Order, 1956. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Willoughby de Broke Estate Bill [Lords]. The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Willoughby de Broke Estate Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

Edinburgh Corporation Bill. The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Edinburgh Corporation Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Oliver reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords], being in the House of Lords, was referred, that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That this day the Business of Supply may be taken after Ten of the clock on the third allotted Day; 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 (sea Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—(Mr. Ward);

An Amendment was proposed to be made Royal to the Question, by leaving out from the word Dockyards. "That" to the end of the Question and adding the words "this House urges the need for the modernisation and re-equipment of the Royal Dockyards to provide for improved conditions for the workers and to meet the changing requirements of the Fleet having particular regard to the developments in weapons and electronics; and calls for the appointment of a Select Committee."—(Mr. Bottomley),—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, 9th March, 1956:

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1956-57. Vote A. Numbers. Resolved, That 128,000 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 1957. Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Ernest Davies and Mr. public Goronyw Roberts be discharged from the Account Committee of Public Accounts; and that Mr. Collins and Mr. Thornton be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Wills.)
Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Wills)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Thursday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then fourteen minutes before One of the clock, till this day.

[No. 114.]

Friday, 9th March, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders, dated 6th March 1956, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (Drawback) Order, 1956,
(2) the Import Duties (Drawback) Order, 1956, and
(3) the Import Duties (Drawback) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Ministry of Labour and National Service Cost of Living Advisory Committee on Proposals for a New Index of Retail Prices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report of the Royal Commission on Betting, Lotteries and Gaming; welcomes the commission's exposition of the anomalies which exist in the present laws; and invites the Government to consider introducing comprehensive legislation which will enable betting to be correctly and fairly conducted without discrimination between one sport and another in the interest of the British public and the sports concerned.—(Mr. Lewis.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Stindholm.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. Wills.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions colouration for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made upon the 20th day of February last, That, in the case of the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Bill, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with.

The Castle Gate Congregational Church Burial Ground (Nottingham) Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barry Corporation (Barry Harbour) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ipswich Dock Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gloucestershire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932—

(1) to the Borough of Hyde,
(2) to the Urban District of Mexborough, and
(3) to the Rural District of West Lancashire.

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 5th March 1956, entitled the National Health Service (Traveling Allowances, &c.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1956.

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. Ward presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts showing the Receipts and Expenditure of
Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other Monies between the 1st day of April 1954 and the 31st day of March 1955.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thornycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

(1) Volume 1, Trade B, Non-Metalliferous Mines and Quarries (other than Coal, Salt and Slate), and

(2) Volume 12, Trade F, Gas Supply Industry.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Census of Production.

Mr. Turton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th March 1956, entitled the Nurses (Area Nurse-Training Committees) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Nurses.

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.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now" and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months".

—(Sir Robert Grimston.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Sydney Silverman rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put pursuant to S.O. (Closure of Debate).

The Question put was resolved in the Negative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Sydney Silverman.)

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, 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 Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) Order, 1956, dated 17th February 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 17th day of February last, be annulled—(Mr. Bottomley):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Wilkins: 286.

Mr. Holmes: 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Lieutenant Commodore Thompson: 262.

Mr. Wakefield: 244.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Godber):

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 13th March, 1956:

And the Question being put;—

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 116.]

Tuesday, 13th March, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, to Standing Order not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:

Elder Yard Chapel Chesterfield Bill [Lords].

Sion College Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Glasgow Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of April next.
Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th March 1956, entitled the Control of Borrowing (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement signed at Paris on the 13th day of December 1955 between Member Countries of the Council of Europe on the Exchange of War Cripples with a view to Medical Treatment (this Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 7th February 1956, entitled the Rules of Procedure (Air Force), 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 26th January 1956, entitled the Rules of Procedure (Air Force), 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th January 1956, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Gatwick Airport Order, dated 20th January 1956, entitled the Rules of Procedure (Air Force), 1956.

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 Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Chairman of Ways and Means, No. 2, 1956.

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:

Account of the Receipts and Expenses of Legal Aid (Scotland) Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor in respect of the Number of Visits made and Patients seen by the several Commissioners of the Board of Control during the six months ended the 31st day of December 1955.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account of the Sums received and paid by the Administrator of German Enemy Property for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Deedes (added in respect of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1361 (Amendment Bill)) and had appointed in substitution Mr. Solicitor General.

Mr. Fletcher reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further Progress in the matter to which they had referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the sale of the churchyard of Saint Antholin's Churchyard; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to alter the constitution of the Tees Conservancy Commissioners; to make further provision with respect to elected Commissioners and the scale of voting at elections of Commissioners by dues payers for the Ports of the Tees; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The St. Stephen Walbrook (St. Antholin's Churchyard) Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Tees Conservancy Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business and on any Private Business be set down for consideration at Seven of the clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means be exempted from
the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) and that, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business), any such Private Business may be taken after Nine of the clock.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

The Pakistan (Consequential Provision) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Legge)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clausels Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time,—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Seven Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Three by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That any Petitions against the Bill presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the fifth day after this day, in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, shall stand referred to the Committee, but if no such Petition is presented, or if all such Petitions are withdrawn before the meeting of the Committee, the Order for the committal of the Bill to a Select Committee shall be discharged and the Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That any Petitioner whose Petition stands referred to the Committee, subject to the Rules and Orders of the House and to the prayer of his Petition, shall be entitled to be heard by himself, his Counsel, or Agents, upon his Petition provided that such Petition is prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of the House, and the Member in charge of the Bill shall be entitled to be heard by his Counsel or Agents in favour of the Bill against such Petition.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Amory.)

Mr. Amory, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Agricultural Mortgage Corporation [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the memorandum of association of the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Limited, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for making advances under that Act to the said Corporation for the purpose of increasing its guarantee fund not exceeding in the aggregate, with the advances made to it under the Agricultural Credits Act, 1928, and the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1944, three million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums paid by the said Corporation by way of repayment of, or interest on, advances made to it under the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Amory.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded Dentists Bill, to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dentists Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Resolved, That the Draft Police Pensions Police Regulations, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 22nd day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That the Draft Police Pensions Police (Scotland) Regulations, 1956, a copy of which (Scotland), was laid before this House on the 22nd day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 Business), further Proceeding stood postponed.

The British Transport Commission (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to provide that the
Commission in carrying out the works authorized by this Act shall not employ or cause to be employed any person who is paid, either directly or indirectly, by way of salary, contribution to superannuation fund or otherwise, any additional sum of money on condition that he does not join or maintain his membership of any trade union—(Mr. Herbert Butler):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause No. 14 (Commission to prepare scheme for future of Kennet waterways)—(Wing Commander Grant-Ferris).

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, that they shall make adequate provision in the Bill—
(i) to ensure that the British Transport Commission allows no further deterioration to take place in the condition of the Kennet waterways and appliances, as defined in the Bill, until such time as Parliament shall determine; and
(ii) to secure the enforcement of such provision.—(Sir Robert Grinsson.)

Adjournment.

The House resumed the postponed Proceedings on the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 117.]

Wednesday, 14th March, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lord Commissioner of the Stool, for a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Greenock Burgh Extension Act:—And the same was read the first time and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stewart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Greenock Burgh Extension Act:—And the same was read the first time and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Richard Williams reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone Committee C.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of a Court of Inquiry into the Causes and Circumstances of Disputes between the London Master Printers' Association and the London Typographical Society and the Association of the Correctors of the Press.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added Twenty Members to Standing Committee A.

Standing Committee A.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, to leave out Clause No. 13, and to insert the following new Clause:

(3) the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Colchester, Maldon and Safron Walden) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lord Commissioner of the Stool, for a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Greenock Burgh Extension Act:—And the same was read the first time and ordered (under Section 9 of the Act) to be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Blackpool and North Fylde) Order, 1956.

(2) the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Bradford and Shipley) Order, 1956.

(3) the Draft Parliamentary Constituencies (Colchester, Maldon and Safron Walden) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Resolution of the House of Commons for England with respect to the Areas comprised in the Constituencies in the City of Nottingham and in the Constituencies of Colchester; Maldon; Safron Walden; Blackpool, North; North Fylde; Eccles; Farnworth; Kingston upon Hull, East; Bridlington; Bradford, North; and Shipley.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod, presented, by Her Industrial Majesties Command,—Copy of the Report of the Boundary Commission for England with respect to the Areas comprised in the Constituencies in the City of Nottingham and in the Constituencies of Colchester; Maldon; Safron Walden; Blackpool, North; North Fylde; Eccles; Farnworth; Kingston upon Hull, East; Bridlington; Bradford, North; and Shipley.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Richard Williams reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone Committee C.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquiesced the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Resolution of the House of Commons for England with respect to the Areas comprised in the Constituencies in the City of Nottingham and in the Constituencies of Colchester; Maldon; Safron Walden; Blackpool, North; North Fylde; Eccles; Farnworth; Kingston upon Hull, East; Bridlington; Bradford, North; and Shipley.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Richard Williams reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone Committee C.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Resolution of the House of Commons for England with respect to the Areas comprised in the Constituencies in the City of Nottingham and in the Constituencies of Colchester; Maldon; Safron Walden; Blackpool, North; North Fylde; Eccles; Farnworth; Kingston upon Hull, East; Bridlington; Bradford, North; and Shipley.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.
Commons of Northern Ireland of Doctor Eileen Mary Hickey, The Right Honourable Sir William McCleney, Knight, Doctor Robert Samuel Nixon, and Captain The Right Honourable Sir Norman Stronge, Baronet, notwithstanding their holding certain offices; to indemnify the persons aforesaid from any penal consequences which may have incurred by sitting and voting as members of the said Senate or House of Commons while holding those offices; and to indemnify the estate of the late Henry Fleming, Esquire, from any penal consequences which may have been incurred by him by sitting and voting as a member of the said Senate while holding a certain office: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)


Vote I. Pay, &c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £63,688,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of the pay, &c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

While the Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Heath),—put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the failure of Her Majesty's Government to secure agreements in Cyprus which would safeguard the interests of all communities, and the strategic requirements of Her Majesty's Government and their allies; approves of the action already taken towards the restoration of law and order as an essential preliminary to constitutional progress; and pledges its full support to Her Majesty's Government in the furtherance of these aims—(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:

Tellers for the [ Mr. Bowden, Yeas, ] Mr. Pearson:

Tellers for the [ Mr. Heath, Noes, ] Mr. Studholme:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added after the word " House " in the Main Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the [ Mr. Heath, Yeas, ] Mr. Studholme:

Tellers for the [ Mr. Bowden, Noes, ] Mr. Pearson:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House welcomes the patient efforts of Her Majesty's Government to secure agreements in Cyprus which would safeguard the interests of all communities, and the strategic requirements of Her Majesty's Government and their allies; approves of the action already taken towards the restoration of law and order as an essential preliminary to constitutional progress; and pledges its full support to Her Majesty's Government in the furtherance of these aims.

Resolved, That the Milk (Guaranteed Agriculture. Prices) Order, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 21st day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Resolved, That the Eggs (Guaranteed Agriculture. Prices) Order, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 22nd day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Studholme.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Barry Corporation (Barry Harbour) Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BILL (Lords).

A Motion being made, That the Gloucestershire County Council Bill (Lords) be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ipswich Dock Bill.

The Ipswich Dock Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Leeds Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leeds Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at Seven of the clock.

TREATY SERIES (No. 9, 1956).

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 20th day of December 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Belgium extending the Provisions of the Visa Abolition Agreement of the 5th day of February 1947 to certain Areas provisionally under Belgian Administration.

TREATY SERIES (No. 10, 1956).

Copy of Letters exchanged at Paris on the 22nd day of December 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Sweden on the Repayment of part of the United Kingdom debt to Sweden owed in connection with the European Payments Union.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, by Her Majesty's Agriculture Command,—Copy of the Annual Review of the Agricultural Industry and Determination of Agricultural Guarantees, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir David Eccles presented, by Her Majesty's Education Command,—Copy of a Memorandum on the Ministry of Education Estimates, 1956-57.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Turton presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th March 1956, entitled Therapeutic Substances (Control of Sale and Supply) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (Finbury) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, by Her Majesty's Rateable Values Command,—Copy of a Statement on the Distribution of Rateable Values between different classes of property in England and Wales.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to superannuation, street traffic, the lands forming Epping Forest and with respect to the tolls paid in the London Central Markets; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The City of London (Various Powers) Bill (Lords) was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock. (Mr. Richard Butler.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means and on the Criminal Justice Administration Bill (Lords) be suspended, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House). (Mr. Richard Butler.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply (8th allotted Day), (In the Committee.)
Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue.

Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56.

Class VIII.

Vote 1. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
1. £350,000 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Food, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; of County Agricultural Executive Committees; of the Agricultural Land Commission; of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; and of the White Fish Authority and the Scottish Committee thereof.

Vote 2. Agricultural and Food Grants and Subsidies.
2. £10 (Supplementary), for grants and subsidies to farmers and others for the encouragement of food production and the subsidies to farmers and others for the direct subsidy payments and certain trading improvement of agriculture; and for certain services in implementation of agricultural and other services, including payments and price guarantees.

Vote 3. Agricultural and Food Services.
3. £180,000 (Supplementary), for grants, grants in aid, and expenses in connection with agricultural and food services; including land drainage and rehabilitation of land damaged by flood and tempest; purchase, development, and management of land, including land settlement and provision of smallholdings; services in connection with livestock, and compensation for slaughter of diseased animals; provision and operation of machinery; training and supplementary labour schemes; control of pests; education, research, and advisory services; marketing; agricultural credits; certain trading services; subscriptions to international organisations; and sundry other services including certain expenses in connection with civil defence.

Class IV.

4. £30,100 (Supplementary), for the salaries and expenses of the National Gallery, including a grant in aid.

Army Estimates, 1956-57.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army.
5. £100,380,000, for pay, &c., of the Army.

Vote 2. Reserve Forces, Territorial Army, Home Guard and Cadet Forces.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum not exceeding £16,370,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of the Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 400,000, all ranks, including a number not exceeding 385,000 other ranks), Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 306,000, all ranks), Home Guard (to a number not exceeding 1,900, 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 1957.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant Royal Assent.
General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,
The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:
1. Leeward Islands Act, 1956.
8. Food and Drugs (Scotland) Act, 1956.

Then the House again resolved itself into Supply, the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

6. Question, That a sum, not exceeding £16,370,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of the Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 400,000, all ranks, including a number not exceeding 385,000 other ranks), Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 306,000, all ranks), Home Guard (to a number not exceeding 1,900, 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 1957, put and agreed to.

Vote 5. Movements.
7. £33,250,000, for movements.

Vote 6. Supplies, &c.
8. £55,030,000, for supplies, &c.

9. £37,630,000, for works, buildings and lands.
10. £21,850,000, for non-effective services.

Vote 11. Additional Married Quarters.
11. £100, for additional married quarters.

Air Estimates, 1956-57.
12. £100,160,000, for pay, &c., of the Air Force.

Vote 2. Reserve and Auxiliary Services.
13. £3,089,900, for Reserve and Auxiliary services (to a number not exceeding 225,000, all ranks, for the Royal Air Force Reserve, and 11,000, all ranks, for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force).

Vote 7. Aircraft and Stores.
14. £183,500,000, for aircraft and stores.

Vote 8. Works and Lands.
15. £49,000,000, for works and lands.

16. £5,940,000, for miscellaneous effective services, including grants in aid to the Royal Society and a subscription to the World Meteorological Organisation.

Vote 11. Additional Married Quarters.
17. £100, for additional married quarters.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.
18. £63,688,000, for pay, &c., of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Vote 2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy.
19. £13,897,000, for victualling and clothing for the Navy, including the cost of victualling establishments at home and abroad.

20. £16,884,000, for scientific services, including a grant in aid to the National Institute of Oceanography, and a subscription to the International Hydrographic Bureau.

Vote 10. Works, Buildings and Repairs at Home and Abroad.
21. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £17,950,000, 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 1957, for expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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The Chairman then proceeded forthwith to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts outstanding in such Estimates for the Navy 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:

22. That a sum, not exceeding £30,569,000, 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 1957, for expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

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Question put and agreed to.

Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56.
23. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £38,542,438, 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 following Supplementary Estimate, viz.:

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Class III.
24. Miscellaneous Expenses | £9,875,025 |

Class III. 25. Foreign Office Grants and Services | £10 |
26. United Nations | £10 |
27. Commonwealth Services | £10 |
28. Colonial Services | £10 |

Class I.
1. Home Office | £42,000 |
2. Home Office (Civil Defence Services) | £10 |
3. Police, England and Wales | £1,845,000 |
4. Police, Scotland | £900,000 |
5. Fire Services, Scotland | £16,800 |
6. State Management Districts, Scotland | £10 |
7. Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services) | £10 |
8. Police, Scotland | £239,000 |
9. Scottish Home Department | £10 |
10. Scottish Home Department | £10 |
11. Law Charges and Courts of Law, Scotland | £10 |
12. Department of the Registers of Scotland | £10 |
13. Supreme Court of Judicature, etc., Northern Ireland | £10 |
Services for the year.

sum already provided in the grants for Navy

ment during the year ending on the 31st day

£10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray

charge which will come in course of pay­

Question put and agreed to.

Navy Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56.

24. That a Supplementary sum, not exceed­
ing £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray

the charge which will come in course of pay­

ment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

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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.

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 1955, the sum of £20 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 1956, the sum of £64,333,558 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 1957, the sum of £1,764,835,100 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 into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Criminal Justice Administration Bill (Lords), as amended in the Standing Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsship.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Hyde, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 12th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

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 Mexborough, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 12th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of West Lancashire, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 12th day of this instant March, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Barber.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Willoughby de Broke Estate Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the Supreme Court, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court in respect of the Funds of Suitors of the Court in the year ended the 28th day of February 1955; a Statement of the Liability of the Consolidated Fund; and an Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Industrial Rating Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words "That " to the end of the Question and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill dealing with industrial rating in advance of the Government's review of local authorities' finances "—(Mr. Hayn)—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. Sparks rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now put:—

Question put pursuant to S.O. No. 119.1

Friday, 16th March, 1956.
The Order of the day being read, for re-
summing the adjourned Debate on the Question
proposed upon the 17th day of February last,
That the National Insurance (Industrial In-
juries) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further ad-
journed till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Workmen’s Compen-
sation (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 Acquisition of Land
(Assessment of Compensation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second
time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Pensioners’ Second Reading of the Pensioners’ Milk Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second
time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Indictments
Second Reading of the Indictments (Amend-
ments) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second
time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for re-
summing the adjourned Debate on the Question
proposed upon the 9th day of December last,
That the Rural Transport Improvement Bill
be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further ad-
journed till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Automation
Second Reading of the Automation and Elec-
tronics 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 Sanitary Inspectors
(Change of Designation) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second
time upon Friday the 13th day of April next.

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The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consider- ration the Edinburgh Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Elder Yard Chapel Chesterfield Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The Sion College Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Report of the Inspection Committee of Trustees Savings Banks for the year ended the 20th day of November 1955. 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 Forty-ninth Report to the Secretary of State by the Board of Trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland, for 1955. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arny presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1956, entitled the Importation of New Potatoes and Raw Vegetables Order, 1956. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Validation of Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee of Supply of the 15th day of this instant March, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56. Vote VIII.

Vote 1. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

1. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £350,000, 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 the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Food, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; of the County Agricultural Executive Committees; of the Agricultural Land Commission; of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; and of the White Fish Authority and the Scottish Committee thereof.

Vote 2. Agricultural and Food Grants and Subsidies.

2. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Food and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for grants and subsidies to farmers and others for the encouragement of food production and the improvement of agriculture; and for certain direct subsidy payments and certain trading and other services, including payments and services in implementation of agricultural price guarantees.

Vote 3. Agricultural and Food Services.

3. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £190,000, 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, by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Food and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, for grants, grants in aid and expenses in connection with agricultural and food services; including land drainage and rehabilitation of land damaged by flood and tempest; purchase, development and management of land, including land settlement and provision of smallholdings; services in connection with livestock, and compensation for slaughter of diseased animals; provision and operation of machinery; training and supplementary labour schemes; control of pests; education, research and advisory services; marketing; agricultural credits; certain trading services; subscriptions to international organisations; and sundry other services including certain expenses in connection with civil defence.

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4. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £30,100, 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 the salaries and expenses of the National Gallery, including a grant in aid.

Army Estimates, 1956-57.

Vote 1. Pay, &c., of the Army.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £100,380,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of the pay, &c., of the Army, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

Vote 2. Reserve Forces, Territorial Army, Home Guard and Cadet Forces.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £16,370,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of the Reserve Forces (to a number not exceeding 400,000, all ranks, including a number not exceeding 385,000 other ranks),
Territorial Army (to a number not exceeding 306,000, all ranks) Home Guard (to a number not exceeding 1,900, 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 1957.

Vote 5. Movements.
7. That a sum, not exceeding £33,250,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of movements, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

Vote 6. Supplies, &c.
8. That a sum, not exceeding £55,030,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of supplies, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £37,630,000, 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 1957.

Vote 8. Additional Married Quarters.
10. That a sum, not exceeding £21,860,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of certain additional married quarters, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of the Royal Artillery Battery, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

Vote 10. Additional Married Quarters.
12. 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 1957.

Vote 11. Additional Married Quarters.
13. 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 1957.

14. That a sum, not exceeding £183,500,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of aircraft and stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

Vote 13. Aircraft and Stores.
15. That a sum, not exceeding £49,000,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of works and lands, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

16. That a sum, not exceeding £5,940,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of miscellaneous effective services, including grants in aid to the Royal Society and a subscription to the World Meteorological Organisation, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

Vote 15. Additional Married Quarters.
17. 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 1957.

Vote 17. Miscellaneous Effective Services.
18. That a sum, not exceeding £63,888,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of the Royal Air Force Reserve, and 11,000, all ranks, for expenditure in respect of the Royal Navy, including the cost of victualling establishments at home and abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

Vote 18. Miscellaneous Effective Services.
19. That a sum, not exceeding £13,897,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of victualling and clothing for the Navy, including the cost of victualling establishments at home and abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

Vote 19. Miscellaneous Effective Services.
20. That a sum, not exceeding £16,884,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of scientific services, including a grant in aid to the National Institute of Oceanography, and a subscription to the International Hydrographic Bureau, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

Vote 20. Miscellaneous Effective Services.
21. That a sum, not exceeding £17,950,000, 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 1957.

22. That a sum, not exceeding £20,569,000, 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 1957, for expenditure in respect of the Royal Navy, viz.:—

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### Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56.

23. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £58,542,438, 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 following Supplementary Estimate, viz.:

#### Civil Estimates.

**Class I.**

1. Ministry of Works ... ... 775,000
2. Stationery and Printing ... ... 615,000
3. Central Office of Information ... ... 37,700

#### Class VII.

- 4. Fishery Grants and Services ... ... 800,000
- 5. Forestry Commission ... ... 150,000
- 6. Agriculture for Scotland ... ... 10

#### Class VIII.

- 7. Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation ... ... 593,100
- 8. Roads, &c. ... ... 83,800
- 9. Civil Aviation ... ... 10
- 10. Atomic Energy ... ... 3,550,000
- 11. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research ... ... 10

#### Class IX.

- 12. Superannuation and Retired Allowances ... ... 330,550
- 13. Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance ... ... 83,800
- 14. National Insurance and Family Allowances ... ... 494,000

#### Revenue Departments.

- 15. Customs and Excise ... ... 108,800
- 16. Inland Revenue ... ... 500,000
- 17. Post Office ... ... 16,199,000

Total Supplementary Estimate, 1955-56: £58,542,438

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24. That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, for expenditure beyond the sum already provided in the grants for Navy Services for the year.

**SCHEDULE**

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Civil (Excesses), 1954-55.

25. That a sum, not exceeding £20, be Civil (Excesses), granted to Her Majesty, to make good excesses 1954-55, on certain grants for Civil Services for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1955.
Eneto f clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Question put. And it being half an hour after Nine of the Supply. Standing Order (Business of Supply), to put Question on. Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Vote ... ... 402,758 5 0 0.00

The first Twenty-three Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to. The Twenty-fourth Resolution being read a second time;—It was resolved in the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—Net savings available on other subheads of the Vote ... 0.00

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith, with respect to each Resolution come to, with the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh; for grants in aid and expenses in connection with the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh; for the education of Poles; and for other educational services. The said Resolutions were agreed to. Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee of Ways and Means (15th March) Report.


Vote A. Number for Air Force Service.

Vote B. Number for Land Forces.

Vote C. Number for Royal Marine Service.

Vote D. Number for 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 1957.

Vote E. Number for 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 1957.

Vote F. Numbers.

That 128,000 Officers, Seamen and Boys Supply and Royal Marines, who are borne on the books of Her Majesty's Ships and at the Royal Marine establishments, and members of the Numbers.

That 5,000,000 Officers, men and women, not exceeding 257,000, all ranks, be maintained for Air Force Service, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

That 128,000 Officers, Seamen and Boys Supply and Royal Marines, who are borne on the books of Her Majesty's Ships and at the Royal Marine establishments, and members of the Numbers.

That 5,000,000 Officers, men and women, not exceeding 257,000, all ranks, be maintained for Air Force Service, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957.

That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £523,000, 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 the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Education, and of the various establishments connected therewith, including sundry grants in aid, a subscription to an international organisation and grants in connection with physical training and recreation, and grants to approved associations for youth welfare.

Vote 13. Ministry of Education.

That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £6,698,000, 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 the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Education, and of the various establishments connected therewith.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to. Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee of Ways and Means (15th March) Report.


That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £523,000, 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 public education in Scotland, including grants in aid and other payments into the Education (Scotland) Fund; for grants in aid and expenses in connection with the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh; for the education of Poles; and for other educational services.

The said Resolutions 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 years ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six and one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

The Validation of Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. — (Mr. Oakshott)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Limited, it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for making advances under that Act to the said Corporation for the purpose of increasing its guarantee fund not exceeding in the aggregate, with the advances made to it under the Agricultural Credits Act, 1928, and the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1944, three million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums paid by the said Corporation by way of repayment of, or interest on, advances made to it under the said Act of the present Session.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Oakshott)

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. Wakefield)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.


In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Industrial Rating Bill and the Occasional Licences and Young Persons Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 121.]

Tuesday, 20th March, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

City of London (Various Powers) Bill (Lords).

Saint Stephen Walbrook (Saint Antholin's Churchyard) Bill [Lords].

Tees Conservancy Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Swansea Corporation (Fairwood Common) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, by Marriage and Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce, 1951-55.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Fifth Interim Report, signed at Hanoi on the 8th day of January 1956, of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam, for the period from the 11th day of August to the 10th day of December 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Licence, dated 15th March 1956, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Contract) Licence, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Accounts of the National Insurance Fund, the National Insurance (Reserve) Fund, the Industrial Injuries Fund, and the National Insurance (Existing Pensioners) Fund for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Sir Robert Grimston reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Transport (Disposal of Road Haulage Property) Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Standing Committee A Mr. Rippon and had appointed in substitution Mr. Deedes.

Message from the Lords:

Gloucestershire County Council Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the enactments relating to solicitors and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order made upon the 13th day of this instant March, That the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Bill be committed to a Select Committee, was read and discharged, pursuant to the said Order, no Petition against the Bill having been deposited in the Private Bill Office.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday the 13th day of April next, the Sanitary Inspectors (Change of Designation) Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 27th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill;

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And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 21st March, 1956:

Mr. Heath rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question put on the Paper be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Fire Civil Defence Services) (Water) Regulations, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence (Fire Civil Defence Services) (Water) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence (Shelters) (Maintenance) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence (Shelter) (Maintenance) Regulations, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)

Resolved, That the Draft Civil Defence Civil Defence (South of Scotland Electricity Board) Regulations, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 23rd day of February last, be approved.—(Mr. Henderson Stewart.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Question put on the Paper be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the Question put on the Paper be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 20th March, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (i) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Richard Williams Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Industrial Rating Bill.
PRAYERS.

The Willoughby de Broke Estate Bill [Lords].

Mr. Brooke, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 6th day of March 1956 on Loans proposed to be raised by the Gas Council. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Thorneycroft, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—Volume I, Trade A, Coal Mines. 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, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended the 30th day of June 1955. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson, pursuant to the directions of an Act 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 1955. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Captain Waterhouse reported from the Select Committee on Estimates, That they had made further Progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed, to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee F together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

No. 234. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee F of the Select Committee on Estimates in the last Session of the last Parliament be printed.

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Sir Norman Hulbert reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Pensions (Increase) Bill 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.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Business of Private Business set down for consideration at Seven of the clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means be excepted from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) and that, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business) any such Private Business may be taken after Nine of the clock.—(Mr. Heath.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Consolidated Fund Bill.

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And it being Seven of the clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business), further Proceeding stood postponed.

The Leeds Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause No. 256 (Provision of cold air store)—(Mr. Hirst); the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Wing Commander Bulfas, 136. Mr. Hirst: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Pannell, Miss Bacon: 130.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause No. 269 (Concessionary fares)—(Mr. Kembro) the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Wing Commander Bulfas, 153. Mr. Hirst: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Pannell, Mr. Denis Howell: 130.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause No. 276 (School uniforms)—(Wing Commander Bullus);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Wing Commander Bullus, 150.
Mr. Hirst, 149.
Mr. Charles Pannell, 124.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Miss Bacon, 91.
Mr. Hirst, 91.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause No. 153 (Slaughter of immature calves)—(Colonel Stoddart-Scott);

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
Wing Commander Bullus, 127.
Mr. Hirst, 91.
Mr. Charles Pannell, 70.

Tellers for the Noes, 
Miss Bacon, 67.
Mr. Hirst, 91.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House resumed the postponed Proceeding on the Question, That the Consolidated Fund Bill be now read the third time.

And the Question being again proposed;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

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And the Question being put;

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.

Ordered, That Mr. Stevens be discharged from the Select Committee on Estimates; and that Mr. Osborne be added to the Committee. 
(Mr. Wills.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
(Mr. Wills.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after One of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

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The Edinburgh Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Greenock Burgh Extension &c. Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Prime Minister presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement on the Economic Implications of Full Employment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Agreements (No. 1), signed at Bonn on the 6th day of June 1955, constituting an International Commission for the International Tracing Service and on the Relations between that Commission and the International Committee of the Red Cross; with Notes and Letters exchanged.


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 Regulations, dated 13th March 1956, entitled—

1. the Schools (Scotland) Code (Amendment No. 1) Regulations, 1956,
2. the Teachers’ Salaries (Scotland) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations, 1956, and
3. the Teachers’ Salaries (Scotland) (Amendment No. 4) Provisional Regulations, 1956.

Copy of a Report by the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Commission on the Supply of Sand and Gravel in Central Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Electricity (Scotland) be printed.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report by the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Commission on the Supply of Sand and Gravel in Central Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the direction of the House of Commons, a Bill intituled the Pupils' Registration Regulations, dated 14th March 1955, entitled the Pupils' Registration Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Major Legge-Bourke reported from the Committee on the Croydon Corporation Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Mr. Benson reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had agreed to the Amendments and made Amendments thereto.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1918 to 1946, and so much of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1939 to 1953, as relates to superannuation and the employment of teachers over the age of sixty-five years, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums authorised or required to be so paid by virtue of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session (including any increase attributable thereto in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other enactment) being provisions—

(a) for the restoration to teachers as from the commencement of the said Act of annual superannuation allowances previously terminated by reason of the re-employment of those teachers in contributory service or in employment which would apart from their age be contributory service, and the continued payment of annual superannuation allowances to teachers who, having been granted such allowances, are at that date or thereafter become re-employed as aforesaid;

(b) for the repayment to teachers who, having been granted a superannuation allowance or gratuity, are at any time re-employed in contributory service, but do not qualify by virtue of their re-employment for any further allowance or gratuity, of contributions paid by them in respect of any period of re-employment after the commencement of the said Act;

(c) amending the law as to the intervals at which instalments of annuities and annual allowances may be paid;

(d) enabling the Minister to treat as contributory service for the purpose of calculating the amounts of allowances or gratuities of teachers employed in contributory service previous employment providing experience of value to them as teachers, being employment in respect of which contributions of such amount as the Minister may prescribe are paid by the teachers.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order for taking into consideration the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on Teachers (Superannuation) (Money) (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1946, so much of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1939 to 1953, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums authorised or required to be so paid by virtue of any provisions of the said Act of the present Session (including any increase attributable thereto in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other enactment) being provisions—

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Bowles reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisional) Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Nicholson reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Clean Air Bill and made Amendments thereto.

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 Housing Subsidies Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Willoughby de Broke Estate Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make new provision in respect of copyright and related matters, in substitution for the provisions of the Copyright Act, 1911, and other enactments relating thereto; to amend the Registered Designs Act, 1949, with respect to designs related to artistic works in which copyright subsists, and to amend the Dramatic and Musical Performers' Protection Act, 1925; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Copyright Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of April next and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time tomorrow the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Legge-Bourke reported from the Committee on the Copyright Bill [Lords], That they had agreed to the Amendments and made Amendments thereto.

Order, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 8, page 7, lines 30, 31, and 47, and page 8, lines 1 and 6; Clause No. 10, page 9, lines 43; Clause No. 11, page 10, lines 18, 23, and 36; Clause No. 15, page 13, line 26; Clause No. 16,
Title amended. And the Title of the Bill was amended, as

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in the name of Sir David Eccles; and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 29, page 24, lines 22 and 39, and page 25, line 12; and Clause No. 30, page 25, line 31, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Henderson Stewart—(Sir David Eccles).

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee

(Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 29, and 30 amended and agreed to.

Another Clause (Re-employment of teachers in contributory service)—(Mr. Vosper)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Return of contributions)—(Mr. Vosper)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Further provisions as to service of value to teachers)—(Sir David Eccles)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in line 32, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Lieutenant-Commander Thompson: 245.

Tellers for the Noes, Colonel Harrison: 203.

Clause added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added several Clauses to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in Standing Committee D and in the Scottish Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Dismissal of teacher with forty-five years' service)—(Mr. Henderson Stewart)—was twice read and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

And the Title of the Bill was amended, as followeth:—A Bill to amend the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1898, the Teachers (Superannuation) Acts, 1918 to 1946, and so much of the Education (Scotland) Acts, 1939 to 1953, as relates to superannuation and to the employment of teachers over the age of sixty-five years; and for purposes connected therewith.

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 Yes, Mr. Studholme: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Short: 235.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Draft Coal-Mining Coal Industry (Subsidence) (Rateable Value) Order, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 8th day of this instant March, be approved.-(Mr. Aubrey Jones.)

Ordered, That Mr. Remnant be discharged from the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons); and that Mr. Burden be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Oakshott.)

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Oakshott);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 23rd March, 1956:

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Mr. Brooke 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 1955.

Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1956, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order, 1956.

Copies of Orders, dated 19th March 1956, entitled—
(1) the Purchase Tax (Consolidation) Order, 1956, and
(2) the Purchase Tax (Orders (Revision) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report on the Census of Production for 1951—Volume 6, Trade D, Rayon, Nylon, etc., and Silk.

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 20th March 1956, entitled the Fatstock Guarantee Payments (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Accounts of the Special Account, the American Aid Revolving Loan (American Aid) Fund Account, the American Aid (Agreed Schemes) Deposit Account, the Agricultural Assistance—Colonies Deposit Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Dye, Mr. Achon Howard, and Mr. Moss; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Burdon, Mrs. Butler, and Mr. Mason.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, in the interests of the better communications and economy of the United Kingdom as a whole, and realising the peculiar geographical position of Northern Ireland, which is separated from the rest of the United Kingdom by a sea channel and is consequently obliged to import the majority of raw materials for use in its manufacturing industries from Great Britain by ship and also to export most of its manufactured products to Great Britain by the same means, would welcome the appointment by Her Majesty's Government of a committee to investigate and report on the project of constructing a submarine tunnel underneath the North Channel so as to connect Northern Ireland with Great Britain by one continuous route by rail and, if possible, also by road, thereby facilitating and encouraging an increased flow of traffic both in goods and passengers between these two integral parts of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Hyde).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House considers that a comprehensive review of the machinery of Government should now be instituted with a view especially to deciding the correct role that should be played by the Treasury in the implementation of defence decisions.—(Major Legge-Bourke).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Hotel Proprietors (Liabilities and Hotel Rights) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Committee of Bills).

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 13th day of April next.

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 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensioners' Milk Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indictments (Amendments) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of December last, That the Rural Transport Improvement Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Automation and Electronics Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. (Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bristol Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Receipts into and Payments out of the Government Annuities Investment Fund in 1955 and a Statement of Payments made during the year, of new Contracts made during 1955 and a Statement of Payments made during the year, and of current Contracts at the end of the year.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of the Proceedings of the Scottish Land Court during 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ward presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Draft Schemes entitled—

(1) the Teachers Superannuation (Army Children's Schools) Scheme, 1956, and

(2) the Teachers Superannuation (Royal Naval Schools) Scheme, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Motion standing in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Malta be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Minutes of the Malta Round Table Conference, 1955.—(Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

(Mr. Godber :—And a Debate arising thereupon :—

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
Copy of Notes exchanged at Buenos Aires on the 17th day of November 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Argentine Republic prolonging the Air Services Agreement of the 17th day of May 1946, as amended by the Notes exchanged on the 22nd day of January 1953.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Belgrade on the 31st day of December 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Yugoslavia regarding the Import of British Books into Yugoslavia.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th March 1956, entitled the Air Navigation (Second Amendment) Order, 1956.


Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd March 1956, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order, 1956.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd March 1956, entitled the Foreign Compensation (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd March 1956, entitled the Foreign Marriage (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument,—Copy of an Account of the Sums recovered under Article 9 of the Jewellery and Silverware Council (Dissolution) Order, 1953, and of their Disposal, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sands presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Schemes—

(1) dated 23rd November 1955, made by the Lewisham Metropolitan Borough Council,
(2) dated 16th January 1956, made by the Royal Leamington Spa Borough Council, and
(3) dated 6th March 1956, made by the St. Pancras Metropolitan Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1956, entitled the Gloucester (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1956, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Fletcher reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further Progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Wing Commander Grant-Ferris reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills, That they had examined the allegations of the Walsall Corporation Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereon to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added Sir Austin Hudson to the Standing Orders Committee.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Allauan, Mr. Astar, Mr. Bennett, Wing Commander Bullen, Squadron Leader Cooper, Mr. Hastings, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Kirk, Lieutenant-Colonel Schofield, and Mr. Leslie Thomas; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Broome-White, Mr. Mrs. Castle, Captain Hewston, Mr. Hughes-Young, Mr. Jennings, Mr. McAden, Mr. Norman Ponnell, Mr. Robson-Brown, Mr. Snow, and Mr. Tinley.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee B, That they had added Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee B in respect of the Local Government Elections.
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(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to vest in the Minister of Works certain underground works constructed in London during the recent war as air-raid shelters, together with other works connected therewith and land adjacent to those works; and for purposes connected with the matter aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the said Minister under or by virtue of the said Act and any expenses incurred by him in maintaining the shelters and other works to which the said Act relates;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the said Minister by virtue of the said Act.—(Mr. Buchan-Hepburn.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

Sugar Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Sugar Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 2, line 5, by leaving out the word " Commonwealth ".—(Mr. Gordon Walker)

And the Question being put, That the word " Commonwealth " stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Wills: 225.

Tellers for the

Mr. Deer, Mr. Short: 180.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 15, line 8, by leaving out the words " for an indefinite period or ".—(Mr. Wills.)

And the Question being put, That the words " for an indefinite period or " stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 32, line 23, by inserting, after the word " reasonable ", the words " and in determining what he considers reasonable the Minister shall have regard to any expenses incurred by refiners in the display or other use of advertisements affecting sugar ".—(Mr. Bottomley.)

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. Holmes, Mr. Joseph Price: 158.

Tellers for the

Mr. Studdholm, Mr. Colonel Harrison: 213.

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

Mr. Studdholm, Mr. Wakefield: 202.

Tellers for the

Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons: 156.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland) Order, 1956, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 31st day of January last.—(Mr. Brooke.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Studdholm.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDA.

Tuesday, 21th March, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Hotel Proprietors (Liabilities and Rights) Bill to Standing Committee C.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. George Thomas Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] and Dr. King Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Local Government Elections Bill.
Wednesday, 28th March, 1956.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Preliminary Estimates of National Income and Expenditure, 1950 to 1955.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 28th March 1956, regarding the Application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, to meet Deficits on other Navy Votes and Sums chargeable to Balances irrecoverable and Claims abandoned for the same year.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 28th March 1956, regarding the Application of Surpluses on certain Air Votes for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1956, to meet Deficits on other Air Votes and Sums chargeable to Balances irrecoverable and Claims abandoned for the same year.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 10th March 1956, 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 Public Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st March 1956, entitled the Royal Irish Constabulary (Police) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Notes ex­changed at London on the 30th day of December 1955 and the 26th day of March 1956 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.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Conference on a British Caribbean Federation held in London in February 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1956, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Air Ministry) (Revocation) (No. 2) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Aubrey Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1956, entitled the Coal Distribution (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 29th February 1956.

Mr. Sandys also presented, pursuant to the Local Government Act, 1930,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 28th February 1956, made by the Bognor Regis Urban District 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. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 29th February 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Accounts of the Management and the Farm­ing of Land by the Agricultural Land Com­mission and the Welsh Agricultural Land Sub­Commission for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Com­­roller and Auditor General thereon.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Preliminary Estimates of National Income and Expenditure, 1950 to 1955.


Constabulary (Ireland). No. 242.


British Caribbean Federation. No. 244.

Rights of Way.

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).

Supplies and Services (Coal Distribution).
Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee on Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. McAdden; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Biggs-Davison.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Lieutenant-Commander Mond; and had appointed in substitution Captain Pilkinson.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Sir Ian Harvest (added in respect of the Industrial Rating Bill); and had appointed in substitution Sir William Steward.

Colin Lancaster reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 15th day of December last, the 25th and 31st days of January last, and the 15th day of February last, and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

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 Local Authorities (Expenses) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Greenock Burgh Extension &c. Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to change the name of the Pontypool Gas and Water Company; to provide for the transfer of certain of the British Gas three per centum Guaranteed Stock 1990-95 to the existing stockholders of the Company and for the consolidation of the existing ordinary capital; to confer further powers upon the Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute a joint Board comprising representatives of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Sutton and Cheam and the Mayor Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Battersea and the Urban District Councils of Carshalton and Merton and Morden; to authorise the Board to provide and maintain a crematorium; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Pontypool and District Water Bill (Lords) was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The North-East Surrey Crematorium Board Bill (Lords) was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Sexual Offences Bill (Lords), Bill 117.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Slum Clearance (Compensation) 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 tomorrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 10th day of April next.—(The Prime Minister.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Slum Clearance (Compensation) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and adding the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to this Bill, because it does not provide for any direct Exchequer subsidies towards the payments proposed and so imposes an undue burden on the rates."—(Mr. Mitchison), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant Royal Assent.

General Sir Horace Horner, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, hereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

6. Archdeacon Johnson's Almshouse Charity Oakham and Uppingham Scheme Confirmation Act, 1956.
7. Baptist Chapel and other Charities (Totnes and Tuckenhay) Scheme Confirmation Act, 1956.
8. Leigh Almshouse, Stoneleigh, and other Charities Scheme Confirmation Act, 1956.
Mr. Simmons: And the Question being put, That the words (Compensation) 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 Yeses
Mr. Wakefield: 190
Mr. Deer: 139

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Sandys, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Slum Clearance (Compensation) [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 additional provision for payments in respect of certain units of houses subject to compulsory purchase, clearance, demolition or closing orders, it is expedient to authorize the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session providing—

A. That where a house which has been wholly or partly occupied as a private dwelling by (or by a member of the family of) a person who acquired an interest in that house by purchase for value during the period commencing with the first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, has, at any time during the ten years commencing with the said thirteenth day of December, been purchased at site value in pursuance of a compulsory purchase order or vacated in pursuance of a clearance order or demolition order, and that house was occupied at the date of the making of the order wholly or partly for the purposes of a business, the appropriate authority shall make in respect of any interest in that house which, at the date when the house was purchased compulsorily or, as the case may be, vacated, was held by the person entitled to the receipts of the business a payment of the specified amount;

B. That where, on or after the said thirteenth day of December, a house has been purchased at site value in pursuance of a compulsory purchase order or vacated in pursuance of a clearance order or demolition order, and that house was occupied at the date of the making of the order wholly or partly for the purposes of a business, the appropriate authority shall make in respect of any interest in that house which, at the date when the house was purchased compulsorily or, as the case may be, vacated, was held by the person entitled to the receipts of the business a payment of the specified amount;

C. For the variation, for the purposes of any payment made on or after the said thirteenth day of December under section forty-two of the Housing Act, 1936, of the multipliers specified with respect to rateable value in paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of that section;

D. That where a house has, on or after the said thirteenth day of December, been vacated in pursuance of a demolition order or closing order or purchased compulsorily under section three of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and, leaving out of account any defects in respect of any such matters as are mentioned in paragraphs (b) to (h) of subsection (1) of section nine of the said Act of 1954, the house has been well maintained, the appropriate authority shall make to any person by whom or at whose expense the work to which the good maintenance of the house is attributable was carried out the like payment as would have fallen to be so made under the said section forty-two if the house had been a house to which that section applies and directions had been given by the Minister of Housing and Local Government for the making of a payment thereunder.

In this Resolution—

"appropriate authority" means the authority by whom the compulsory purchase, clearance, demolition or closing order in question was made;

"clearance order" means an order under section twenty-six of the Housing Act, 1936;

"closing order" means an order under section ten of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953;

"demolition order" means an order under section eleven of the Housing Act, 1936;

"house" includes any building constructed or adapted wholly or partly as, or for the purposes of, a dwelling;

"site value" in relation to the compulsory purchase of a house, means compensation in respect thereof assessed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (4) of section sixteen, or subsection (2) or (3) of section forty, of the Housing Act, 1936;

"specified amount", in relation to a payment in respect of an interest in a house, means an amount equal to the difference between—

(a) the compensation payable in respect of the compulsory purchase of that interest if that compensation fell to be assessed in accordance with subsections (1) and (4) of section forty of the Housing Act, 1936, and, in the case
of a house subject to a clearance, demolition or closing order, if the making of that order were the service of the notice to treat; and
(a) the compensation which was or would have been payable in respect of the interest in occupation with the compulsory purchase of the house at site value,
(b) the compensation which was or would have been payable in respect of the interest in occupation with the compulsory purchase of the house at site value,
(c) the compensation which was or would have been payable in respect of the interest in occupation with the compulsory purchase of the house at site value,
(d) the compensation which was or would have been payable in respect of the interest in occupation with the compulsory purchase of the house at site value,
(e) the compensation which was or would have been payable in respect of the interest in occupation with the compulsory purchase of the house at site value,
(f) the compensation which was or would have been payable in respect of the interest in occupation with the compulsory purchase of the house at site value,
(g) the compensation which was or would have been payable in respect of the interest in occupation with the compulsory purchase of the house at site value,
(h) the compensation which was or would have been payable in respect of the interest in occupation with the compulsory purchase of the house at site value,
(i) the compensation which was or would have been payable in respect of the interest in occupation with the compulsory purchase of the house at site value,
(j) the compensation which was or would have been payable in respect of the interest in occupation with the compulsory purchase of the house at site value.

Pensions

Adjournment

Committee of the whole House in respect of the Pensions (Increase) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence. The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the Agriculture, the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1956, entitled the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table: and that the Paper relating to Public Accounts be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Agriculture, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th March 1956, entitled the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the Agriculture, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1956, entitled the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Scotland) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account Northern Ireland with an Account of all Fees and Stamps received in 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Account Northern Ireland (Probate Division) do lie upon the Table, was (Probate Division) read and discharged.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 5, page 5, line 15; Clause No. 7, page 6, lines 30 and 34 and page 7, lines 3 and 28; Clause No. 11, page 11, line 22; Clause No. 13, page 12, line 37; and Schedule No. 1, page 15, line 2, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.—(Mr. Brooke.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 5, 7, 11, and 13 amended and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 5, page 5, line 15; Clause No. 7, page 6, lines 30 and 34 and page 7, lines 3 and 28; Clause No. 11, page 11, line 22; Clause No. 13, page 12, line 37; and Schedule No. 1, page 15, line 2, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.—(Mr. Brooke.)

Ordered, That the Report be received to­mor­row.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Pensions (Increase) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Order made upon the 23rd day of this instant March, That the Paper relating to the High Court of Justice (Northern Ireland) (Probate Division) do lie upon the Table; was (Probate Division) read and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Scheme for authorising the taking down of the former parish church of the Parish of Gunhouse with Burringham, in the Diocese of Lincoln, and the sale of the site and materials thereof.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Hughes-Young; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Price.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Cole (added in respect of the Industrial Rating Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Potter.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Heath.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Five of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 10th day of April next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 29th March, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Slum Clearance (Compensation) Bill to Standing Committee D.

The following Papers, presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjourment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of a Statement on United Kingdom Balance of Payments for the years 1946 to 1954 (No. 2).

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 5th Iron and Steel. April 1956, concerning a proposal by the Iron and Steel Holding and Realisation Agency to sell its holding of Securities in the Briton Ferry Steel Company Limited.

Copy of a Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, &c., 1955.


Copy of the Report of a Committee of Scientific and Inquiry into the organisation and functioning of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

The following Papers, required by several Parliamentary Acts of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

5th April 1956:

Copy of an Order, dated 29th March 1956, Purchase Tax (No. 2) Order, 1956.

6th April 1956:

Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1956, County Court Fees (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the Civil List directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Pensions. List of the Pensions granted during the year ended the 31st day of March 1956, and payable under subsection (1) of Section 13 of the Civil List Act, 1952.

Statement showing the Transfers of Death Duties, Property accepted in satisfaction of Death Duties during the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th April 1956, Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 5) Order, 1956.

Account of Receipts and Payments in Land Registry, respect of Her Majesty's Land Registry for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Transport Treasury on the 26th day of March 1956 on No. 248. Stock issued by the British Transport Commission.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Transport be printed.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to Army the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy (Territorial of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Air Force (Reserve).

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th March 1956, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to the Order of His late Majesty King George the Sixth, dated 21st June 1955, providing for the government, discipline, and pay of the Royal Air Force Reserve (including the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve), 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 Paper do lie upon the Table.

Bankruptcy and Companies (Winding-up) Proceedings.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Bankruptcy and Companies (Winding-up) Proceedings during the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, on the 25th day of January 1956 amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sea Fisheries.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th April 1956, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Fishing Nets) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Health.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd April 1956, entitled the Ashton-under-Lyne (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1956, 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.

River Boards.

Copy of the Annual Report of the Trent River Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Gloucester (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1956.

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 Third Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, for 1955.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Moyle; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bence.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Ashton, Mrs. Emmet, and Mr. Younger (added in respect of the Local Government Elections Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Kimball, Mr. Lamberi, and Mr. Willey.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from Standing Committee C, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Hudson; and had appointed in substitution Sir Fergus Graham.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Private Bills Croydon Corporation Bill, now standing adjourned till Friday next, be further adjourned, for the convenience of Parties, till Monday next, at half an hour after Two of the clock.—(Major Legge-Bourke.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—Mr. Richard Butler.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Clean Air Bill, into consideration the Clean Air Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clauses Nos. 15, page 12, line 38, and page 13, line 5; and to Clause No. 29, page 22, line 30, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Dr. Summerskill.—(Dr. Summerskill);

The Question was amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 15, page 12, line 38, and page 13, line 5; and to Clause No. 29, page 22, line 30, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. David Jones".—Mr. David Jones.

And the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 15, page 12, line 38, and page 13, line 5; and to Clause No. 29, page 22, line 30, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Dr. Summerskill; and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 15, page 13, lines 6, 7, 10, and 15, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. David Jones.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 15 and 29 amended and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Density meters, &c.)—(Mr. Powell)—was twice read and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Clean Air Council)—(Mr. Sandys)—was twice read and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Requirement that furnace operators shall hold proficiency certificates)—(Mr. Nabarro); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Industrial refuse)—(Mr. David Jones); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Requirement that furnace operators shall hold proficiency certificates)—(Mr. Nabarro); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Saving for smoke, grit and dust emitted during investigations and research)—(Mr. Forry); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 2, line 5, by leaving out from the word “occurred” to the end of line 11.—(Mr. Stross.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—(Mr. Harrison, Mr. Barber):—207.

Tellers for the Noes—(Mr. Holmes, Mr. Joseph Price):—151.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 2, line 5, by leaving out from the word “consent of” and inserting the words “after consultation with” —(Mr. David Jones);—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “with the consent of” stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 13, line 4, by leaving out the words “to local conditions and circumstances.”—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

And the Question being put, That the words “to local conditions and circumstances” stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Sandys, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of Her Majesty, in right of Her Duchy of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Mr. Sandys, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Duke of Cornwall is concerned therein;

Mr. Sandys, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Duke of Cornwall is concerned therein;

Mr. Sandys, 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 the Duke of Cornwall's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Duke of Cornwall is concerned therein;

Mr. Sandys, 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 the Duke of Cornwall's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of Her Majesty, in right of Her Duchy of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in page 24, line 11, by leaving out the words “to local conditions and circumstances.”—(Mr. Blenkinsop.)

And the Question being put, That the words “to local conditions and circumstances” stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Sandys, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of Her Majesty, in right of Her Duchy of Lancaster, is concerned therein;
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, payments to be made under any Act of the present Session trans­ferring to and vesting in the Admiralty the railway authorised by the Cleobury Mortimer and Ditton Priors Light Railway Order, 1901—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);

Mr. Watkinson, by Her Majesty's Com­mand, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on the proposed Underwater Crossing of the River Forth and on the Forth Road Bridge Scheme. 

Standing Committee A.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Ecclesiastical Acts (Re­organisation).

Order to the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Wakefield, and had appointed in substitution Mr. Godber.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. John Hall; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Garner Evans.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added Twenty­five Members to Standing Committee D in respect of the Local Government Elections Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added Twenty­five Members to Standing Committee D in respect of the Slum Clearance (Compensation) Bill, viz.: Mr. Arbuthnot, Miss Bacon, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Braine, Brigadier Clarke, Sir Henry D'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Garden, Mr. Reader Harris, Mr. MacColl, Mr. Mitchison, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Padley, Mr. Powell, Mr. Randall, Mr. Rippon, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Sandys, Commander Scott-Miller, Mr. Shurmer, Mr. Skeffington, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Wade, Mr. Wakefield, and Mr. Zilliacus.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Dover Corporation Act to repeal and amend certain provisions of the Dover Corporation (Sea Defences) Act, 1877; to repeal certain provisions of the Dover Corporation Act, 1936; to make further provision with regard to the local government of the borough of Dover; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added Seventeen Members to Standing Committee C in respect of the Occasional Licences and Young Persons Bill, viz.: Mr. Black, Mr. Deedes, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Lucas, Mr. McGhee, Sir Francis Medlicott, Mr. Rawlinson, Mr. Rees-Davies, Mr. Rovik, Mr. Simmons, Mr. Smith, Mr. Sparks, Mr. Henderson Stewart, Mr. Sumner, Mr. George Thomas, Mr. Viant, and Mr. Llywelyn Williams.

The Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords] Huddersfield was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on Restrictive Trade Practices [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the registration and judicial investigation of certain restrictive trading agreements, and for the prohibition of
such agreements when found contrary to the public interest, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) sums required for the payment of remuneration of the Registrar to be appointed under the said Act of the present Session, and of expenses of the said Registrar (including remuneration of assistant registrars and other officers and servants of the Registrar);

(b) sums required for the payment of remuneration of appointed members of a new Court to be constituted under the said Act, and of expenses of the said Court (including remuneration of officers and servants of the said Court);

(c) sums required for the payment of pensions, allowances or gratuities, or contributions or other payments towards provision for pensions, allowances or gratuities, to or in respect of persons who have held office as Registrar appointed under the said Act or as appointed members of the Court constituted thereunder;

(d) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1950.

(2) The charging on and issue out of the Consolidated Fund, and the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, of any increase in the sums required respectively to be charged on and issued out of the Fund or to be paid out of moneys so provided which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing the maximum numbers of puisne judges of the High Court and judges of the Court of Session who may be appointed.

(3) The payment into the Exchequer of any sums required to be so paid by any provision 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 Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.

(Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.)

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 9, to leave out the words "Her Majesty may " and insert the words "the Attorney General shall"—(Sir John Barlow.)

Question put, That the words "Her Majesty may" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Oakshott.]

Yea,-Mr. Gadber.-248.

Tellers for the [Mr. Short,]

Noe,-Mr. Doer.-212.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 12, after the word "Registrar");", to insert the words "who shall be a barrister or solicitor of not less than seven years standing and "."—(Mr. Remnant.)
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.

Lieutenant-Commander Thompson reported from the Committee on Slum Clearance (Compensation) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make additional provision for payments in respect of certain unfit houses subject to compulsory purchase, clearance, demolition or closing orders, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of moneys so provided which is attributable to provision of the said Act of the present Session providing—

A. That where a house which has been wholly or partly occupied as a private dwelling by (or by a member of the family of) a person who acquired an interest in that house by purchase for value during the period commencing with the first day of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, and ending immediately before the thirteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, has, at any time during the ten years commencing with the said thirteenth day of December, been purchased at site value in pursuance of a compulsory purchase order or vacated in pursuance of a clearance order, demolition order or closing order, and at the date when the house was purchased compulsorily or, as the case may be, vacated the person aforesaid or a member of his family was still entitled to an interest in the house, the appropriate authority shall make in respect of that interest a payment of the specified amount;

B. That where, on or after the said thirteenth day of December, a house has been purchased at site value in pursuance of a compulsory purchase order or vacated in pursuance of a clearance order or demolition order, and that house was occupied at the date of the making of the order wholly or partly for the purposes of a business, the appropriate authority shall make in respect of any interest in that house which, at the date when the house was purchased compulsorily or, as the case may be, vacated, was held by the person entitled to the receipts of the business a payment of the specified amount;

C. For the variation, for the purposes of any payment made on or after the said thirteenth day of December under section forty-two of the Housing Act, 1936, of the multipliers specified with respect to rateable value in paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of that section;

D. That where a house has, on or after the said thirteenth day of December, been vacated in pursuance of a demolition order or closing order or purchased compulsorily under section three of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and, leaving out of account any defects in respect of any such matters as are mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (1) of section nine of the said Act of 1954, the house has been well maintained, the appropriate authority shall make to any person by whom or at whose expense the work to which the good maintenance of the house is attributable was carried out the like payment as would have fallen to be so made under the said section forty-two if the house had been a house to which that section applies and directions had been given by the Minister of Housing and Local Government for the making of a payment thereunder.

In this Resolution—

"appropriate authority" means the authority by whom the compulsory purchase, clearance, demolition or closing order in question was made;

"clearance order" means an order under section twenty-six of the Housing Act, 1936;

"closing order" means an order under section ten of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953;

"demolition order" means an order under section eleven of the Housing Act, 1936;

"house" includes any building constructed or adapted wholly or partly as, or for the purposes of, a dwelling;

"site value" in relation to the compulsory purchase of a house, means compensation in respect thereof assessed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section sixteen, or subsection (2) or (3) of section forty, of the Housing Act, 1936;

"specified amount"; in relation to a payment in respect of an interest in a house, means an amount equal to the difference between:

(a) the compensation payable in respect of the compulsory purchase of that interest if that compensation fell to be assessed in accordance with subsection (1) and (4) of section forty of the Housing Act, 1936, and, in the case of a house subject to a clearance, demolition or closing order, if the making of that order were the service of the notice to treat; and
(b) the compensation which was or would have been payable in respect of the interest in connection with the compulsory purchase of the house at site value,

being in each case the compensation payable apart from any payment under section thirty-one or thirty-five of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1954.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjourned, proposed. That this House do now adjourn—

(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson):

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed. That this House do now
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to­
morrow.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her
Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Second
Annual Report of the Marshall Aid Com­
memoration Commission, for the year ended
the 30th day of September 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Sands, presented, pursuant to the direc­
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an
Order, dated 9th April 1956, entitled the Town
and Country Planning (County of Durham)
Development Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant
to the Standing Order relating to Private Busi­
ness (Bills affecting charities or educational
foundations,—Report on the London County
Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill.

Major Legge-Bourke reported from the
Committee on the British Transport Commis­
sion (No. 2) Bill, That, for the convenience
of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till
Wednesday next, at half an hour after Ten
of the clock.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means
reported from the Committee on the Elder
Yard Chapel Chesterfield Bill (Lords). That
they had examined the allegations contained
in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the
same so as to make it consistent with the facts
as proved by the evidence adduced, and found
the same, as amended, to be true; and had
gone through the Bill and made no further
Amendment thereunto; and had considered
the several matters required by the Standing
Orders and directed him to make a Report
thereof to the House: And the Report was
brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the
Committee, and the Report do lie upon the
Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means
reported from the Committee on the Scottish
Union and National Insurance Company Bill,
That they had examined the allegations con­
tained in the Preamble of the Bill, and
amended the same so as to make it consistent
with the facts as proved by the evidence
adduced, and found the same, as amended, to
be true; and had gone through the Bill and
made Amendments thereunto, and had
amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to
repeal the Scottish Union and National Insur­
ance Company's Acts 1878 to 1939; to confer
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powers on the Company with respect to the carrying on of its business and the regulation of its affairs; and for other purposes.

Ordered. That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Saint Stephen Walbrook (Saint Anholin's Churchyard) Bill (Lords). They had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered. That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Tees Conservancy Bill (Lords). They had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered. That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Bedford 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.

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 Rugby Corporation Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had 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.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Emrys Hughes and Sir Frank Markham (added in respect of the Licensing (Airports) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Rankin and Colonel Stoddart-Scott.
Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 34, to leave out the words "knowledge of or".—(Mr. Fletcher-Cooke.)

Question proposed, That the words "knowledge of or" stand part of the Clause:—

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 34, to leave out the second word "of".—(Mrs. Castle.)

Question put, That the word "of" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Colonel Harrison: 153.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Holmes: 95.

To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.

(Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomas.)

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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported, To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Legh.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 132.]

Friday, 13th April, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That the Address of the 27th day of March last relating to Double Taxation Relief had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland) Order, 1956, be made in the form of the Draft laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on British Transport Commission (No. 2) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session providing for the transfer to and vesting in the Admiralty of the railway authorised by the Cleobury Mortimer and Vol. 211 Ditton Priors Light Railway Order 1901 and all lands buildings works and conveniences and all rails signals and other apparatus belonging to or held or used by the British Transport Commission in connection therewith it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of forty thousand pounds to the British Transport Commission in consideration of such transfer and vesting and of all outgoings payable in respect of the railway after the vesting.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the Air directions of several Acts of Parliament, Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury on the 28th day of March 1956, on Loans proposed to be raised by—

(1) the British European Airways Corporation, and
(2) the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) Taxation Relief (India) Order, 1956.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Electricity, Treasury on the 28th day of March 1956, on Loans proposed to be raised by the Central Electricity Authority.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Gas, Treasury on the 28th day of March 1956, on Loans proposed to be raised by the Gas Council.

Statement of Guarantees given by the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland).

(1) on the 28th day of March 1956, on Loans proposed to be raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board, and
(2) on the 29th day of March 1956, on Loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th April 1956, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 1) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th April 1956, Import Duties entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 3) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table:—

Report of the Commissioners for Regulating the Offices of the House of Commons, for Commissions the year ended the 31st day of March 1956. The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Accounts of the Yugoslav and Czechoslovak Funds for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, 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 Legal Aid for the Law Society paid into and out of the an and Advice.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be printed.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Small Lotteries and Gaming Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 2, line 22, by leaving out the words "five hundred" and inserting the words "seven hundred and fifty."—(Sir Robert Boothby),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "five hundred" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Black, 39,

Mr. George Thomas: 52.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Boothby,

Mr. Rees-Davies.

So it passed in the Negative.

The proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 3, line 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "and (n) no child or young person of under eighteen years of age shall be permitted to undertake the sale of tickets."—(Mr. Black.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The proposed words were amended, by leaving out the word "eighteen" and inserting the word "sixteen."—(Mr. Edenhall),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words, so amended, be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 4, line 44, by leaving out the word "a," and inserting the words "an audited."—(Mr. George Thomas),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "a," stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 5, line 24, by leaving out paragraph (a) and inserting the words—"(a) the charges made or stakes paid by any player in respect of the day on which the small card or gaming party is held shall not exceed five shillings."—(Mr. Rees-Davies),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 5, line 30, by leaving out the word "value" and inserting the words "cost to the promoters."—(Sir Thomas Moore),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "value" stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustee Second Reading of the Trustee Investment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Litter Bill;

Second Reading of the Litter Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next;

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of November last;

That the Obscene Publications 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 Obscene Publications Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last;

That the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) 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 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of December last;

That the Rural Transport Improvement 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 Automation and Electronics Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—Mr. Hughes-Young:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed after Four of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-eight minutes before Five of the clock, till Monday next.

[No. 133.]

Monday, 16th April, 1956.

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, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz:—

Grayson, Rollo and Clover Docks (Lords). Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

The Walsall Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The West Bromwich Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The North-East Surrey Crematorium Board Bill (Lords) was read a second time and committed.

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The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copies of Rules, dated 12th April 1956, entitled—

1. the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 1) 1956, and
2. the Rules of the Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate Costs) 1956.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. David Price; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Mawby.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Miss Bacon and Mr. Osborne (added in respect of the Slum Clearance (Compensation) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Dance and Lieutenant-Colonel Lipson.

Major Legge-Bourke reported from the Committee on Road Traffic [Money] (No. 2) be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Transport (Disposal of Road Haulage Property) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 2, line 40, by leaving out the word "three-fortieths" and inserting the word "one-fortieth"—(Mr. McLeavy), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "three-fortieths" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Short, Mr. Pearson: 155.
Tellers for the Mr. Wills, Mr. Legh: 209.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 6, line 19, by leaving out the word "be" to the end of line 23 and inserting the words "retained by the Commission or by a company under their direct or indirect control for the purposes of performing contracts made or to be made for the carriage of goods in vehicles of the Commission or of such a company as aforesaid for or in connection with the trade or business of the other party to each contract during a continuous period of not less than one year or so retained in order to be available for the said purpose:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall restrict the transfer of such vehicles as aforesaid between the Commission and any such company or between any such companies"—(Mr. Pargiter), instead thereof.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 7, line 36, by leaving out the word "either"—(Mr. Mollison).

And the Question being put, That the word "either" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Colonel Harrison, Mr. Godber: 205.
Tellers for the Mr. Short, Mr. Simmons: 158.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Passing of this Act or at the end of such further period as the Minister may at any time and from time to time by order prescribe:

Provided that no such order shall be made until a draft thereof (which shall be accompanied by a report on offers and sales made under this section and under the said section (five amended as aforesaid) has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolutions of each house of Parliament)—(Mr. Sparks).

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. Short, Mr. Pearson: 155.
Tellers for the Mr. Wills, Mr. Legh: 209.

So it passed in the Negative.

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And the Question being put, That the word "three-fortieths" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Wills, Mr. Legh: 207.
Tellers for the Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Rogers: 156.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 4, line 35, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(7) This section and the said section five, as amended by this section, shall cease to have effect at the end of twelve months after the
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. Watkinson, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Road Traffic [Money] (No. 2) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to 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 of any sums payable out of such moneys (whether under the said Act or other enactment) by virtue of provisions of the said Act relating to the construction, maintenance, alteration and removal (whether before or after the commencement of the said Act of the present Session) of works in the carriageway:

(a) for separating different parts of the road;
(b) for regulating the movement of traffic at cross-roads or other road junctions; and
(c) for providing places of refuge for foot passengers; and to the lighting, covering, fencing, and planting of such works, and the payment out of such moneys or payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the said Minister by virtue of the said Act relating to street parking places and to traffic signs.—(Mr. Watkinson.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Redmayne reported from the Committee on Underground Works (London) [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to vest in the Minister of Works certain underground works constructed in London during the recent war as air-raid shelters, together with other works connected therewith and land adjacent to those works; and for purposes connected with the matter aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the said Minister under or by virtue of the said Act and any expenses incurred by him in maintaining the shelters and other works to which the said Act relates;

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(b) the payment into the Exchequer of any sums received by the said Minister by virtue of the said Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That, in the case of the Elder Yard Chapel Chesterfield Bill [Lords], the Standing Orders relating to Private Business (Printing of Bill as amended in Committee) and (Deposit of copies of Bill at public departments, &c., before consideration) be suspended, and that the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd March 1956, entitled the Marriages Validity (Elm Park Hall, Reading) Order, 1956, 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.

Commander Noble presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the British Phosphate Commissioners, and Accounts of the British Phosphate Commission for the year ended the 30th day of June 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on the Fisheries of Scotland for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme, entitled the Calf Subsidies (Scotland) Scheme, 1956.

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, entitled the Calf Subsidies (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1956.

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 Leeds Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the High Court and Court of Appeal during the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

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.

Standing Committee A, Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], No. 219.

Title amended.

Mr. George Thomas reported from Standing Committee A, that they had gone through the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as followeth: A Bill, intituled, an Act to amend the law relating to the Supreme Court and the county courts and of the law relating to the enforcement of certain judgments, orders and decrees, to enable certain funds in court in the Lancashire Chancery Court to be transferred to the official trustees of charitable funds or the Church Commissioners and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

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 Castle Gate Congregational Church Burial Ground (Nottingham) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ipswich Dock Bill, without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Customs and Excise.

Tobacco.

1. Motion made, That—

(a) as from the eighteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, the duties of customs and excise chargeable on tobacco under section three of the Finance Act, 1947, shall be charged at the increased rates set out, as respects duties of customs, in the first of the following Tables, and as respects duties of excise, in the second of those Tables;

(b) as respects tobacco on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the said increased rates drawback shall be allowed at the rates set out in the third of the following Tables.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution shall have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

Tobacco manufactured, viz.:

- Snuff—
- Other manufactured tobacco...

Cigars...

Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond...

Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured...

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| containing more than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof... | 3 3 3 |
| containing not more than 15 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof... | 3 5 8 |

Papers relating to the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.
The Chairman put the Question thereupon forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions).

Question agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded successively to put forthwith the Question on each further Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, save the last Motion.

Strengthened cider and perry.

2. Motion made, and Question, That for the purposes of the excise Acts cider or perry of fifteen degrees of proof or greater strength shall on or after the eighteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, be treated as sweets unless it has undergone no other process than a single process of fermentation, was made from apple or pear juice which at the beginning of that process was in its natural state, and contains no ethyl alcohol derived from other materials; except that—

(a) an excise licence shall not be required before the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, for the making for sale or rendering sparkling of any cider or perry which is treated as sweets by virtue of this Resolution, nor before the eighteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, for the dealing wholesale by any person in any such cider or perry which he or a predecessor in his business has acquired or ordered before the said eighteenth day of April; and

(b) an excise licence extending to sweets shall not be required before the said eighteenth day of July for the selling by retail or keeping on any premises by any person of any such cider or perry which he or a predecessor in his business has ordered before the said eighteenth day of April.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—put and agreed to.

PURCHASE TAX.

Charge of purchase tax on conversions of motor vehicles, etc.

3. Motion made, and Question, That, as from the first day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, purchase tax shall be chargeable in respect of mechanically propelled road vehicles of certain descriptions (and in particular cars of passenger carrying types) where the vehicles are made or completed otherwise than in the course of a business which ordinarily includes the making of those vehicles, where they are produced by reconstructing, converting or adapting other vehicles, and in like cases, and provision shall be made for the payment and recovery of that tax and for other matters arising out of the new charge to tax—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—put and agreed to.

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INCOME TAX.

Income tax (charge and rates for 1956-57).

4. Motion made, and Question, That income tax for the year 1956-57 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 such higher rates in respect of the excess as Parliament may hereafter determine.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—put and agreed to.

Relief from income tax on savings bank interest.

5. Motion made, and Question, That—

(a) for the purposes of the Income Tax Acts other than surtax interest on deposits with the Post Office savings bank or ordinary deposits with a trustee savings bank which forms part of an individual's total income shall be disregarded up to fifteen pounds; and

(b) for the purposes of the foregoing paragraph the income of a married woman living with her husband shall not be deemed to be his income;

and it is expedient for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to Finance to authorise such incidental charges to surtax as may result from increasing for the purposes of surtax the total income of an individual which for the purposes of income tax chargeable at the standard rate is reduced by the disregard of interest on savings bank deposits.

But this Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deducted or repaid under section one hundred and fifty-seven (pay as you earn) of the Income Tax Act, 1952, before the sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, except as may be provided by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—put and agreed to.

Suspension of investment allowances.

6. Motion made, and Question, That investment allowances shall not be made for the year 1955-56 or later years of assessment in respect of expenditure incurred after the seventeenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, except as may be provided by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—put and agreed to.

Income tax in respect of offices and employments.

7. Motion made, and Question, That new provision shall be made for charging income tax on the emoluments of offices and employments—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—put and agreed to.
Income tax (persons carrying on annuity business).

8. Motion made, and Question, That, in the case of persons carrying on the business of granting annuities, it is expedient—

(a) if any provision is made for relieving from tax in whole or in part the income of part of any such person's annuity fund (being a provision having reference to annuity contracts designed to secure superannuation benefits or other provision for a person's retirement), to authorise such charges to tax as may result in particular cases from treating that part of the fund and the remainder thereof, and the annuity contracts and annuity business to which each is referable, separately for tax purposes, and in particular for the purpose of determining how far any annuities are to be treated as paid out of profits or gains brought into charge to tax; and

(b) where any such person is not charged to tax under Case I of Schedule D in respect of the annuity business carried on by him, to provide for charging to tax the profits arising to him from that business or from any part of that business treated separately as aforesaid—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—put and agreed to.

Income tax (incidental charges).

9. Motion made, and Question, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to Finance it is expedient to authorise all such incidental charges to income tax (including charges for past years of assessment) as may result—

(a) from any provision directing that the question whether a person is resident in the United Kingdom for income tax purposes shall be decided without regard to a place of abode maintained in the United Kingdom for his use;

(b) from any provision treating overseas income as chargeable by reference to the time when it arises or is treated as arising, instead of the time when it is received in the United Kingdom, in certain cases where the person chargeable transfers it to the United Kingdom in the first year in which he is able, or from giving any such provision retrospective effect;

(c) from any provision exempting pensions payable to persons resident outside the United Kingdom in respect of service in India, Pakistan, the colonies or certain other territories, or from giving any such provision retrospective effect;

(d) from any provision extending the class of liabilities which are charges on residence for the purposes of Part XIX of the Income Tax Act, 1952—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—put and agreed to.

PROFITS TAX.

Increase of profits tax.

10. Motion made, and Question, That, as respects chargeable accounting periods ending after the end of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, the enactments relating to the profits tax shall be amended by—

(a) substituting thirty per cent. for twenty-seven and a half per cent. as the rate of any tax not being a distribution charge; and

(b) substituting twenty-seven per cent. for twenty-five per cent. as the rate of any relief for non-distribution; and

(c) adjusting the rates of distribution charges to take account of reliefs for non-distribution given at the new rate; and

and in connection therewith provision shall be made for the following matters, that is to say, for dividing, either generally or for particular purposes, chargeable accounting periods falling partly before and partly after the end of that month, for treating wholly or partly as a distribution for a chargeable accounting period ending after the end of that month dividends declared on or after the seventeenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and for adjusting the relief to be given on repayment of loans previously treated as distributions—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—put and agreed to.

Profits tax (miscellaneous provisions).

11. Motion made, and Question, That it is expedient to authorise all such charges to the profits tax (including charges for past chargeable accounting periods) as may result—

(a) from amendments of the law relating to allowances, deductions or charges for income tax purposes;

(b) from amendments of the law as to the cases in which, and periods for which, grouping notices under section twenty-two of the Finance Act, 1937, may be given or are to have effect after the seventeenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, or as to the consequences of a body corporate by or as respects which a grouping notice has been given satisfying (after that day) the conditions for exemption from tax under subsection (2) or (3) of section thirty-one of the Finance Act, 1947;

(c) from any provision directing that sums applied after the seventeenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, in reducing share capital or in repaying loans shall in certain cases be taken into account in whole or in part either as being distributions or as reducing the amounts which, after a trade or business has ceased, are to be treated as distributions of capital—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—put and agreed to.

Estate Duty.

Estate duty (settled property subject to annuity).

12. Motion made, and Question, That it is expedient to authorise all such charges to estate duty as may result from amendments regulating the charge to duty where settled property subject to an annuity passes on a death—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—put and agreed to.
Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Army (Gift of Command.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 18th April 1956, relative to the gift of Line Barracks, Mauritius, to the Government of Mauritius.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the Savings Banks. directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Special Investments) (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Colonial Development Corporation for 1955.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.


Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported Standing Orders; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the London County Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

2. That, in the case of the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Major Legge-Bourke reported from the Private Bills Committee on the British Transport Commission (No. 2) Bill. That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half an hour after Two of the clock.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Three Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Underground Works (London) Bill, viz.: Sir Norman Hulbert, Sir Hugh Linstead, and Mr. Redhead.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Captain Corfield, Mr. Glover, Sir Fergus Graham, Mr. Ian Harvey, Captain Pilkington, Mr. Ridsdale, Mr.
Standing Committee B, Licensing (Airports) Bill [Lords], Bill 120.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Blackburn reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Licensing (Airports) Bill [Lords] and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

No. 261.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Richard Williams reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Industrial Rating Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 27th day of this instant April.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Barry Corporation (Barry Harbour) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to matters which may be included in Finance Bills, provision may be made in any Finance Bill introduced in the present Session for giving effect to any Resolution which may be passed by a Committee of the whole House and agreed to by the House for the purpose of authorising advances out of the Consolidated Fund to bodies concerned with the carrying on of industries or undertakings under national ownership or control.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(Amendment of law.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance, so, however, that this Resolution shall not extend to amending the enactments relating to the purchase tax otherwise than by reducing it itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Legh).—put and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.)

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 18th April, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Norman Hulbert Chairman of Standing Committee C, in respect of the Occasional Licences and Young Persons Bill.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 136.]

Thursday, 19th April, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Northern Ireland to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Mid-Ulster in the room of Charles Beattie, Esq., who at the time of his election was incapable of being elected or returned as a Member of this House.—(Mr. Heath.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:-

Dover Corporation Bill [Lords].
Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:-

Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for preventing the spread of rabbits and for the grant of exemptions from subsection (2) of section one of the Pests Act, 1954, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means:

Amendment of law.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance, so, however, that this Resolution shall not extend to amending the enactments
relating to purchase tax otherwise than by reducing any of the several rates of tax generally for all goods to which that rate applies.—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair;
and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjourned.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Wakefield):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 137.]

Friday, 20th April, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th April 1956, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th April, 1956, entitled the Nurses (Regional Nurse-Training Committee) (Scotland) Amendment Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on the 7th day of February 1956 amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th April 1956, entitled the Supreme Court Rules (Northern Ireland) Order in Council, 1956.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in view of the heavy burden of taxation and the need for reducing Government expenditure this House calls upon Her Majesty's Government to make substantial reductions in expenditure on the Armed Forces and armaments—(Mr. Emrys Hughes):

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 "pledges its support to Her Majesty's Government in any measures it may take to economise in defence expenditure while at the same time preserving our military efficiency and meeting our essential commitments"—(Mr. Ian Harvey);—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 Four of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Litter Bill;
Second Reading of the Litter Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of November last, That the Obscene Publications 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 Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) 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 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 Pensioners' Milk Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of December last, That the Rural Transport Improvement 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 Automation and Electronics Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

(No. 138.)

Monday, 23rd April, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Elder Yard Chapel Chesterfield Bill (Lords) was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bedford Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Croydon Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Rules, dated 16th April 1956, entitled the Board of Inquiry (Air Force) Rules, 1956. Vol. 211

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

(1) Volume 4, Trade A, Shipbuilding and Ship Repairing, and (2) Volume 11, Trade A, Rubber.

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. Aubrey Jones, supported by Mr. Brooke Coal Industry Bill, and Mr. Renton, presented a Bill to extend the power of the Minister of Fuel and Power to make advances to the National Coal Board for capital purposes; and to alter the financial year of the National Coal Board: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committees on Finance [Exchequer Advances] and Finance [National Loans] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(1) Volume 4, Trade A, Shipbuilding and Ship Repairing, and (2) Volume 11, Trade A, Rubber.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Finance [Exchequer Advances] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of
the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to Finance, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required for the purpose of making to bodies concerned with the carrying on of industries or undertakings under national ownership or control advances not exceeding the sum of seven hundred million pounds;

(b) the raising by the Treasury in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, and the payment into the Exchequer, of any money needed for providing the sums authorised to be issued under the foregoing paragraph, or for repaying to the Consolidated Fund all or any part of the sums so issued;

(c) the repayment into the Exchequer, with interest, of any sums authorised to be issued under this Resolution and their reissue out of the Consolidated Fund and application in redemption or repayment 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.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Finance (National Loans) 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, if the terms of issue of any securities issued under the National Loans Act, 1939, provide for the making of payments in respect of those securities other than payments of principal and interest, the sums required to meet those payments shall be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered, That Sir Albert Braithwaite, Sir Thomas Dugdale, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Green be Members of the Select Committee on the Underground Works (London) Bill.—(Mr. Wakefield.)

Mr. Aubrey Jones presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum explanatory of the Coal Industry Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

Tuesday, 24th April, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report London County Council (Money) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Dover Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

A Public Petition was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th April 1956, entitled the Strategic Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1956.

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 Ashton-under-Lyne (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Major Legge-Bourke reported from the Committee on the British Transport Commission (No. 2) Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. 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.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Elder Yard Chapel Chesterfield Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—(Mr. Heath);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and adding the words "this House views with concern the difficulties facing both British Railways and omnibus proprietors in maintaining their existing services in rural areas and invites the Government to review both the regulations and taxation affecting public transport in such areas, to encourage technical development and experimental services, and to use their powers under subsection (1) of Section 17 of the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919"—(Mr. Vane),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Thomson: 110. Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. John Henderson, Noes, Mr. George: 167. So it passed in the Negative.

The House resumed the postponed Proceeding on the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And the Question being again proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being after Ten of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Wakefield.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of a Statute made by the University of Cambridge on the 3rd day of February 1956 amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorncroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th April 1956, entitled the Paper (Use in Betting Schemes) (Revocation) Order, 1956.

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 Regulations, dated 18th April 1956, entitled the Milk and Meals (Amending) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

London Traffic. Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 18th April 1956, entitled—

(1) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (St. Marylebone) Regulations, 1956, and

(2) the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (Heston and Isleworth and Twickenham) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Jenkins reported from the Committee on the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Bill, That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added Fifteen Members to Standing Committee C. Standing in respect of the Hotel Proprietors (Liabilities and Rights) Bill, viz.: Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Coldrick, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Eden, Mr. Huener, Mr. McAden, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Rees-Davies, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Spearman, Sir Charles Taylor, Mr. Usborne, Mr. Warby, and Mr. Wilkins.

Standing Committee C. reported from Standing Committee C. That they had gone through the Occasional Licences and Young Persons Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

No. 266. Wills, &c. (Publication) Bill. Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 2nd day of March last, That the Wills, &c. (Publication) Bill be now read a second time, be resumed upon Friday the 11th day of May next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Leicester Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for Two hours after Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

Mr. Godber reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 17th day of this instant April, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

**CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.**

**Tobacco.**

I. That—

1. as from the eighteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, the duties of customs and excise chargeable on tobacco under section three of the Finance Act, 1947, shall be charged at the increased rates set out, as respects duties of customs, in the first of the following Tables, and as respects duties of excise, in the second of those Tables;

2. as respects tobacco on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the said increased rates drawback shall be allowed at the rates set out in the third of the following Tables.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

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**Customs Duties.**

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Cigars—

Snuff—

Cigarettes—

Cigars and cigarette tobacco—

Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond—

Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond—

Other manufactured tobacco—

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**Excise Duties.**

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Cavendish or Negrohead manufactured in bond—

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**INCOME TAX.**

4. That income tax for the year 1956-57 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 such higher rates in respect of the excess as Parliament may hereafter determine.

5. That—

(a) for the purposes of the Income Tax Acts other than surtax, relief of income tax on deposits with the Post Office savings bank or ordinary deposits with a trustee savings bank which forms part of an individual’s total income shall be disregarded up to fifteen pounds; and

(b) for the purposes of the foregoing paragraph the income of a married woman living with her husband shall not be deemed to be his income; and it is expedient for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to Finance to authorise such incidental charges to surtax as may result from increasing for the purposes of surtax the total income of an individual which for the purposes of income tax chargeable at the standard rate is reduced by the disregard of interest on savings bank deposits.

But this Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deducted or repaid under section one hundred and fifty-six of the Income Tax Acts, 1913, before the sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

**Relief from income tax on savings bank interest.**

6. That investment allowances shall not be suspended after the seventeenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, except as may be provided by any Act of the present Session relating to Finance.

**Suspension of investment allowances.**

7. That new provision shall be made for charging income tax on the emoluments of persons carrying on business.

**Income tax in respect of offices and employments.**

8. That, in the case of persons carrying on the business of granting annuities, it shall be made for the payment and recovery of that tax and for other matters arising out of the new charge to tax.

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Strengthened cider and perry.

2. That for the purposes of the excise Acts cider or perry of fifteen degrees of proof or greater strength shall on or after the eighteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, be treated as sweets unless it has undergone no other process than a single process of fermentation, was made from apple or pear juice which at the beginning of that process was in its natural state, and contains no ethyl alcohol derived from other materials, except that—

(a) an excise licence shall not be required before the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, for the making for sale or rendering sparkling of any cider or perry which is treated as sweets by virtue of this Resolution, nor before the eighteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, for the dealing wholesale by any person in any such cider or perry which he or a predecessor in his business has acquired or ordered before the said eighteenth day of April; and

(b) an excise licence extending to sweets shall not be required before the said eighteenth day of July for the selling by retail or keeping on any premises by any person of any such cider or perry which he or a predecessor in his business has ordered before the said eighteenth day of April.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1913.

**Purchae Tax.**

Charge of purchase tax on conversions of motor vehicles, etc.

3. That, as from the first day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, purchase tax shall be chargeable in respect of mechanically propelled road vehicles of certain descriptions (and in particular cars of passenger carrying types) where the vehicles are made or completed otherwise than in the course of a business which ordinarily includes the making of those vehicles, where they are produced by reconstructing, converting or adapting other vehicles, and in like cases, and provision shall
of part of any such person's annuity fund (being a provision having reference to annuity contracts designed to secure superannuation benefits or other provision for a person's retirement), to authorise such charges to tax as may result in particular cases from treating that part of the fund and the remainder thereof, and the annuity contracts and annuity business to which each is referable, separately for tax purposes, and in particular for the purpose of determining how far any annuities are to be treated as paid out of profits or gains brought into charge to tax; and

(b) where any such person is not charged to tax under Case I of Schedule D in respect of the annuity business carried on by him, to provide for charging to tax the profits arising to him from that business or from any part of that business treated separately as aforesaid.

Income tax (incidental charges).

9. That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to Finance it is expedient to authorise all such incidental charges to income tax (including charges for past years of assessment) as may result—

(a) from any provisions directing that the question whether a person is resident in the United Kingdom for income tax purposes shall be decided without regard to a place of abode maintained in the United Kingdom for his use;

(b) from any provision treating overseas income as chargeable by reference to the time when it arises or is treated as arising, instead of the time when it is received in the United Kingdom in certain cases where the person chargeable transfers it to the United Kingdom in the first year in which he is able, or from giving any such provision retrospective effect;

(c) from any provision exempting pensions payable to persons resident outside the United Kingdom in respect of service in India, Pakistan, the colonies or certain other territories, or from giving any such provision retrospective effect;

(d) from any provision extending the class of liabilities which are charges on residue for the purposes of Part XIX of the Income Tax Act, 1952.

PROFITS TAX.

Increase of profits tax.

10. That, as respects chargeable accounting periods ending after the end of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, the enactments relating to the profits tax shall be amended by—

(a) substituting thirty per cent. for twenty-seven and a half per cent. as the rate of any tax not being a distribution charge; and

(b) substituting twenty-seven per cent. for twenty-five per cent. as the rate of any relief for non-distribution, and

(c) adjusting the rates of distribution charges to take account of reliefs for non-distribution given at the new rate; and in connection therewith provision shall be made for the following matters, that is to say, for dividing, either generally or for particular purposes, chargeable accounting periods falling partly before and partly after the end of that month, for treating wholly or partly as a distribution for a chargeable accounting period ending after the end of that month dividends declared on or after the seventeenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and for adjusting the relief to be given on repayment of loans previously treated as distributions.

Profits tax (miscellaneous provisions).

11. That it is expedient to authorise all such charges to the profits tax (including charges for past chargeable accounting periods) as may result—

(a) from amendments of the law relating to allowances, deductions or charges for income tax purposes;

(b) from amendments of the law as to the cases in which, and periods for which, grouping notices under section twenty-two of the Finance Act, 1937, may be given or are to have effect after the seventeenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, or as to the consequences of a body corporate by or as respects which a grouping notice has been given satisfying (after that day) the conditions for exemption from tax under subsection (3) of section thirty-one of the Finance Act, 1947;

(c) from any provision directing that sums applied after the seventeenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, in reducing share capital or in repaying loans shall in certain cases be taken into account in whole or in part either as being distributions or as reducing the amounts which, after a trade or business has ceased, are to be treated as distributions of capital.

ESTATE DUTY.

Estate duty (settled property subject to annuity).

12. That it is expedient to authorise all such charges to estate duty as may result from amendments regulating the charge to duty where settled property subject to an annuity passes on a death.

STAMP DUTY.

Life annuities.

13. That every instrument being a grant or Life annuities.

contract for payment of a purchased life annuity shall be chargeable with stamp duty under paragraph (3) of the heading "Bond, Covenant or Instrument of any kind whatsoever" in the First Schedule to the Stamp Act, 1891, and not otherwise.

The First Resolution being read a second time;

And the Question being put forthwith, Questions put (pursuant to S.O. (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the "Mr. Heath, Yea, Mr. Galbraith:
Tellers for the "Mr. Holmes,
Noes, Mr. Wilkins:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Second Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Third Resolution being read a second time:

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 Fourth Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Fifth Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Sixth Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Seventh Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Eighth Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Ninth Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Tenth 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 Eleventh Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twelfth Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Thirteenth Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Legh reported from the Committee on Finance [Exchequer Advances], a Resolution; [Exchequer Advances] which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to Finance, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required for the purpose of making to bodies concerned with the carrying on of industries or undertakings under national ownership or control advances not exceeding the sum of seven hundred million pounds;

(b) the raising by the Treasury in any manner in which they are authorised to raise money under the National Loans Act, 1939, and the payment into the Exchequer, of any money needed for providing the sums authorised to be issued under the foregoing paragraph, or for repaying to the Consolidated Fund all or any part of the sums so issued;

(c) the repayment into the Exchequer, with interest, of any sums authorised to be issued under this Resolution and their re-issue out of the Consolidated Fund and application in redemption or repayment 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.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.
Mr. Leigh reported from the Committee on Finance [National Loans], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

Amendment of law.

That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance, so, however, that this Resolution shall not extend to amending the enactments relating to purchase tax otherwise than by reducing any of the several rates of tax generally for all goods to which that rate applies.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Leigh reported from the Committee of Ways and Means of the 23rd day of this instant April, a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

Amendment of law.

That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance, so, however, that this Resolution shall not extend to amending the enactments relating to purchase tax otherwise than by reducing any of the several rates of tax generally for all goods to which that rate applies.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), that this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution and upon the other Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means and the Resolutions reported from the Committees on Finance [Exchequer Ad- vance] and Finance [National Loans], and agreed to this day; and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Ex- chequer, Mr. Brooke, and Sir Edward Boyle do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Brooke accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, to authorise advances out of the Consolidated Fund to nationalised industries and undertakings, and to make further provision in connection with Finance; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Abolition of death penalty).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 6, after the word "murder", to insert the words "except where the jury finds expressly that the killing was a deliberate and calculated act".—(Mr. Turner-Samuels.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the —Sir Charles Taylor, Mr. Rees-Davies.

Yea, Noes

—Tellers for the —Mr. Robinson, Mr. Heath.


Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 9, to leave out the words "to imprison¬ment for life" and insert the words "to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure".—(Viscount Hinchingbrooke)

Question proposed, That the words "to imprisonment" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any offence for which the penalty of death is prescribed by the Army Act, 1955, the Air Force Act, 1955, or the Naval Discipline Act".—(Mr. Rees-Davies)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the —Colonel Crosthwaite-Green, Mr. Neave.

Yea, Noes

—Tellers for the —Mr. Robinson, Mr. Kirk.

203. Yea.


Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply to a murder committed by any person previously convicted of murder".—(Mr. Rees-Davies)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that the requiremen imposed by this subsection to sentence to imprisonment for life shall not apply to any person, if the jury is satisfied that at the time of the offence for which such person is charged such person though not insane was suffering from mental weakness or abnormality bordering on insanity, to such an extent that his responsibility was substantially diminished and the jury shall return a special verdict to the effect that the accused was guilty of culpable homicide; where such special verdict is found the court shall order the offender to be kept in custody in such place and in such manner as the court shall direct during Her Majesty's pleasure".—(Mr. Simon).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Heath.)
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Wills.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 25th April, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Henry Hynd Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Hotel Proprietors (Liabilities and Rights) Bill.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 38, to leave out the word "three" and insert the word "five".—(Mr. Arthur Irvine.)

Question proposed, That the word " three " stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th April, 1956, entitled—

(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest on Entry) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations, 1956.

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 Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department extending Section I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932—

(1) to the Borough of Louth, (2) to the Borough of Stalybridge, and (3) to the Rural District of Teesdring.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of an Order, dated 24th April, 1956, entitled of Goods)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William 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.

Commander Agnew reported from the Committee on the Leeds Corporation Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Four of the clock.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Business of Private Bills (Adjustment of Committee).

The House, according to Order, resolved Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.

Clause No. 4 (Appointment of other members of Court).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 38, to leave out the word "three" and insert the word "five".—(Mr. Arthur Irvine.)

Question proposed, That the word " three " stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Agreements to which Part I applies).
Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 20, after the word "agreement", to insert the words "in force at any date after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-six". —(Mr. Cronin.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 20, to leave out the words "between persons" and insert the words "to which one or more of the parties is a person".—(Mr. Wade.)

Question put, That the words "between persons" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 208.
Mr. Wakefield. Colonel Harrison.
Mr. Holt.
Mr. Wade.

Tellers for the Noes, 174.
Mr. Wade.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 34, after the word "be", to insert the words "or not to be".—(Mr. Jay.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 42, after the word "supplied", to insert the word "imported".—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question proposed, That the word "imported" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 13, after the word "payments", to insert the words "other than payments by way of subscription to any fund to be used exclusively for purposes of scientific or industrial research or towards the administrative expenses of a trade association".—(Captain Orr.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 218.
Mr. Hughes-Young. Mr. Markham. Mr. Holmes.
Mr. Ideal.

Tellers for the Noes, 167.
Mr. Wade.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 25, after the word "shall", to insert the words "unless the contrary is shown".—(Mr. Nield.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 30, after the word "them", to insert the words "in relation to any particular class of goods or process of manufacture".—(Mr. Philip Bell.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 206.
Mr. Godber. Mr. Bryan.
Mr. Simmons.

Tellers for the Noes, 150.
Mr. Joseph Price.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Excepted agreements).

Amendment proposed, in page 5, to leave out lines 40 to 42.—(Mr. Mulley.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "or" in line 41, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 41, after the word "corporate", to insert the words "(provided such parties are interconnected bodies corporate at the date on which this Act comes into force or have obtained a licence to amalgamate as is provided in this Act)".—(Mr. Wade.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 43, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Mulley.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "contract" in line 43, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir Lynn Ingoe-Thomas.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Wills):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seven minutes before Twelve of the clock, till tomorrow.

The Prime Minister presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement on the Discussions, held at London between the 12th and 27th days of April 1956, of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
with the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Mr. N. A. Bulganin, and Member of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Mr. N. S. Khrushchev; with a Joint Declaration on Development of Contacts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act 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 Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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,—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 1956, including the Receipts and Payments of the Metropolitan Police Loan Account from the 1st day of April 1935 to the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Fourteenth Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of Scotland, on the Ancient Monuments of Roxburghshire.

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 Rules, dated 24th April 1956, entitled the Board of Inquiry (Army) Rules, 1956.

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:

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 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Standing Committee C, Mr. McAdden (Liabilities and Rights) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Sir David Campbell.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of the Metropolitan Police District, No. 270.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Sparks, Tellers for the Mr. Thompson, Noes, 134.

The Noes to the Left.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Tellers for the Mr. Sparks, Mr. Royle: 134.

Noes, Mr. McAdden: 179.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Street Works) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Thompson, Mr. McAdden:

Tellers for the Mr. Royle: 134.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon this day six months.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sanitary Inspectors (Change of Designation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of May next,
The Solicitors (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.  

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Lancelot Joynson-Hicks.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 11th day of May next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant April, That the Trustee Investment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indictments (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Litter Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of November last, That the Obscene Publications Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 11th day of May next.

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 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensioners' Milk Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of December last, That the Rural Transport Improvement Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Automation and Electronics Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of May next.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. —(Mr. Hughes-Young.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Five of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Amendments to Regulations for the Territorial Army, 1952.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Department of Agriculture for Scotland for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Aubrey Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Direction, dated 25th April 1956, entitled the Coal Distribution (Restriction) Direction, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th April 1956, entitled the Rating Appeals (Local Valuation Courts) Regulations, 1956.

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 Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee)

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Class VIII.

Vote I. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £10,606,720, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; of County Agricultural Executive Committees; of the Agricultural Land Commission; of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; and of the White Fish Authority and the Scottish Committee thereof.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Oakshott), put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Agriculture, proposed, That this House is of the opinion that the Annual Review and Determination of Guarantees, 1956, together with the Government's continued failure to formulate a long-term plan for agriculture, undermines the confidence of the industry in its future, fails to halt the decline in the numbers of skilled farm workers, and makes it impossible for the industry to assist the nation in its balance of payments problem to the full extent of which agriculture is capable—(Mr. Thomas Fraser);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from " 1956 " to the end of the Question and adding the words " provides fair and just guarantees in accordance with the Agriculture Act, 1947, with due regard to the present economic situation and the efficient use of national resources; and that Her Majesty's Government's policy affords a solid basis for confidence to producers with freedom of choice for consumers and is effectively enabling agriculture to play its full part in improving the balance of overseas payments "—(Mr. Amory), 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. Popplewell, Mr. Pearson:]
Tellers for the [Mr. Heath, Mr. Galtiah:]

253. 
322.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be added after " 1956 " in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Annual Review and Determination of Guarantees, 1956, provides fair and just guarantees in accordance with the Agriculture Act, 1947, with due regard to the present economic situation and the efficient use of national resources; and that Her Majesty's Government's policy affords a solid basis for confidence to producers with freedom of choice for consumers and is effectively enabling agriculture to play its full part in improving the balance of overseas payments.

Resolved, That the Additional Import Duties (Import Duties) Order, 1956, dated 10th April 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 13th day of this instant April, be approved.

—(Mr. Low.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Godber)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Tuesday, 1st May, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S .

T HE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Leicester Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Thorpe presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Summary of Statements of Assurance Business deposited with the Board of Trade during 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Aubrey Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th April 1956, entitled the Telephone Amendment (No. 2) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Justices of the Peace Act, 1956 (Amendment) Bill (changed to Magistrates' Courts (Appeals from Binding Over Orders) Bill), with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tees Conservancy Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the [ Mr. Wilks, Yeas, Mr. Godber: }

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Tellers for the [ Mr. Wilkins, Noes, Mr. Rogers: }

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 6 (Excepted agreements).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 1, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word " any " in line 2, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [ Mr. Legh, }

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Tellers for the [ Mr. Rogers, Noes, Mr. Deer: }

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Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) This part of this Act does not apply to any agreement the purpose of which is to recommend the adoption of standards drawn up by the British Standards Institution ".—(Mr. Nield.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) This part of this Act does not apply to any agreement the purpose of which is to recommend the adoption of standards drawn up by the British Standards Institution ".—(Mr. Nield.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

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Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) This part of this Act does not apply to any agreement the purpose of which is to recommend the adoption of standards drawn up by the British Standards Institution ".—(Mr. Nield.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 24, to leave out from the beginning to the word " every " in line 1.—(Mr. Jay.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 27, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Jay.)
Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Oakshott: Yea,
Yess, 
Mr. Colonel Harrison: 264.
Noes, 
Mr. Joseph Price: 205.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Particulars to be furnished for registration).

Amendment proposed, in page 7, line 7, to leave out from the second word "the" to the word "to" in line 8 and insert the words "the agreement shall be contrary to the public interest under the provisions hereinafter contained but no criminal proceedings shall lie by reason of the said agreement being hereby made unlawful".—(Mr. Wedge.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Colonel Harrison, Yea, 241.
Tellers for the 
Mr. Mr. Bryan: 198.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 7, line 44, to leave out from the word "agreement" to the end of the Clause and add the words "the agreement shall be unlawful in respect of the restrictions by virtue of which this part of the Act applies to the agreement and such order may be made as might be made if the said restrictions were restrictions determined to be contrary to the public interest under the provisions hereinafter contained but no criminal proceedings shall lie by reason of the said agreement being hereby made unlawful".—(Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomas.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 
Mr. Mr. Bryan: Yea, 242.
Tellers for the 
Mr. Mr. Wakefield: 199.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (General provisions as to the register).

Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that where an entry is made in the special section of the register an indication to that effect shall be given in that part of the register which is open to public inspection".—(Mr. Robert Edwards.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 42, at the end, to insert the words "or (c) particulars containing information the publication of which would in the opinion of the Board cause a substantial reduction in the volume or earnings of the export trade of any trade or industry in the United Kingdom".—(Mr. Hirst.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 43, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) Parties to an agreement may make application to the Board of Trade that the whole or any part of an agreement should be included in the special section of the Register.

(5) If an application under the last subsection is refused by the Board of Trade the parties to an agreement may appeal to the High Court against the Board's refusal and the decision of the court shall be final".—(Mr. Lancelot Joynton-Hicks.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Thorneycroft.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Louth, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 26th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Stalybridge, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 26th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Tendring, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 26th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Control of Borrowing (Amendment) Order, 1956, dated 13th March 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 13th day of March last, be annulled.—(Mr. Grimond):—It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Godber.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table: and be printed.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report of an Inquiry, in accordance with subsection (3) of Section 41 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, on the Question of Earnings Limits for Benefits.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Attorney General presented, by Her Public Trustee, a Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the Public Trustee Office.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of Rules, dated 25th April 1956, entitled the Supreme Court Funds Rules, 1956.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Schemes for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision—
(1) of the Parishes of Saint Michael and All Angels, Camberwell, and All Souls, Grosvenor Park, and
(2) of the Parishes of Saint Andrew, Peckham, and All Saints, North Peckham, in the Diocese of Southwark.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords], Petition for additional Provision, Bill [Lords].

2. That, in the case of the Mersey Docks Bill [Lords], Petition for Bill, with:—That the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That, in the case of the Mersey Docks Bill [Lords], Petition for Bill, and Harbour Board [Lords], 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.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the Standing Committee C from standing Committee C.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr.
The House, according to Order, resolved conditions whether for the maintenance of Trade Practices Bill, or for other purposes, BiU. Trade Practices Bill, or.

Mr. Henry Hynd reported from Standing Committee C, that they had gone through the Hotel Proprietors (Liabilities and Rights) Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 11th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Justices of the Peace Act, 1361 (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday the 15th day of June next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. said suppliers or otherwise howsoever, or

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.

Clause No. 10 (Rectification of the register, etc.). Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 16, to leave out the word "High" and insert the words "Restrictive Practices".—(Mr. Daring)

Question, That the word "High" stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Offences in connection with registration).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes:—Mr. Wills, 248. 
Mr. Wakefield; 198.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Popplewell.

Clause No. 13 (Commencement of proceedings and venue).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 12, line 13, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Arthur Irvine.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 14 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Jurisdiction and powers of Restrictive Practices Court).

Amendment proposed, in page 13, line 10, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(1) Subject to subsection (3) of this section as from the expiration of eighteen months from the passing of this Act the agreements particular of which are registered under Part I of this Act shall be deemed to be contrary to the public interest and unlawful in respect of such of the restrictions mentioned in subsection five of this Act as are mentioned in subsection (2) of this section and such order may be made in respect of the said restrictions as might be made if the said restrictions were restrictions determined to be contrary to the public interest under the provisions in this Act contained but no criminal proceedings shall lie by reason of the said agreement being made unlawful as hereby provided.

(2) The restrictions referred to in subsection (1) of this section are restrictions which have the effect of requiring that—

(a) suppliers of any goods shall discriminate in favour of certain buyers whether by an agreement to sell exclusively to the said buyers or to sell to them at a preferential price or otherwise howsoever, or

(b) buyers of any goods shall discriminate in favour of certain suppliers whether by an agreement to buy exclusively from the said suppliers or otherwise however, or

(c) suppliers of any goods shall not sell without imposing on the buyer certain conditions whether for the maintenance of prices on resale or for other purposes,

(d) suppliers of any goods shall give a rebate to some or all the persons buying from them calculated on their total purchases from some two or more of the said suppliers, or

(e) a process shall not be applied to the goods of certain persons or that a process shall only be applied to the goods of certain persons on terms or conditions which are less favourable than those applicable in the case of other persons, or

(f) restrictions offering to any person rebates calculated as rates dependent on the total value of work done for that person by two or more of the parties to any agreement mentioned in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The Court shall have jurisdiction on the application of any party to an agreement under which the said party accepts any restriction mentioned in subsection (2) of this section to declare that such restriction is not contrary to the public interest and the said restriction shall thereupon take effect accordingly.

(4) The Board of Trade may at any time by order provide that any restrictions referred to in section five of this Act shall be a restriction to which the provisions of subsection (1) of this section apply and the power of the Board of Trade to make orders under this subsection shall be exercisable by statutory instrument; and an order under this subsection shall be of no effect until it is approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."—(Mr. Joly.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
Another Amendment proposed, in page 13, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—
"(3) Where any such restrictions are determined by the Court not to be contrary to the public interest the Court shall make an order to that effect and the agreement shall be enforceable by civil proceedings as between any party thereto".—(Mr. Graham Cooke.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Thorneycroft.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

MEMORANDUM.

Wednesday, 2nd May, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Henry Hynd Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the National Insurance Bill.

[No. 146]

Thursday, 3rd May, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

A MOTION being made, That the British Transport Commission (No. 2) Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of Her Majesty, in right of Her Duchy of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as
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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.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill (Lords).

The City of London (Various Powers) Bill (Lords) was read the third time and passed with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Housing (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 31st March 1956.

Local Government (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th April 1956, entitled the Local Government (Payment of Grants, &c.) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Supplies and Services (Raw Materials).

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th April 1956, entitled the Iron and Steel Scrap Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Housing.

Mr. Sandys presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for England and Wales, dated 31st March 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Marriages Validity (Elm Park Hall, Reading) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

London County Council (General Powers) (No. 3) Bill.

Sir Roger Conant reported from the Committee on the London County Council (General Powers) (No. 3) 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.

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Commander Agnew reported from the Committee on the Leeds 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 Committee on the North-East Surrey Crematorium Board Bill (Lords) have leave to make a Special Report.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the North-East Surrey Crematorium Board Bill (Lords), That they had agreed to a Special Report relative to the Bill which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read, as follows:

During consideration of the North-East Surrey Crematorium Board Bill (Lords) by the Committee, it was brought to their notice that a petition had been deposited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and others, complaining of a matter which had arisen during the progress of the Bill before the Committee. In view of the provisions of Standing Orders 126 (Reference to Committee of petitions against Bill) and 134 (Right of audience before Committees on opposed Bills) further consideration of the Bill has been adjourned in order to enable the Chairman of Ways and Means to consider whether or not the Bill should be treated as an opposed Private Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Pontypool and District Water Bill (Lords), That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble 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 Dover Corporation Bill (Lords), That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments 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 London County Council (Money) Bill, That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Spearman; and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Emmet.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Cronin and Captain Duncan (added in respect of the National Insurance Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Kimball and Mr. Marquand.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 16 (Presumption as to the public interest).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 13, line 34, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Hector Hughes.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 13, line 38, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mrs. Castle.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Barber, Yeas, 225. Mr. Bryan: 173. Mr. Short, Noes. Mr. Deer,]

Another Amendment proposed, in page 14, line 1, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Mr. Darling.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "person" in line 2, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 14, line 18, to leave out paragraph (d).—(Mr. Wade.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of line 24, stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 14, line 26, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 34.—(Mr. Wade.)

Question put, That the word "or" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Wakefield, Yeas, 192. Mr. Bryan: 143. Mr. Simmons, Noes, Mr. Short:]

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 14, line 34, at the end, to insert the words—

"(h) that the removal of the restriction would be likely to have a serious and persistent adverse effect on the carrying out of technical education, research and development in the industry concerned".—(Sir Peter Roberts.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 14, line 35, after the first word "and", to insert the words "is further satisfied".—(Mr. Thorneycroft.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, Yeas, 176. Mr. Wakefield: 115. Mr. Simmons:]

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 14, line 41, at the end, to add the words—

"In determining whether the restriction has not operated and is not calculated to operate to an unreasonable extent to the detriment of persons or the public as hereinafter provided all matters which appear in the particular circumstances to be relevant shall be taken into account and amongst other things regard shall be had to the need consistently with the general economic position of the United Kingdom to achieve the objects stated in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of section fourteen of the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices (Inquiry and Control) Act, 1948".—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. John Taylor, Yeas, 104. Mr. Simmons: 168. Mr. Bryan:]

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Variation of decisions of the Court). Amendment proposed, in page 15, line 12, after the word "of", to insert the words "or aggrieved by".—(Mr. Holt.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to Roxburgh confirm a Provisional Order under the Private County Council Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, Order relating to Roxburgh County Council (Ale Confirmation Water): And the same was ordered under Section 7 of the Act to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to Roxburgh confirm a Provisional Order under the Private County Council Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, Order relating to Roxburgh County Council (Ale Confirmation Water): And the same was ordered under Section 7 of the Act to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Fifth Interim Report by the Government Actuary on the operation of the National Insurance Act, 1946, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the Furniture directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventh Annual Report of the Furniture Development Council, for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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countries in connection with family allowances, to authorise a local authority to whose care a person has been committed by an order of any court under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, or the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937, to enthrust the care and control of that person to a parent, guardian, relative or friend; to permit such a person to be treated as included in a family for the purposes of family allowances while the control of that person is so entrusted; and for purposes connected with the matters afore-said: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Licensing (Airports) Bill [Lords] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Heath.)

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Heath.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Class V.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £292,136,175, 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 1957, 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.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Heath)—put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the cost of the National Health Service.—(Mr. Turton.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Licensing (Airports) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill. Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Bryan; Mr. Asbury.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Bealick; Mr. Avalon.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Oakshott)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—
Copies of the Third Annual Reports, for 1955—
(1) of the Historic Buildings Council for England, and
(2) of the Historic Buildings Council for Wales.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
Copies of Measures passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, entitled—
(1) The Representation of the Laity Measure, 1956, and
(2) the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the City of London (Increase) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, Mr. Secretary Stuart, Mr. Iain Macleod, Mr. Turton, Mr. Aubrey Jones, Miss Pitt, and Mr. Wood, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of allowances out of the Industrial Injuries Fund with a view to supplementing workmen's compensation and benefit, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill be resumed at this day's Sitting, from the Provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clause No. 19 (Prohibition of agreements for collective enforcement of conditions as to resale prices).
Amendment proposed, in page 16, line 6, after the word "out", to insert the words "or to seek directly or indirectly to give effect to or by any method whatsoever to enforce or secure the performance of":—(Mr. Fletcher.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

As Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 16, line 27, to leave out paragraph (d).—(Mr. Mulley.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 16, line 32, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Darling.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Individual enforcement by legal proceedings of conditions as to resale prices).
Amendment proposed, in page 17, line 16, to leave out the word "either":—(Mr. Oram.)
Question proposed, That the word "either" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 17, line 18, after the word "supplier", to insert the words "or by any person adversely affected by a breach of this condition":—(Mr. Simon.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 17, line 20, at the end, to insert the words:—"Provided that the contract under which such person acquired the goods for resale itself contained a condition as to the price at which such goods might be resold":—(Mr. Fletcher.)
Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Wilkins, Yeas, Mr. Short: ] 203,
Tellers for the [Mr. Godber, Noes, Mr. Barber: ] 238.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 17, line 35, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) The granting by a society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1954, of any discount, rebate or dividend to its members payable at intervals of not less than a quarter of a year in respect of amounts paid or payable by or to them on account of their transactions with the Society shall not be treated as a breach of a condition as to the price at which any goods acquired by the Society may be resold and no proceedings under this section shall be taken, by a supplier of goods against such a Society solely on the grounds that the granting of a discount, rebate or dividend by the Society in the circumstances hereinbefore mentioned is a breach of a condition as to the price at which the goods may be resold".—(Mr. Oram.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Mr. Simmons: ] 196,
Tellers for the [Mr. Wakefield, Noes, Mr. Bryan: ] 230.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 17, line 42, to leave out the word "whether" and insert the words "provided that they are"—(Sir Leslie Plummer.)

Question put, That the word "whether" stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Colonel Harrison, Yeas, Mr. Hughes-Young: ] 228,
Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Simmons: ] 189.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 17, line 43, at the end, to add the words "but the court shall not grant an injunction unless it is satisfied that the granting of the injunction would not be contrary to the public interest".—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

Question put, That those words be there added.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph Price, Yeas, Mr. Wilkins: ] 163,
Tellers for the [Lieutenant-Commander Thompson, Noes, Mr. Godber: ] 206.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 17, line 43, at the end, to add the words—

"(5) The Board of Trade may after receipt of a recommendation to that effect of the Monopolies Commission by order direct that this section shall cease to have effect (subject to such saving or transitional provisions as may be contained in the order) in relation to any supplier of goods of a class prescribed by the Board of Trade as being goods in respect of which the individual enforcement by legal proceedings of conditions as to resale prices is contrary to the public interest.

Question put, That those words be there added.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Holmes, Yeas, Mr. Wilkins: ] 123,
Tellers for the [Colonel Harrison, Noes, Mr. Bryan: ] 172.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomas)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Mr. Oadby, Yeas, Colonel Harrison: ] 141,
Tellers for the [Mr. Holmes, Noes, Mr. Joseph Price: ] 92.

Wednesday, 9th May, 1956:
Clause No. 21 amended and agreed to.
To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomas.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—(Mr. Galbraith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Downing College, Cambridge, on the 17th day of February 1956 amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Statement concerning the regulation of the provision of Slaughterhouses in England and Wales.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Scheme for authorising the taking down of the Church of Saint Peter the Less, Chichester, and the sale of the site and materials thereof; and for the appropriation to other uses of the Church of Saint Olave, Chichester; in the Diocese of Chichester.

Mr. Henry Hynd reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the National Insurance Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and be printed.

Standing Committee C. National Insurance Bill (Lords). No. 280.

The Finance (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Teachers' Salaries (Scotland) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations, 1956, dated 13th March 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 22nd day of March last, be annulled—(Mr. Malcolm MacPherson):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Barber).—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 three minutes before Twelve of the clock, till to-morrow.

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PRAYERS.

The Sion College Bill (Lords) was read the third time and passed, with Amendments. Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments: to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to Rights of Way, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th May 1956, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Solbury, Gloucestershire) (Revocation) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Coal Industry [Money] and on the House. Local Government Elections Bill be suspended, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister)

The Order of the day being read, for the Coal Industry Second Reading of the Coal Industry Bill;—And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and adding the words "this House, while welcoming any measure which would increase the economic production of coal, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which will extend the ability of the National Coal Board to borrow without adequate Parliamentary control, and which permits a large increase in public expenditure upon an undertaking which has made continual losses despite heavy capital investment"—(Mr. Nabarro),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Oakshott, 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Wakefield.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Mr. Aubrey Jones, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Coal Industry [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the power of the Minister of Fuel and Power to make advances to the National Coal Board for capital purposes, it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund, the raising in any manner authorised under the National Loans Act, 1939, or the payment into the Exchequer, of any increases in the sums authorised by the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, to be so issued, raised or paid which are attributable to any principal in respect of such advances—

(a) shall not at any time exceed six hundred and fifty million pounds; and

(b) shall not at any time in any financial year exceed by more than seventy-five million pounds for such greater sum as the said Minister may by order specify for that year the highest aggregate amount so outstanding at any time during the immediately preceding financial year.

—(Mr. Aubrey Jones.)

Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Elections Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 4, line 22, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided also that in computing such period of thirty days as aforesaid the Saturday before and the Tuesday after Christmas Day shall also be disregarded in any particular year when Christmas Day falls on a Sunday".

—(Mr. Henry Price.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation Constituencies (Blackpool and North Fylde) Order, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of March last, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation Constituencies (Bradford and Shipley) Order, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of March last, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation Constituencies (Kingston upon Hull and Bridlington) Order, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of March last, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That the Draft Parliamentary Representation Constituencies (Nottingham) Order, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of March last, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Hotel Proprietors (Liabilities and Rights) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, by inserting, after the word "and", the words "for the purposes of this Act only".—(Mr. Ede.)

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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the National Insurance Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors (Amendment) Bill (Lords).

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Admission of persons as solicitors). Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 1, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 to 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 amended and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 9 to 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Power of Society to discharge articles in certain cases). Amendment proposed, in page 9, to leave out lines 20 to 24.—(Mr. Fletcher.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to. Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 13 to 19 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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-three minutes before Three of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

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[No. 153.]

Monday, 14th May, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Pontypool and District Water Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Chertsey Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Leeds Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Pontypool and District Water Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Notice of third reading) be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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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 11th day of this instant May pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of an Order, dated 9th May 1956, entitled the Importation of Pedigree Animals (No. 1) Order, 1956.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Documents concerning the Discussions held in London in April and May 1956 between Representatives of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the subject of Vietnam and the Geneva Agreements.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Reports of the Department of Health for Scotland and the Scottish Health Services Council for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, required by an Act of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the 11th day of this instant May pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), was ordered to lie upon the Table:

Copy of an Order, dated 9th May 1956, entitled the Importation of Pedigree Animals (No. 1) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Class II.

Vote 8. Colonial Office.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £902,865, 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 1957, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the salary of the Minister of State for Colonial Affairs.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a sum not exceeding £902,865 be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the year ending on 31st March 1957 for the following Votes in connection with the case of Commander Crabb, namely:


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Class I, Vote 4, Treasury and Subordinate Departments...

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Navy Estimates, Vote 12, Admiralty Office...

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Total...

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a further sum, not exceeding £15, be granted for the said Services.—(Mr. Gaitskell.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons, Yeas, Mr. Holmes: 229, Tellers for the [Mr. Heath, Noes, Mr. Galbraith: 316, Original Question again proposed:— Debate arising ;

And it being after Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments (Increase) Bill, made by the Lords to the Pensions (Increase) Bill; And the same were read.

The Lords Amendment in page 2, line 14, leave out from “is” to end of line 16, the first Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 2, line 36, leave out from “if” to “the” in line 37, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 8, line 39, after “areas” insert “in respect of certain service”, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object Special Entry, of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 8, line 46, at end insert “after the figures ’1947’ there shall be inserted the words ’or which was rendered by a person who, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, was at the date when the service began, being a date before the said fifteenth day of August, domiciled outside Asia ’; and “, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the Special Entry, object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 8, line 46, at end insert “after the figures ’1947’ there shall be inserted the words ’or which was rendered by a person who, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, was at the date when the service began, being a date before the said fifteenth day of August, domiciled outside Asia ’; and “, the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the Special Entry, object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.
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The Lords Amendment in page 9, line 2, at end insert "and after the figures "1947" there shall be added the words 'or which was rendered by a person who, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, was at the date when the service began, being a date before the said fourth day of January, domiciled outside Asia', the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Ordered. That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered. That Mr. Greenwood be discharged from the Select Committee on the Underground Works (London) Bill; and that Mr. Hoare be added to the Committee (Lieutenant-Commander Thompson).

Adjournment. Resolved. That this House do now adjourn. (Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 154.]
Tuesday, 15th May, 1956.

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.:—

Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill (Lords).
Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered. That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Tonbridge in the room of Gerald Wellington Williams, Esquire, who, since his election for the said Constituency, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham. (Mr. Heath.)

Mr. Watkinson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Great Yarmouth Port and Harbour: 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. Watkinson presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Wisbech Port and Harbour: 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 Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to the Advocates' Widows' Fund: Bill 135.
And the same was ordered under Section 7 of the Act to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Military Service Agreement, signed at Santiago on the 31st day of July 1954, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Chile (with Notes exchanged). Copy of Notes exchanged at Havana on Treaty Series 161956) the 15th day of February 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Cuba modifying the Schedules annexed to the Notes exchanged on the 18th day of December 1953 regarding Commercial Relations.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the Transport, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Transport Tribunal, for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Malcolm MacPherson reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant May; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.
Mr. Robert Jenkins reported from the Committee on the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the bill and made amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the report do lie upon the table.

Ordered, That the report be printed.

Mr. Benson reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, that they had made further progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Harold Davies;

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sion College Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Pontypool and District Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, initiated, An Act to confer further powers upon London Necropolis Company Limited; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The London Necropolis Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the examiners of petitions for private Bills.

The Rabbits Bill [Lords], Bill 122.

George Forrest, Esquire, Member for Mid-Ulster, was sworn.

Ordered, That the proceedings on Government Business be expedited, at this day's sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for one hour after ten of the clock—(Mr. Richard Butler).

A motion was made, and the question being proposed, that leave be given to bring in a bill to limit the size of school classes—(Mr. Harold Davies); And the motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the question, pursuant to the Standing Order (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business);—

The house divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas;

Mr. Harold Davies;

Mr. Maude;

Tellers for the Noes;

Mr. Beresford Crandock;

So it passed in the Negative.

The Family Allowances and National Insurance Bill 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 of the Motion relating to Family Allowances and National Insurance [Money] proposed to be made 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.

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Ordered, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the rate of certain allowances under the Family Allowances Acts, 1945 and 1952, 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 section one of the Family Allowances Act, 1945, which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session—

(a) increasing by two shillings the weekly rate of the allowance payable in respect of each child of a family other than the two eldest;

(b) providing that a person shall be treated as a child for the purposes of the said Act of 1945 during any period before he or she attains the age of eighteen years whilst he or she is undergoing full-time instruction in a school or is an apprentice or during any period whilst he or she is under the age of sixteen years and is incapacitated by illness or disability of mind or body both for attendance at a school and for employment;

(c) validating certain marriages for the purposes of family allowances;

(d) making provision with respect to reciprocal arrangements with other countries in connection with family allowances;

(e) authorising a person who has been committed by an order of any court under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, or the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937, to the care of a
local authority to be treated in certain circumstances as included in a family for the purposes of family allowances;

B. of any increase attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under section twenty of the Family Allowances Act, 1945, subsection (1) of section sixty of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, or subsection (1) of section thirty-eight of the National Insurance Act, 1946.—(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 upon Thursday next.

The Workmen’s Compensation and Benefit (Supplementation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order (Commitment 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 Workmen’s Compensation and Benefit (Supplementation) [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committee), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the payment of allowances out of the Industrial Injuries Fund with a view to supplementing workmen’s compensation and benefit, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance or any other Government department in carrying the Act into effect;

(b) if the Act applies subsection (1) of section thirteen of the National Assistance Act, 1948, so as to reduce the liabilities under the Act of the Industrial Injuries Fund to the payment of any assistance grants, the payment out of the Fund into the Exchequer of an amount equal to any such reduction.—(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 upon Thursday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Wilth):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then five minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 155]

Wednesday, 16th May, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into considera-

The House, according to Order, proceeded Advocates'

tion the Dover Corporation Bill ™ F^ 0 ,

Consideration Dover Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, by Colonial

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report Territories.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the Local

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the Superannuation

directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th May 1956, directing that a former Officer of the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation shall be subject to the provisions of Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, by Colonial

Copy of a Scheme, dated 10th April 1956, made by the Essex 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.

Copy of an Order, dated 7th May 1956, en—Public Health.

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Atomic Energy.
No. 283.

Lunacy.

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Public Petitions.
Third Report.

Selection Committee E.

Standing Committee E.

Standing Committee F.

Scottish Standing Committee.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Copy of the Balance Sheet of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority at the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of a Return to the Lord Chancellor of the Numbers of Visits made and Patients seen by the several Commissioners of the Board of Control during the six months ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Copy of an Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, prepared under Section 2 of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Act, 1953, 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 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and Copies of the Audited Accounts of the Corporations for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Ordered, That the Papers relating to Atomic Energy, Marshall Aid Commemoration, and New Towns be printed.

Colonel Lancaster reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented (upon the recommendation of Standing Committee E) by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Solicitors (Amendment) Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

Sir Hugh Linstead presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity called Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse, in the County of London: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next and to be printed.

Sir Hugh Linstead presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity called Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse, in the County of London: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next and to be printed.

Sir Hugh Linstead presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity called Robert Earl of Leicester in Warwick, in the County of Warwick: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next and to be printed.

Sir Hugh Linstead presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity called Franches Barker and certain other Charities in the City of York: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next and to be printed.

Sir Hugh Linstead presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the application or management of the Charity called Consolidated Municipal Charity and certain other Charities in the Borough of Ludlow, in the County of Salop: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of June next and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill be suspended, until the next day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for Two hours after Ten of the clock. — (Mr. Richard Butler.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee:
Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Abolition of death penalty).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that this Act shall not apply in any case in which the murder was committed
(a) in the furtherance of burglary, house-breaking or other felony, within the meaning of section twenty-six of the Larceny Act, 1916, or robbery, or immediately after the commission of any such offence or with intent to avoid arrest for any such offence, and
(b) by the use by the person charged of some offensive weapon or instrument with which such person was himself armed."—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.]

Yeas, Mr. Rodgers: 205.

Noes, Mr. Kirk: 217.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that this Act shall not apply in any case in which the murder was committed by a person already serving a sentence of imprisonment for life".—(Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir James Hutchison,]


"Tellers for the [Mr. Robinson,]

Noes, Mr. Hyde: 194.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply in any case in which the offender has been convicted of murder where the death of the deceased was attributable to the use of any offensive weapon".—(Sir Robert Grimston.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply to a person previously convicted of murder".—(Mr. Rees-Davies.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

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Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply in any case where the offender is convicted of the murder of a police officer with intent to escape from custody or to avoid arrest".—(Mr. Martin Lindsay.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Robert Grimston,]

Yeas, Mr. Neve: 129.

Noes, Mr. Hyde: 160.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 16, to leave out subsection (3).—(Major Anstruther-Gray.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word "in", in line 16, stand part of the Clause:—

Debate arising;

Sir Ian Fraser rose in his place and claimed Adjournment. Clause claimed. Debate to move. The Question be now put; but the Chairman withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question:—Debate resumed;

And it being Twelve o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress and ask leave to sit again.

Thursday, 17th May, 1956:

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Galbraith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

MEMORANDA.

Wednesday, 16th May, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)) Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Gordon Thomas Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Family Allowances and National Insurance Bill.
Council Bill.  
District Chertsey Urban BiU.  

PRAYERS.  

The Chertsey Urban District Council Bill was read the third time and passed.  
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.  

The Leeds Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.  
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.  

The Advocates’ Widows’ Fund Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.  
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.  

Mr. Secretary Head presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th May 1956, entitled the Control of Highways—Revocation (No. One) Order, 1956.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.  

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Statement of Policy regarding the Organisation of Her Majesty’s Oversea Civil Service.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.  

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme, entitled the Agriculture (Ploughing Grants) (Scotland) Scheme, 1956.  
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.  

Mr. Amory, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Report of the Panel on the Composition and Nutritive Value of Flour.  

Mr. Amory also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, entitled the Ploughing Grants Scheme, 1956.  
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.  

Dr. Hill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Warrant, dated 14th May 1956, entitled the Inland Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1956.  
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 18th November 1955, made by the Wolverhampton Corporation and approved, with modifications, 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 following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—  
Account of the Sums issued out of and received from the Consolidated Fund and of the Sums received from the National Coal Board in respect of Interest and Repayment of Advances and recoupment of Crown Expenses and Liabilities, under the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, and of the Disposal of those Sums respectively, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.  
Accounts of the transactions of the Iron 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 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.  
Ordered, That the Accounts relating to Coal Industry and Iron and Steel be printed.  

Sir Lionel Heald reported from the Select Committee on Broadcasting (Anticipation of Debates), That they had considered the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them together with an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read.  
Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendix, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.  

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Underground Works (London) Bill have leave to make a Special Report.  

Sir Thomas Dugdale reported from the said Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.  
Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.  

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.  

Sir Thomas Dugdale reported from the Select Committee on the Underground Works (London) Bill, That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.  

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House; and be printed.  

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.  

17th May 1956
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 Small Lotteries and Gaming Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Small Lotteries and Gaming Bill be taken into consideration upon Friday the 15th day of June next; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising tomorrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.

Clause No. 22 (Reconstitution of Monopolies Commission).

Amendment proposed, in page 18, line 38, to leave out from the word "reappointment" to the end of subsection (2).—(Mr. Wadde)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 19, line 3, to leave out from the beginning to the second word "the" in line 5.—(Mr. Darling)

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Wills: 199.
Yeas, [Mr. Godber: 199.
Tellers for the [Mr. Holmes: 159.
Noes, [Mr. Short: 159.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 19, line 41, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Darling)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Future scope of references to Monopolies Commission).

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to bear the Commission read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

4. Local Government (Street Works) (Scotland) Act, 1956.

Then the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.

Clause No. 24 (Provisions as to orders of competent authorities under s. 10 of Act of 1948).
Amendment proposed, in page 20, line 15, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. Darling.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Harrison, Yeas: 177.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Holmes, Noes: 140.]

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 21, line 7, to leave out the word “three” and insert the word “five”—(Mr. Cronin.)

Question proposed, That the word “three” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 21, line 8, to leave out the words “the commencement of this Act” and insert the words “any Order made under section ten of the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices (Inquiry and Control) Act, 1948, or any other undertaking given to a competent authority by the person or persons in reference to whom a report has been made by the Commission”—(Mr. Doughty.)

Question proposed, That the words “the commencement of this Act” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Provisions relating to export agreements).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 21, line 23, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Cronin.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word “unless” in line 29, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 26 (Provision for additional judges of High Court and Court of Session).

Amendment proposed, in page 21, line 38, to leave out the word “three” and insert the word “eight”—(Mr. Grimond.)

Question proposed, That the word “three” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 27 to 29 agreed to.

Clause No. 30 (Interpretation).

Amendment proposed, in page 23, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

"'retail purchase' means any purchase irrespective of the price paid, where the goods are obtained for the purchaser’s own use and not for resale”—(Mr. Gresham Cooke.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 23, line 37, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 31 (Application to Northern Ireland).

Amendment proposed, in page 24, line 2, to leave out from the first word “Ireland” to the end of line 9.—(Mr. Arthur Irvine.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 32 agreed to.

A Clause (Reports)—(Sir Leslie Plummer)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Deer, Yeas: 119.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Godber, Noes: 159.]

Schedule.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 25, line 12, to leave out the words “either in private or” and insert the words “shall sit”—(Mr. Fletcher.)

Question proposed, That the words “either in private or” stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 25, line 14, at the end, to insert the words “as assessors”—(Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomas.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. John Taylor, Yeas: 108.]
Tellers for the [Colonel Harrison, Noes: 149.]

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 25, line 22, to leave out paragraph 6 and insert the words—

"6. Each Member of the Court shall give separately the reasons for his decision”.—(Sir Lynn Ungoed-Thomas.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Henry Hynd reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Mr. Thorneycroft, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Slum Clearance Compensation [Money] (No. 2) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money
Committee), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved. That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make additional provision for payments in respect of certain unfit houses subject to compulsory purchase, clearance, demolition or closing orders, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of moneys so provided which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session providing—

A. That where a house was vacated before, but was still in existence on, the thirteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, the provisions of the said Act of the present Session shall have effect as if the house had been vacated immediately after that day.

B. That a house which might have been the subject of a demolition order but which has, without the making of such an order, been demolished in pursuance of an undertaking to that effect given to the local authority shall be deemed for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session to have been vacated at the date of its demolition in pursuance of a demolition order made and served at the date when the undertaking was given;

C. That the calculation for the purposes of any provision of the said Act of the present Session of compensation in accordance with subsections (1) and (4) of section forty of the Housing Act, 1936, shall be made as if paragraph 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the said Act of 1936 had not been passed.—(Mr. Powell.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered. That the Report be received tomorrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Harbours, Docks and Piers (Additional Charges) (Amendment) Regulations, 1956, dated 11th April 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 16th day of April last, be annulled.—(Mr. Ernest Davies):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Molson reported from the Committee on Family Allowances and National Insurance (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the rate of certain allowances under the Family Allowances Acts, 1945 and 1952, 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 section one of the Family Allowances Act, 1945, which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session—

(b) providing that a person shall be treated as a child for the purposes of the said Act of 1945 during any period before he or she attains the age of sixteen years whilst he or she is undergoing full-time instruction in a school or is an apprentice or during any period whilst he or she is under the age of sixteen years and is incapacitated by illness or disability of mind or body both for attendance at a school and for employment:

(c) validating certain marriages for the purposes of family allowances;

(d) making provision with respect to reciprocal arrangements with other countries in connection with family allowances;

(e) authorising a person who has been committed by an order of any court under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, or the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act, 1937, to the care of a local authority to be treated in certain circumstances as included in a family for the purposes of family allowances;

B. of any increase attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under section twenty of the Family Allowances Act, 1945, subsection (1) of section sixty of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, of subsection (1) of section thirty-eight of the National Insurance Act, 1946.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Godber reported from the Committee on Workmen's Compensation and Benefit (Supplementation) (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the payment of allowances out of the Industrial Injuries Fund with a view to supplementing workmen's compensation and benefit, and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance or any other Government department in carrying the Act into effect;

(b) if the Act applies subsection (1) of section thirteen of the National Assistance Act, 1948, so as to reduce the liabilities under the Act of the Industrial Injuries Fund by reference to the amount of any assistance grants, the payment out of the Fund into the Exchequer of an amount equal to any such reduction.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Adjournment.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Godber.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned to-morrow.

[No. 157.]
Friday, 18th May, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

London County Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill.

ORDERED, That the London County Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant May.

Post Office.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Warrant, dated 17th May 1956, entitled the Money Order Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Emergency Law.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 16th May 1956, entitled the Scottish Milk Marketing Board (Modification of Functions) (Revocation) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Colonies, Protectorates and Trust Territories.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Telegraph.

Dr. Jill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th May 1956, entitled the Telephone (Channel Islands) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account showing the Nature and Nominal Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1956, as investments for Moneys, forming part (a) of the National Insurance Fund and (b) of the National Insurance (Reserve) Fund.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Account showing the Nature and Nominal Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1956, as Investments for Moneys forming part of the National Insurance (Existing Pensioners) Fund, transferred to the Fund under the National Insurance and Civil Service (Superannuation) Rules, 1948.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee on Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Freeth (added standing in respect of the Family Allowances and National Insurance Bill); and had appointed in substitution Sir Keith Joseph.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Heath.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 29th day of this instant May, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 18th May, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Alan Gomme-Duncan Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 158.]

Tuesday, 29th May, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Peter Freeman, Esquire, Member for Newport, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on
the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

London Necropolis Bill [Lords].

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order is applicable thereto, viz.:—

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Great Yarmouth Port and Haven) Bill.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Wisbech Port and Harbour) Bill.

Ordered. That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The following Papers, presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Command Papers), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 13th and 29th days of July 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands Government extending to the Netherlands Antilles the Convention of the 15th day of October 1948 for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Paris on the 19th day of March 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Austria extending the Agreement signed at Ankara on the 19th and 4th day of May 1956.


Copy of Statistics relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the House of Lords, the Supreme Court of Judicature, County Courts, and other Civil Courts for 1955.

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:—


Copy of Regulations, dated 17th May 1956, entitled the Wheat Commission (Scales of Allowances) Regulations, 1956.

Copy of Regulations, dated 16th May 1956, entitled the Road Vehicles Lighting (Standing Vehicles) (Exemption) (General) Regulations, 1956.

Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Savings Banks Trustee Savings Banks (Amendment) Regulations, 1956.

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.

Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 17th May 1956, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue.

Copy of the Fifth Interim Report by the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Amendment) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

Copy of an Amending Scheme made by the Queen's College, Oxford, for administering certain Funds of the College.

Copies of Orders in Council, dated 16th May 1956, approving Admiralty Memorials praying sanction—

(1) to Amendments in Scales of Compensation payable in respect of Ceylonese Native Petty Officers and Men, and

(2) to Grant of Service Gratuities to Chinese and Malayan Petty Officers and Men.

Copy of an Amending Scheme made by the Universities and Colleges (Trust) Office, Oxford, for administering certain Funds of the College.

Copy of Regulations, dated 17th May 1956, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.

Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act, 1946, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955.
(3) made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, on the 19th day of March 1956,
(4) made by the Governing Body of Waithamstow College, Oxford, on the 12th day of March 1956,
(5) made by the Governing Body of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, on the 24th day of February 1956, and
(6) made by the Governing Body of King's College, Cambridge, on the 18th day of February 1956,

amending the Statutes of the Colleges.

Rights of Way.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Statistical Review.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Industrial Organization and Development.
Mr. Thornycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Lace Furnishings Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Revocation) Order, 1956.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Merchandise Marks.
Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Merchandise Marks (Imported Goods) No. 1 Order, 1956.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Agriculture.
Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Scheme, entitled the Fertilisers (England, Wales and Scotland) Scheme, 1956.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Public Health.
Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd May 1956, entitled the Torquay (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1956, 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.

Statutory Orders (Special Procedures).
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 Salford (Repeal and Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1956.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the transfer of the Manchester Municipal College of Technology to the Manchester College of Science and Technology; to extend the boundary of the city; to make further provision in reference to the water undertaking of the Corporation and for the improvement health local government and finances of the city; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise a variation of certain works authorised by the Tyne Tunnel Act 1946 and to extend the time for the construction of certain other works authorised by that Act; to confer further borrowing and other powers on the Durham County Council and on the Northumberland County Council; to empower the Councils to discontinue and abandon the ferry across the River Tyne commonly known as the Jarrow-Howell Ferry; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Waithamstow with regard to lands and street trading; to make further provision for the improvement health and local government of the borough; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords] was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Waithamstow Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for Two hours after Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Power of sanitary authority to secure maintenance and cleanliness of sanitary conveniences)—(Mr. Amory)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to exclude operation of provisions of the Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948)—(Mr. Amory)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Form and mode of service of notices)—(Mr. Amory)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, by inserting, after the word "made", the words "having regard to the circumstances of agriculture".—(Mr. Hill.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—
The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of the last foregoing subsection regulations under this section shall provide—

(a) that every dangerous part of any machinery used in agriculture shall be securely fenced and 'maintained in that condition unless it is in such a position or of such construction as to be safe to every person employed or working on or near such machinery as it would be if securely fenced or it appears to the appropriate Minister that it is unnecessary or impracticable to fence such dangerous part; and

(b) that all ladders used in agriculture shall be soundly constructed and properly maintained”—(Mr. Willey.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—
The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 2, line 35, by inserting, after the word "agriculture", the words—

"(d) requiring the employers of workers employed in agriculture to insure themselves against claims made by such workers or their dependants for damages arising out of a breach of any provision of this Act or of any regulation thereunder ".—(Mr. Hill.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—
The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Amory, 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. Barber reported from the Committee on Slum Clearance (Compensation) [Money] (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make additional provision for payments in respect of certain unfit houses subject to compulsory purchase, clearance, demolition or closing orders, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of moneys so provided which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session providing—

A. That where a house was vacated before, but was still in existence on, the thirteenth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, the provisions of the said Act of the present Session shall have effect as if the house had been vacated immediately after that day;

B. That a house which might have been the subject of a demolition order but which has, without the making of such an order, been demolished in pursuance of an undertaking to that effect given to the local authority shall be deemed for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session to have been vacated at the date of its demolition in pursuance of a demolition order made and served at the date when the undertaking was given;

C. That the calculation for the purposes of any provision of the said Act of the present Session of compensation in accordance with subsections (1) and (4) of section forty of the Housing Act, 1936, shall be made as if paragraph 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the said Act of 1936 had not been passed.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Slum Clearance (Compensation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 1, page 1, line 26, and page 2, line 1; and Clause No. 4, page 4, line 14, and page 5, line 1, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Sandys.—(Mr. Powell.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 4 amended and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputv Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 2, line 5, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that, in relation to an interest which, at the date when the house was purchased compulsorily or, as the case may be,
vacated, was held by virtue of an agreement to purchase by instalments, this subsection shall have effect as if the words ' and any such payment shall be dealt with ' were omitted therefrom, and the payment shall be made to the person entitled to the interest at the said date.

(3) Where a payment falls to be made under this section in respect of any person's interest in a house and at the date when the house was purchased compulsorily or, as the case may be, vacated, that interest was the subject of a mortgage or other charge or an agreement to purchase by instalments, either party to the mortgage, charge or agreement may apply to the county court who, after giving to the other party to the mortgage, charge or agreement an opportunity of being heard, may, if the court thinks fit, make an order—

(a) in the case of a house which has been purchased compulsorily, discharging or modifying any outstanding liabilities of the person aforesaid by virtue of any bond, covenant or other obligation with respect to the debt secured by the mortgage or charge or by virtue of the agreement; or

(b) in the case of a house vacated in pursuance of a clearance order, demolition order or closing order, discharging or modifying the terms of the mortgage, charge or agreement,

and in either case either unconditionally or subject to such terms and conditions, including conditions with respect to the payment of moneys, as the court may think just and equitable to impose.

(4) In determining in any case what order, if any, to make under the last foregoing subsection, the court shall have regard to all the circumstances of the case, and in particular, in the case of a mortgage or charge—

(a) to whether the mortgagor or person entitled to the benefit of the charge acted reasonably in advancing the principal sum on the security of the house; and

(b) to the extent to which the house may have become unfit for human habitation owing to any default on the part of the mortgagor or person entitled to the interest charged in carrying out any obligation under the terms of the mortgage or charge with respect to the repair of the house,

or, in the case of an agreement to purchase by instalments, to how far the amount already paid by way of principal, or, where the house has been purchased compulsorily, the aggregate of that amount and so much, if any, of the compensation in respect of the compulsory purchase as falls to be paid to the vendor, represents an adequate price for the purchase; and for the purposes of paragraph (a) of this subsection the mortgagor or person entitled to the benefit of the charge shall be deemed to have acted unreasonably if, at the time when the mortgage or charge was made, he knew or ought to have known that the house did not afford sufficient security for the principal sum advanced "—(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 "Mr. Legh, Yes, Colonel Harrison: 208.
Yeas, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Joseph Price: 173.

Tellers for the "Mr. Legh,
Noes, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Joseph Price: 173.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Then the Title of the Bill was amended, as Title amended.

followeth: A Bill to make additional provision for payments in respect of certain unfit houses subject to compulsory purchase, clearance, demolition or closing orders, and for purposes connected therewith.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Abolition of death penalty).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 16, to leave out subsection (3).

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out, to the second word "the" in line 16, stand part of the Clause.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Robinson,
Yeas, Mr. Hyde: 213.

Tellers for the "Major Anstruther: 151.

Another Amendment made.

The Chairman, being of the opinion that Question put arising thereon had been adequately discussed on Order made and Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted in the course of debate on the Amendments standing part, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Sir Victor Raikes,
Yeas, Mr. Neave: 205.

Tellers for the "Sir Robert Grimston: 163.
Noes, Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre: 163.

Clause No. 2 amended and agreed to.

A Clause (Rape)—(Sir Victor Raikes)—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 "Sir Victor Raikes, Yes, Mr. Neave: 124.

Tellers for the "Mr. Robinson, Noes, Mr. Hyde: 166.

Title amended.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

The House divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Legh, Yes, Colonel Harrison: 208.
Tellers for the "Mr. Legh,
Noes, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Joseph Price: 173.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title, as followeth:—A Bill to provide, subject to an exception regarding murders by persons already serving a sentence of imprisonment for life, for abolishing or suspending for a period the passing and execution of the death sentence on conviction of murder and to substitute an alternative penalty therefor.

Bill 143.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Galbraith); And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 30th May, 1956:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies—

(1) of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on the 19th day of March 1956, and

(2) of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Christ's College, Cambridge, on the 8th day of March 1956, amending the Statutes of the Colleges.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Seventy-third Report of the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Account showing the Nature and Nominal Amount of the Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at the 31st day of March 1956, as Investments for Moneys forming part of the Ironstone Restoration Fund.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Schemes—

(1) for the demolition of the Church of Saint Augustine, Bristol, in the Diocese of Bristol, and the sale, letting, or exchange of the site thereof; and

(2) for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Saint Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey; Christ Church, Bermondsey; Saint James, Bermondsey; Saint George the Martyr, Southwark; Saint Stephen, Southwark; All Hallows, Southwark; Saint Michael, Southwark; Saint Alphege, Southwark; Christ Church, Southwark; Holy Trinity, Southwark; All Saints, Newington; Saint Mary, Southwark; Saint Stephen, Walworth Common; The Lady Margaret, Walworth; Saint Mark, East Street, Walworth; Saint Peter, Walworth; Saint Andrew, Newington; Saint Matthew, Newington; and Saint John, Walworth; in the Diocese of Southwark.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Dover Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Road Traffic Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)
Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on Road Traffic (Money) (No. 2), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

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 for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums payable out of such moneys (whether under the said Act or other enactments) by virtue of provisions of the said Act relating to street maintenance, alteration and removal (whether before or after the commencement of the said Act of the present Session) of works in the carriageway—

(a) for separating different parts of the road;
(b) for regulating the movement of traffic at cross-roads or other road junctions:
and
(c) for providing places of refuge for foot passengers:
and to the lighting, covering, fencing, and planting of such works, and the payment out of such moneys or payment into the Exchequer of any sums payable by virtue of provisions of the said Act relating to street parking places and to traffic signs.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Road Traffic Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of Clause No. 1 and in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 4, page 5, lines 11 and 15; Clause No. 12, page 10, line 3, and page 11, line 4; Clause No. 22, page 18, lines 32 and 33; Clause No. 36, page 27, line 20; Clause No. 37, page 27, line 40; Clause No. 38, page 28, line 12; and the proposed Clauses (Tests of satisfactory condition of vehicles), (Obligatory test certificates), (Duration of driving licences and fees therefor), (Provisions as to dual carriageways, roundabouts and street refuges), and (Traffic signs) and the Amendments to Schedule No. 3, page 31, line 7, and page 32, lines 1 and 31 standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Watkinson,

—(Mr. Watkinson.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 disagreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Road-safety information and road training.)

Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Where, not less than two months before the beginning of any financial year, the Minister on an examination of arrangements proposed to be made under the last foregoing subsection by the local authority that he is so satisfied, then, from the beginning of that year until a notification by the Minister to the local authority that he is no longer so satisfied takes effect, the expenditure of the county council in respect of the cost of arrangements, or of contributions, made by the county council under the last foregoing subsection shall not be chargeable on the area of the first-mentioned authority.

A notification by the Minister that he is no longer satisfied as aforesaid shall take effect at the end of the financial year in which it is given or, if it is given during the last two months of a financial year, at the end of the next following financial year."—(Mr. Molson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end, to add the words—

"This subsection shall not apply to the administrative county of London".—(Mr. Skeffington.)

Question, That those words be added to the proposed Amendment, put and negatived.

Proposed words there inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 12, 22, 36, 37, and 38 amended and agreed to.

A Clause (Tests of satisfactory condition of vehicles)—(Mr. Watkinson)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in line 10, to leave out from the word "out" to the word "by" in line 12.—(Mr. Strauss.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Barber: 216.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Simmons: 171.

Clause added.

Another Clause (Obligatory test certificates)—(Mr. Watkinson)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in line 9, at the end, to insert the words—"and those which are sold after the coming into operation of this section and were first registered as aforesaid not less than three years before that sale".—(Mr. David Jones.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Price: 176.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Godber: 218.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 11, after the word "passengers", to insert the words "to hackney carriages licensed by the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolitan Police District under the provisions of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869".—(Mr. Oliver.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause added.

Another Clause (Duration of driving licences and fees therefor)—(Mr. Molson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Provisions as to dual carriageways, roundabouts and street refuges)—(Mr. Watkinson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Traffic signs)—(Mr. Molson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule No. 3 amended and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added several Clauses to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Variation of minimum age for driving motor cycles on roads)—(Mr. Nabarro)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Offences against s. 35 of Act of 1930)—(Mr. Watkinson)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Control of dogs on roads)—(Mr. Molson)—was twice read, amended, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Maximum speed of goods vehicles)—(Mr. Nabarro); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Watkinson.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Jenkins be added to the Select Committee on Publications and Debates Reports.—(Mr. Redmayne.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Scottish Standing Committee that they have power to extend the Marriage (Scotland) Bill to England and Wales in order to make provision for the giving and issuing of such notices and certificates for marriage as may be required in connection with the said Bill to be given, or, as the case may be, issued in England or Wales.—(Mr. Bence.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Oakshott.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
within which livestock rearing land improvements may be undertaken and the Hill Farming Act, 1946, increase the maximum amount that may be paid in the aggregate by way of grants in respect of the cost of work done in accordance with such schemes and extend the time within which the said maximum amount may be further increased by order of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State; and to prolong the powers under that Act of those Ministers to make subsidy payments in respect of hill sheep and hill cattle: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Helmets to be worn by drivers and riders of motor cycles)—(Mr. Nicholson); And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Diesel Vehicles)—(Mr. Ronald Bell); And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were, severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 4, line 23, by leaving out subsection (3).—(Mr. Strauss.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 6, line 43, by leaving out the words “four” and inserting the word “three”—(Mr. Ede)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word “four” stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 26, line 34, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “and (ii) in paragraph 1, for the word “One”, where last occurring, there shall be substituted the word ‘Two’ and at the end of the said paragraph there shall be added the words ‘Provided that of the two last mentioned members one shall be a taxi-cab driver, working as such’”—(Mr. Oliver.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 38, line 3, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “or damage is caused to any notice, refuge, light, beacon or other object placed on or near a highway for the purpose of securing road safety, regulating road traffic or facilitating the passage of pedestrians”—(Mr. Isaacs.)
Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th May, 1956, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 6) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th May, 1956, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 6) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Road Traffic Bill:

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Watkinson, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Sutton’s Hospital (Charterhouse) Charity Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputys Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Hospital of Robert Earl of Leicester Charity (Warwick) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time. —The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Charity of Frances Barker and certain other Charities (City of York) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. —(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time. —The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Consolidated Municipal Charity and certain other Charities (Ludlow) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. —(Sir Hugh Linstead.)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time. —The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Galbraith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
The Copyright 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. Thorneycroft, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Copyright (Money) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make new provision in respect of copyright and related matters in substitution for the provisions of the Copyright Act, 1911, and other enactments relating thereto, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the remuneration and allowances of members, officers and servants of the Performing Right Tribunal to be established under the said Act of the present Session, and of such other expenses of that tribunal as may be determined under the said Act to be so payable;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer, in the like manner as money collected on account of customs, of fees paid in pursuance of regulations made under the said Act by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.—(Mr. Brooke.)

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.

Double Taxation Relief.  

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (India) Order, 1956, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 13th day of April last.—(Mr. Brooke.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Agriculture.  

Resolved, That the Draft Calf Subsidies (Scotland) Scheme, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 17th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Agriculture.  

Resolved, That the Draft Calf Subsidies (Scotland) Scheme, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 17th day of April last, be approved.—(Mr. Macpherson.)

Adjourned.

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 fourteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

[No. 163.]  

Tuesday, 5th June, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills (Lords) No. 2, presented from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:—

Manchester Corporation Bill (Lords).

Tyne Tunnel Bill (Lords).

Walsham-le-Willows Corporation Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Gallery. Draft Order, entitled the National Gallery (Lending outside the United Kingdom) (No. 2) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to Universities of the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Balliol's College, Oxford, on the 9th day of March 1956 amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Memorandum by the Lord Chancellor proposing corrections and minor improvements in certain enactments relating to Medical Practitioners. No. 286.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Saint Oswald, Fulham, and Saint Augustine, Fulham; in the Diocese of London.

Ordered, That the Paper relating to Medical Practitioners (Consolidation of Enactments) be printed.
Mr. Royle reported from the Committee on the North-East Surrey Crematorium Board Bill [Lords], that they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir Alan Comme-Duncan reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, that they had gone through the Marriage (Scotland) Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title as followeth: A Bill to amend the law with regard to notice of marriages intended to be celebrated or contracted in Scotland.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 15th day of this instant June; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Fletcher reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, that they had made further Progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 desire the concurrence of this House, That they had directed him to make to the House:

The Barnsley Corporation Bill [Lords].

The Barnsley Corporation Bill was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd, supported by Mr. Hare, Mr. Brooke, and Commander Noble, presented a Bill to amend the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1947: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Tobacco).

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Section four of the Finance Act, 1947 shall have effect as if the reference in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) thereof to the increase in the retail price of tobacco occasioned by the duties imposed by that Act included in addition to the reference provided for by subsection (7) of section one of the Finance Act, 1948, a reference to the effect of the further increase in the retail price of tobacco occasioned by the provisions of this section."—(Mr. Thomas Brown.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Short, Mr. Deer; Noes, Mr. Barber: 260.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Godber; Noes, Mr. A. J. Taylor: 255.

Clause No. 2 (Excise duty on strengthened cider and perry).

Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 8, at the beginning, to insert the words: "Unless made exclusively of fruit grown in the United Kingdom".—(Mr. Godman Irvine.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Joseph Price; Noes, Mr. Wakefield: 236.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 5 agreed to.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Harold Wilson)—put and negatived.

Clause No. 6 (Charge of purchase tax on conversion of goods vehicle to passenger vehicle or the like).

Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 30, to leave out subsection (b)—(Mr. Gresham Cooke.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Willa);—And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning :

Wednesday, 5th June, 1956:

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 nine minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

MEMORANDUM.

Tuesday, 5th June, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Copyright Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.

[No. 164.]

Wednesday, 6th June, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

PUBLIC Petition was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of University of St. Andrews Commissioners Ordinance No. 19 (Provision for conferring degrees in the absence of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st June 1956, entitled the Bahrain (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st June 1956, entitled the Registration of Title (City of Leicester) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st June Kuwait. 1956, entitled the Kuwait (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st June 1956, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Civil Defence) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st June 1956, entitled the Qatar (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st June 1956, entitled the Nyasaland (No. 2) Order in Council, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st June 1956, entitled the Trucial States (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Saint John's College, Cambridge, on the 15th day of March 1956 amending the Statutes of the College.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st June West Africa. 1956, entitled the Nigeria (Constitution) Amendment Order in Council, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. René, Mr. Biggs-Davison, Mr. Brooman-White, Mr. Castle, Captain Hewison, Mr. Charles Howell, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Idwal Jones, Mr. Leslie Lever, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Mawby, Mr. Snow, and Mr. Tilney; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ailaun, Mr. Edelman, Mr. Edward Evans, Mr. Green, Mr. Alistair Harrison, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Kershaw, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Harold Lever, Mr. MacColl, Mr. Mulley, Mr. Randall, Mr. Rippon, and Mr. Goronwy Roberts.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added Twenty-five Members to Standing Committee B in respect of the Copyright Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Alport, Sir Beverley Baxter, Mr. Philip Bell, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Faye-Jones, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Mr. Greville Howard, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Arthur Irvine, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Page, Sir Leslie Plummer, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Rogers, Sir Harold Roper, Dr. Sorens, Mr. Wakefield, Mr. Walker-Smith, Mr. William Wells, Mrs. White, and Mr. Whitelaw.

Ordered, That this day Business other than that Business of the House (Supply) may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £40, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the charges "L"
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for the year ending on 31st March 1957 for the following services connected with the Situation in Kenya, namely:


| Class II, Vote 8, Colonial Office | ... | 10
| Class II, Vote 9, Colonial Services | ... | 10
| Class II, Vote 10, Development and Welfare (Colonies, &c.) | ... | 10
| Army Estimates, Vote 3, War Office | ... | 10
| Total | ... | £40

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Wakefield),—put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved. That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee on Copyright (Money), a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make new provision in respect of copyright and related matters in substitution for the provisions of the Copyright Act, 1911, and other enactments relating thereto, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the remuneration and allowances of members, officers and servants of the Performing Right Tribunal to be established under the said Act of the present Session, and of such other expenses of that tribunal as may be determined under the said Act to be so payable;

(b) the payment into the Exchequer, in the like manner as money collected on account of customs, of fees paid in pursuance of regulations made under the said Act by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Milk and Meals (Amending) Regulations, 1956, dated 18th April 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 25th day of April last, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Stewart):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved. That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Godber.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Ordered, That the Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

No. 299.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Advocates' Widows' Fund Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Committee of Supply be discharged from considering the Estimates set out hereunder and that the said Estimates be referred to the Scottish Standing Committee:—

Class VIII, Vote 12, Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

Class IV, Vote 14, Public Education, Scotland.—(Mr. Richard Butler)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 7 (Charge of income tax for 1956-57).

Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 5, to leave out the word "two" and insert the word "three".—(Viscount Hinchingbrooke.)

Question, That the word "two" stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Relief from income tax on certain savings bank interest).

Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 11, after the word "bank", to insert the words "or with the Birmingham Municipal Bank".—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that, where by virtue of this subsection the amount of surtax payable by an individual would exceed the sum of

(a) the amount of surtax which would have been payable by that individual, if this subsection had not been passed, and

(b) the amount of relief, if any, to which that individual is entitled by virtue of the foregoing subsection,

that excess shall be disregarded for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts.

(3) The two foregoing subsections shall apply in respect of dividends on shares of or interest on deposits with a society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts, 1893 to 1954, as they apply in respect of interest on deposits with the Post Office savings bank.".—(Mr. Beswick.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Tellers for the

Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons: 174.

Mr. Wakefield, Mr. Bryan: 228.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that, where by virtue of this subsection the amount of surtax payable by an individual would exceed the sum of

(a) the amount of surtax which would have been payable by that individual, if this subsection had not been passed, and

(b) the amount of relief, if any, to which that individual is entitled by virtue of the foregoing subsection,

that excess shall be disregarded for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts.

(3) The two foregoing subsections shall apply in respect of dividends on shares of or interest on deposits with a society registered as a friendly society under the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, as they apply in respect of interest on deposits with the Post Office savings bank.".—(Mr. King.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Tellers for the

Mr. Simmons, Mr. Wilkins: 153.

Mr. Galbraith, Mr. Bryan: 204.

Clause agreed to.

Motion made, and Question. That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Harold Wilson.)—put and negatived.

Clause No. 9 (Offices and employment). Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 2, to leave out the word "wholly" and insert the word "mainly".—(Mr. Black.)

Question, That the word "wholly" stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

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Another Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"Cases I and II shall not apply to any person who satisfies the Commissioners of L 2.
PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bristol Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Regulations, dated 5th June 1956, entitled the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the Bankruptcy directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the General Annual Report on Bankruptcy by the Board of Trade for 1954.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the Wages Councils directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th June 1956, entitled the Central Co-ordinating Committee (Retail Trades and Hairdressing) (Abolition) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Scheme for appropriating part of the Church Ecclesiastical Area (Re-organisation).

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Rippon; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Lagden.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Osborne (added in respect of the Copyright Bill [Lords]) and had appointed in substitution Mr. Simmons.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Hudson, Mr. Partridge, and Mr. Vaughan-Morgan; and had appointed in substitution Sir Roger Conant, Mr. Gibson-Walt, and Sir Fergus Graham.

Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ward

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 7th June, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Richard Williams Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Copyright Bill [Lords] and Sir Norman Halbert Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Workmen’s Compensation and Benefit (Supplementation) Bill.

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Thursday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes before Two of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Friday, 8th June, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.—(Mr. Chancelior of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Representation of the Laity Measure, 1956, 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.—(Commander Agnew.)

Resolved, That the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1956, 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.—(Commander Agnew.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Colonel Harrison):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

MEMORANDUM.

Thursday, 7th June, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Richard Williams Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Copyright Bill [Lords] and Sir Norman Halbert Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Workmen’s Compensation and Benefit (Supplementation) Bill.
Sir Gordon Touche further reported from the Committee, That they had added Eleven Members to the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee, viz.: Lieutenant-Colonel Grosvenor, Sir George Hare-Watt, Mr. Leahey, Mr. Lucas, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Mason, Mr. Mathew, Mr. Rawlinson, Mr. Stones, Mr. Sumner, and Mr. William Yates.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, noting the growth within recent years in the power and responsibility of Government departments, local authorities, public corporations and other official agencies and in the services which they provide, and recognising that this has had a considerable impact on the life of all citizens, urges Her Majesty's Government to set up a Commission of Inquiry to study the relationship now existing between these public authorities and private individuals within the framework of existing policy and to make recommendations.—(Mr. Wedgwood Benn);

The Question was amended, in line 7, by leaving out from the word “citizens” to the end of the Question and adding the words “calls on Her Majesty’s Government to acknowledge the importance of the relationship between these public authorities and private individuals in a free democratic society and to take such measures to study and improve such relationships as may from time to time prove necessary.”—(Sir Beverley Baxter), instead thereof.

And the Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House, noting the growth within recent years in the power and responsibility of Government departments, local authorities, public corporations and other official agencies and in the services which they provide, and recognising that this has had a considerable impact on the life of all citizens, urges Her Majesty’s Government to set up a Commission of Inquiry to study the relationship now existing between these public authorities and private individuals within the framework of existing policy and to make recommendations.—(Mr. Wedgwood Benn);

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

MEMORANDUM.

Friday, 8th June, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir Alan Gomme-Duncan Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee.

No. 167.1

Monday, 11th June, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Order d, That the Walthamstow Corporation Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Finance No. 303. Accounts of the United Kingdom for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to University of Oxford and Cambridge. Copies—

(1) of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Clare College, Cambridge, on the 21st day of March 1956, and

(2) of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, on the 12th day of March 1956, and

(3) of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, on the 16th day of March 1956 amending the Statutes of the Colleges.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the London Traffic directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 3th June 1956, entitled—

(1) of the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (Dartford) Regulations, 1956, and


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Richard Phipps Hornby, Esquire, Member for Tonbridge, was sworn.

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Sir Charles Taylor, supported by Mr. Philip Bell, Sir James Hutchinson, Sir Albert Braithwaite, Mr. Ronald Bell, and Sir Alan Gomme-Durcan, presented a Bill to make new provision for the assessment of compensation where land has been compulsorily acquired, and for optional rights of repurchase; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

Chairman pursuant to S.O. (Dilatory Motion in abuse of rules of House) declines to propose Question.

Mr. Harold Wilson 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 12, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, investment allowances under Chapters I and II of the said Part X shall continue to be made in respect of expenditure incurred after the said seventeenth day of February on industrial buildings or structures, or on machinery or plant, constructed or provided for the purpose of manufacturing machine tools".—(Mr. Holborn.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Pearson,

Yeas, 200.

Mr. Holmes:

Mr. Bryan,

Noes, 250.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 12, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, allowances shall also continue to be made under the said Chapter II in respect of expenditure incurred after the said seventeenth day of February on the replacement by continuous tunnel kilns and dryers of intermittent bottle-shaped kilns".—(Mr. Stross.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. Pearson,

Yeas, 195.

Mr. Holmes:

Noes, 253.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 12, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, investment allowances shall also continue to be made under Chapters I, II and III of the said Part X in respect of capital expenditure incurred after the said seventeenth day of February for the purposes of a trade which consists of or includes the working of a mine, oil well or other source of mineral deposit or of a wasting nature outside the United Kingdom".—(Sir John Barlow.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 12, line 41, after "Part X", to insert the words "and under subsection (5) of the said section sixteen".—(Mr. Dye.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 13, line 5, at the end, to insert the words "heat or".—(Mr. Stevens.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 13, line 11, at the end, to insert the words "or for the prevention of atmospheric pollution".—(Mrs. Slater.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Holmes,
Yea, Mr. Wilkins; 146,
Tellers for the 'Mr. Godber,
Nees, Mr. Rogers; 210.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 13, line 39, at the end, to insert the words—

"4 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, investment allowances shall also continue to be made under the said Chapters I and II in respect of expenditure incurred after the said seventeenth day of February, in so far as the expenditure is incurred—

(a) on industrial buildings or structures, or on machinery or plant, in any industry prescribed as of special national importance; or

(b) on machinery or plant of any description prescribed as of special national importance.

(5) For the purposes of the last foregoing subsection an industry or a description of machinery or plant shall be prescribed as of special national importance, if, and only if, the product of that industry or the use of machinery or plant of that description is of special value in increasing exports, saving imports or promoting technical development or the better use of national resources "—(Mr. Albu.)

Another Amendment proposed, in page 13, at the end, to insert the words—

"and II in respect of expenditure incurred after the said seventeenth day of February, in so far as the expenditure is incurred—

(a) on industrial buildings or structures, or on machinery or plant, in any industry prescribed as of special national importance; or

(b) on machinery or plant of any description prescribed as of special national importance.

(5) For the purposes of the last foregoing subsection an industry or a description of machinery or plant shall be prescribed as of special national importance, if, and only if, the product of that industry or the use of machinery or plant of that description is of special value in increasing exports, saving imports or promoting technical development or the better use of national resources "—(Mr. Albu.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the 'Mr. Wilkins,
Yea, Mr. Rogers; 146,
Tellers for the 'Colonel Harrison,
Nees, Mr. Godber; 210.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 13, line 39, at the end, to insert the words "or of sums payable in respect of the completion of expenditure to which those subsections relate where any part of the expenditure is payable under such a contract and the expenditure is necessary to make the asset capable of use within the trade or business ".

—(Mr. Stevens.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer), put and agreed to.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Willis);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 12th June, 1956:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 168.]

Tuesday, 12th June, 1956.

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.:

Barnsley Corporation Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Walthamstow Second Reading of the Walthamstow Corporation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, pursuant to Air Force, the directions of an Act of Parliament,

Copy of an Order, dated 29th May 1956, defining for the purposes of the Air Force Act, 1955, the Officers of the regular Air L 4
Force who shall be considered to be on the active list, and Officers who shall be considered to have retired, and rescinding the Order made by His late Majesty King George the Sixth, dated 3rd September 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on Estimates.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report by the Medical Research Council to the Lord President of the Council on the Hazards to Man of Nuclear and Allied Radiations.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of the Third Annual Report, for 1955, of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Historic Buildings (Scotland) be printed.

Mr. Watson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the Salary or Fees and Allowances payable to a Member of the British Transport Commission.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged and had appointed in substitution Mr. Edward Evans; and that Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Hale, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Orbach, Miss Lee, Mr. Mikardo, Mrs. Castle, Mr. Janner, Mr. Silverman, and Mr. Allsop do prepare and bring in a Bill to make illegal discrimination to the detriment of any person on the grounds of colour, race and religion in the United Kingdom: And that Mr. Brockway, Mr. Sorensen, Mr. Hale, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Mr. Orbach, Miss Lee, Mr. Mikardo, Mrs. Castle, Mr. Janner, Sixle Plummer, Mr. Julius Silverman, and Mr. Allsop do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Brockway accordingly presented a Bill to make illegal discrimination to the detriment of any person on the ground of colour, race and religion in the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make illegal discrimination to the detriment of any person on the grounds of colour, race and religion in the United Kingdom: And for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the enactments relating to the discharge of compensation water by the Fylde Water Board; to confer further powers upon that Board; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Rhyl Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Fylde Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be considered to have retired, and rescinding the Order made by His late Majesty King George the Sixth, dated 3rd September 1948.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Rhyl Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Rhyl Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Fylde Water Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Brockway accordingly presented a Bill to make illegal discrimination to the detriment of any person on the ground of colour, race and religion in the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

(Ordered.)

Clause No. 12 (Suspension of investment allowances (with certain exceptions)).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Oakshott, Mr. Wills; Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Rogers; Mr. Castle.

Clause No. 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 14 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 15 agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Power to obtain information as to fees, commissions, etc.).

Amendment proposed, in page 19, line 3, after the word "person", to insert the words or body of persons"—(Mr. Houghton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 19, line 43, at the end, to insert the words—"(c) particulars of payments made more than three years prior to the date of the notice from the surveyor"—(Sir Patrick Spens.)
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Rodnayn:
Yeas, [Mr. Bryan: }
Tellers for the [Mr. Grimond: }
Noes, [Mr. Harold Lever: }

Clause No. 25 (Groups of companies).
Amendment proposed, in page 35, line 24, to leave out the word "is" and insert the word "was".—(Mr. Stevens.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 26 (Extent to which sums applied in reducing share capital or repaying loans are to be treated as distributions).

Amendment proposed, in page 38, line 47, to leave out the words "redeemable preference".—(Mr. Stevens.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 27 agreed to.

Clause No. 28 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Acceptance of works of art in satisfaction of death duties, and amendment as to exemption).

Amendment proposed, in page 44, line 14, after the word "morti", to insert the words "or its historical value".—(Mr. Roy Jenkins.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 30 agreed to.

Clause No. 31 amended and agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 32 to 34 agreed to.

To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Barber reported from the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday, a Resolution which was read, as followeth:

Estate Duty (Life Annuities).

That any Act of the present Session relating to Estate Duty to Finance may, notwithstanding any result; charge to estate duty, include provision as to the treatment for purposes of estate duty of annuity contracts and annuities to which any provisions of that Act giving relief from income tax relate.

The said Resolution being read a second time:

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Ways and Means Motions and Resolutions), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Barber.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Seven of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 169.]

Wednesday, 13th June, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Purchase Tax.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of an Order, dated 7th June 1956, entitled the Purchase Tax (No. 3) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Medical Research.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Census of Production.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Industrial Organisation and Development.

Copies of Draft Orders, entitled—(1) the Wool Textile Industry (Export Promotion Levy) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1956, and (2) the Wool Textile Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Torquay (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords give leave to the Lord Hives to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee E appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates, if his Lordship think fit.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Transport (Disposal of Road Haulage Property) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Richard Butler)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the proposed Clause (Provision for increasing number of members of Court) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Thorneycroft.—(Mr. Thorneycroft)

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Provision for increasing number of members of Court)—(Mr. Thorneycroft)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Power to remove insignificant agreements from the register)—(Mr. Thorneycroft)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Powers of High Court in case of default in furnishing particulars)—(Mr. Thorneycroft); And the said Clause was brought up and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in line 20, by leaving out from the word "discharged" to the word "and" in line 21 and inserting the words "upon application made by the person concerned not less than two years from the date on which such order was made"—(Mr. Fletcher), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause;
The Yeas to the Right; The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Legh, Mr. Hughes-Young; 
Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Rogers: 259.

Tellers for the Nos, Mr. Wills, Mr. Short, Mr. Deer: 199.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 6, line 16, by leaving out subsection (3) and inserting the words—

"(3) No account shall be taken for the purposes of this Part of this Act of any term of an agreement for the supply of goods, or for the application of any process of manufacture to goods, which relates exclusively to the goods supplied, or to which the process is applied, in pursuance of the agreement:

Provided that where any such restrictions as are described in subsection (1) of section five of this Act are accepted as between two or more persons by whom, or two or more persons to or for whom, goods are to be supplied, or the process applied, in pursuance of the agreement, this subsection shall not apply to those restrictions unless accepted in pursuance of a previous agreement in respect of which particulars have been registered under this Part of this Act.

(4) Without prejudice to the last foregoing subsection, no account shall be taken for the purposes of this Part of this Act of restrictions accepted under an agreement for the supply of goods for the purpose of resale, being restrictions accepted—

(a) by the party supplying the goods, in respect of the supply of goods of the same description to other persons for the purpose of resale; or

(b) by the party acquiring the goods, in respect of the sale, or acquisition for sale, of other goods of the same description 

—(Mr. Thorneycroft)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Lieutenant-Com­mander Thompson: 263.

Tellers for the Nos, Mr. Short, Mr. Deer: 196.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 3, line 38, by leaving out the word "three" and inserting the word "five"—(Mr. Arthur Irvine)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "three" stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Deer: 196.

Tellers for the Nos, Mr. Short, Mr. Short: 259.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill in page 4, line 42, by inserting, after the word "supplied", the word "imported"—(Mr. Fletcher).

And the Question being proposed, That the word "imported" be there inserted in the Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 6, line 9, by leaving out from the word corporate to the end of line 10.—(Mr. Mulley.)

And the Question being put, That the word "corporate" stand part of the Bill;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Thorneycroft.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Adjourned.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Wakefield.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table:


The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Tyne Tunnel Bill (Lords), That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through.

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 Order, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (No. 2) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the London Traffic Act, 1932—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Urban District of Garforth, the Rural District of Pershore.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932—

(1) to the Urban District of Garforth,
(2) to the Urban District of Wath upon Dearne, and
(3) to the Rural District of Pershore.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Plant Protection Agreement for the South-East Asia and Pacific Region signed at Rome on the 23rd day of December 1955 (this Agreement has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Plant Protection Agreement for the South-East Asia and Pacific Region signed at Luxembourg on the 27th day of June 1950.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wakefield presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (No. 2) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Copy of an Order, dated 8th June 1956, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (No. 2) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Central Land Board for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Tyne Tunnel Bill (Lords), That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.
the Bill and made Amendments thereof; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Sir Norman Hulbert reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Workmen’s Compensation and Benefit (Supplementation) Bill and made Amendments thereof.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Amory, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Richard Butler, Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George, and Mr. Secretary Stuart, presented a Bill to provide for the reconstitution of the Commissioners of Crown Lands under the name of the Crown Estate Commissioners; to transfer to the Lord Privy Seal and the Secretary of State certain powers of the Treasury under section thirty-two of the Crown Lands Act, 1851, in its application to the said Commissioners, and to make new provision as to the annual report of the said Commissioners; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal.

Other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 18, line 6, by inserting, after the word “out”, the words “or to seek directly or indirectly to give effect to or by any method whatsoever to enforce or secure the performance of”.—(Mr. Fletcher.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Hughes-Young, Mr. Barber;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Deer.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 21, line 24, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words “but not before the expiration of the period of three years beginning with the date on which this Act is passed”.—(Mr. Holt.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Barber, Mr. Holt;

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hughes-Young.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 25, line 29, by inserting, after the word “minerals”, the words “newspapers and periodicals”.—(Mr. Jay.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;—it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 27, line 36, by leaving out paragraph 10 and inserting the words—

“10. In relation to the attendance and examination of witnesses, the production and inspection of documents, the enforcement of its orders, and all other matters incidental to its jurisdiction under this Act, the Court shall, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, have the like powers, rights, privileges and authority—

(a) in England and Wales, as the High Court;

(b) in Scotland, as the Court of Session;

(c) in Northern Ireland, as the High Court of Northern Ireland.

11. Every person who has the right of audience at the trial of an action in the High Court or in the Court of Session, or in proceedings preliminary to such a trial, shall have the like right at the hearing of any application to the Court, whether sitting in England and Wales or in Scotland, or in proceedings preliminary to such a hearing, as the case may be; and every person who has the right of audience at the trial of an action in the High Court of Northern Ireland, or in proceedings...
prerequisite to such a trial, shall have the like right at the hearing of any application to the Court when sitting in Northern Ireland, or in proceedings prerequisite to such a hearing, the case may be "—(Mr. Thorneycroft,— instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in line 16, by inserting, after the first word "Court", the words "or in the County Court".—(Mr. Fletcher.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Holmes, Yeas: Mr. Deer;
Tellers for the Colonel Harrison, Noes: Mr. Bryan:
So it passed in the Negative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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[No. 171.]

Friday, 15th June, 1956.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the British Guiana (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Saint John Baptist College, Oxford, on the 16th day of April 1956 amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Accounts, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

- Copy of Accounts prepared pursuant to subsection (6) of Section 64 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1954, and subsection (6) of Section 64 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1954, of the Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under subsection (1) of Sections 64 of those Acts, of Payments therefrom under Parts I and V, and of certain Sums received under Parts V and VI of the Acts, during the period ended the 31st day of March 1955; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

The following Accounts were printed:

- Copy of Accounts prepared pursuant to subsection (6) of Section 64 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1954, and subsection (6) of Section 64 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1954, of the Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund under subsection (1) of Sections 64 of those Acts, of Payments therefrom under Parts I and V, and of certain Sums received under Parts V and VI of the Acts, during the period ended the 31st day of March 1955; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Justices of the Peace Act, 1361 (Amendment) Bill (changed to Magistrates' Courts (Appeals from Binding Over Orders) Bill): And the same were read.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords Amendment, in the Title, line 1, be postponed till after the consideration of the subsequent Amendments.—(Mr. Leather.)

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The postponed Lords Amendment, in the Title, line 1, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Marriage (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Marriage (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Marriage (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of April last, That the Trustee Investment Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And 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 Rabbits Bill Second Reading of the Rabbits Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read
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The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYER.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Newport, in the room of Peter Freeman, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Bowden.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North-East Surrey Crematorium Board Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Barnsley Corporation Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

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Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a State- ment on the proposed purchase of the Trinidad Oil Company by the Texas Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lennons-Boyden presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of Schemes made under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts in the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Education the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Code, dated 8th June 1956, entitled the Schools (Scotland) Code, 1956.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the direct. Food and Drugs, ions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th June 1956, entitled the Milk and Dairies (Channel Islands and South Devon Milk) Regulations, 1956.

Copies of Orders, dated 13th June 1956, Supplies and entitled—

(1) the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order, 1956, and
(2) the Milk (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Turton presented, pursuant to the direct- Census, 1951. tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report on Greater London and five other Conurbations in connection with the Census of England and Wales, 1951.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the Public Health directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th May 1956, entitled the Brecon (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1956, 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. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented, Trinidad Oil Company.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Com. Selection committee of Selection, That they had discharged (Standing Committees), from Standing Committee B Mr. Cledwyn Standing Hughes; and had appointed in substitution Committee B. Captain Hewitson.

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance (No. 2) itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 35 (Amendment of National Loans Act, 1939).

Amendment proposed, in page 50, line 11, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) No notice or advertisement of securities to which this section applies shall be exhibited or distributed on or in the premises..."
of any county or voluntary school”.—[Mr. MacColl.]

Question put, That those words be there added.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Aye—are
Mr. John Taylor: 176.
Mr. Joseph Price: 232.

Tellers for the Noes—
Mr. Wakefield: 199.
Mr. Godber: 252.
Mr. Pearson: 300.
Mr. Simmons: 300.

Clause No. 36 agreed to.

A Clause (Relief for contributions to House of Commons Members' Fund)—[Mr. Brooke]—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—[Mr. Harold Wilson]:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Aggregation for purposes of estate duty of certain annuity contracts, &c.)—[Mr. Solicitor General]—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—[Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.]

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till time upon Monday next.

PRAYERS:

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills. Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order, not previously inquired into, is applicable thereto, viz.:

Fylde Water Board Bill [Lords].
Rhiyl Urban District Council Bill [Lords].
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barnsley Corporation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Public Petition was presented and read:—Public Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of any county or voluntary school—[Mr. MacColl.].

Ordered, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Ninety-third Report of Her Majesty’s Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of University College, Oxford, on the 19th day of April 1956 amending the Statutes of the College.

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 Scheme, entitled the Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies of Annual Reports for 1955—

(1) of the Central Transport Consultative Committee for Great Britain,
(2) of the Transport Users’ Consultative Committee for Scotland, and
(3) of the Transport Users’ Consultative Committee for Wales and Monmouthshire.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Dr. Hill presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Post Office Savings Bank Amendment (No. 5) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Fletcher reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, the Minutes of the further Proceedings of the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Alan Gomme-Duncan reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had considered the Estimates referred to them on the 7th day of this instant June and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road and Ferry Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company to construct new works; to define and extend the limits of the dock; to make provision with respect to the rates leviable by the Company in respect of the dock; to convert the existing share capital into stock and to authorise the raising of additional capital by the Company; to re-enact with amendments certain provisions relating to the Company and to confer further powers on the Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision for the disposal of sewage in the county of Middlesex and parts of adjoining counties; to confer further powers upon the Middlesex County Council and the local authorities in Middlesex in relation to the health local government improvement and finances of the county and the boroughs and districts therein; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Heywood and Middleton Water Board to construct additional waterworks and to acquire lands; to confer further powers upon the Board; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

Another Clause (Overseas tax holidays)—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 (Reduction of entertainments duty in respect of certain cinematograph entertainments)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Pearson, 210.
Mr. Simmons, 253.

Tellers for the Noes,
Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, 253.

Another Clause (Reduction of entertainments duty on small weekly takings at cinematograph theatres)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Pearson, 212.
Mr. Simmons, 253.

Tellers for the Noes,
Mr. Wills, 253.

Another Clause (100 per cent. disabled)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,
Mr. Holmes, 199.
Mr. Wilkins, 241.

Tellers for the Noes,
Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson, 241.
Mr. Wills:

Another Clause (Relief from income tax for development of new metalliciferous mines within the United Kingdom)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.
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Question put and negatived.

To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved. That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Wills.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 174.]

Wednesday, 20th June, 1956.

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 4th day of this instant June relating to Double Taxation Relief had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) Order, 1956, be made in the form of the Draft laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Amendment, signed at Washington on the 13th day of June 1956, to the Agreement between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America for Co-operation in the Civil Uses of Atomic Energy of the 15th day of June 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. W. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes (Croydon) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added Fifteen Members to Standing Committee C in respect of the Sanitary Inspectors (Change of Designation) Bill, viz.: Mr. A. Albu, Dr. Bennett, Mr. Beswick, Wing Commander Grant-Ferris, Mr. Ian Harvey, Mr. Hornby, Miss Hornby-Smith, Mr. David Jones, Mr. MacColl, Mr. Phillips Price, Mr. Vane, Sir Wavell Wakefield, Dame Irene Ward, Mr. William Wells, and Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was read, and the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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<td>Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be excised, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)</td>
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<td>Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. Bowden, Mr. Joseph Price; Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Heath, Mr. Galbraith; So it passed in the Negative.</td>
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<td>Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Department of Scientific and Industrial Research [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.)</td>
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<td>Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chair of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.</td>
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<td>Ordered, That Sub-Committee D appointed Estimates, by the Select Committee on Estimates have leave to hold Sittings in Malta.—(Mr. Nicholson.)</td>
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<td>Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. —(Mr. Oakshott.)</td>
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<td>Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant June.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)</td>
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<td>Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of July next at Seven of the clock.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)</td>
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<td>Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the One Hundred and Fifth Report from the Church Estates Commissioners, for the year preceding the 1st day of March 1956.</td>
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<td>Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme made by Magdalene College,</td>
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Mr. Brooke presented a Bill to grant money for the purpose of certain local loans out of the Local Loans Fund; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed.

Ordered, That this day Business other than Business of the House of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Underground Works (London) Bill be exempted, at this day’s Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply into itself the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)
Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Class IV.
Vote 1. Ministry of Education.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £211,834,218, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the sum necessary for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Education, and of the various establishments connected therewith, including sundry grants in aid, a subscription to an international organisation, grants in connection with physical training and recreation, and grants to approved associations for youth welfare.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Heath)—put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may sit again.

Resolved. That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, whilst welcoming the provisions of the White Paper on Technical Education (Command Paper No. 9703), does not consider them adequate to meet the needs of the nation—(Mr. Michael Stewart); an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “House” to the end of the Question and adding the words “approves the Government’s policy for technical education as announced in Command Paper No. 9703, and welcomes the Government’s decision to expand the facilities for this purpose as rapidly as resources allow, thus enabling this country to take the fullest advantage of the discoveries of science and technology”—(Sir David Eccles), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:
The Noes to the Left:
Tellers for the [Mr. Simmons: Mr. Holme:]
Yea’s: 169.
Tellers for the [Mr. Wills: Mr. Wakefield:]
Noes: 218.
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 approves the Government’s policy for technical education as announced in Command Paper No. 9703, and welcomes the Government’s decision to expand the facilities for this purpose as rapidly as resources allow, thus enabling this country to take the fullest advantage of the discoveries of science and technology.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Underground Works (London) Bill (re-committed) Bill.
(In the Committee.)
Clauses Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.
Clause No. 8 amended and agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 9 and 10 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made a further Amendment thereto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Memorandum of the Meeting of the Select Committee on the Underground Works (London) Bill, 21st June, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Standing Committee C Wing-Commander Grant-Ferris (added in respect of the Sanitary Inspectors (Change of Designation) Bill) and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gurdon.

Ordered, That the Committee of Supply be Scottish discharged from considering the Estimates set out hereunder and that the said Estimates be referred to the Scottish Standing Committee:—

Class I, Vote 24, Scottish Home Department.
Class V, Vote 13, Exchequer Grants to Local Revenues, Scotland.
Class III, Vote 15, Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services).

Penthouse, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 14th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjourment.—(Mr. Wills.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

Memorandum of the Meeting of the Select Committee on the Underground Works (London) Bill, 21st June, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Standing Committees (Constitution and Powers)), Mr. Speaker this day allocated the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

[No. 176.]

Friday, 22nd June, 1956.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Family Allowances and National Insurance Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 3, line 37, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of line 3 on page 4. —(Mr. Marquand.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill: —The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then 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 Workmen’s Compensation and Benefit (Supplementation) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 3, line 37, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of line 3 on page 4. —(Mr. Bernard Taylor.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill: —The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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. —(Mr. Hughes-Young.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes before Three of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 177.1

Monday, 25th June, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Patrick Barley, Esquire, Member for Chester-le-Street, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bedford Corporation Bill: and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tyne Tunnel Bill and Ferry Bill: and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Fylde Water Board Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Rhyl Urban District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The Barnsley Corporation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, pursuant to Air Force, the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th June 1956, providing for the retention of rank by officers of Her Majesty’s Regular Air Force on ceasing to be employed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved Finance itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Exemption from excise duty of Scottish shale oil) —(Mr. John Taylor) —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 \textit{Mr. John Taylor,} \textit{Yeas:} \textit{Mr. Roger:} \textit{175.}
Tellers for the \textit{Mr. Legg,} \textit{Noes,} \textit{Mr. Hughes-Young:} \textit{240.}
Another Clause (Child Allowance)—(Mr. Crowen)—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 \textit{Mr. John Taylor,} \textit{Yeas:} \textit{Mr. Roger:} \textit{191.}
Tellers for the \textit{Mr. Legg,} \textit{Noes,} \textit{Mr. Hughes-Young:} \textit{248.}
Another Clause (Blind person)—(Mr. Harold Wilson)—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 \textit{Mr. Deer,} \textit{Yeas,} \textit{Mr. Short:} \textit{192.}
Tellers for the \textit{Mr. Wills,} \textit{Noes,} \textit{Mr. Barber:} \textit{244.}
Another Clause (Allowances in respect of capital expenditure on sources of mineral de­
posit)—(Mr. Brain)—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 (Exemption from entertainments duty of games and sports other than
horse racing and dog racing)—(Mr. Smith)—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 (Exemption from entertainments duty)—(Mr. Short)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Clause (Amendment of s. 32 (2) of Finance Act, 1954)—(Mr. Arbuthnot)—
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 (Allowances in respect of capital expenditure on sources of mineral de­
posit)—(Mr. Brain)—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 (Stock valuation for inter­group sales)—(Mr. Arbuthnot)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
To report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. \textit{Adjournment}.—(Colonel Harrison.)

And accordingly the House, having con­tinued to sit till nineteen minutes before Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

\textbf{MEMORANDUM.}

\textbf{Monday, 25th June, 1956.}

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Mr. Blackburn Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Bill [Lords] and Mr. Henry Hynd Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Sanitary Inspectors (Change of Designation) Bill.
Private Bills [Lords] (Standing Order not previously inquired into complied with).

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Order, not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:—

1. Cammell Laird and Company Bill [Lords].
2. Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords].
3. Heywood and Middleton Water Bill [Lords].
4. Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

London County Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fylde Water Board Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, relating to Glasgow Corporation: And the same was ordered (under Section 7 of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the Import Duties directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd June 1956, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 2) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 27th day of March 1956, namely, the Aberdeen Harbour Order, the Clyde Navigation Order, and the Oban Burgh 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. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of the Queen's College, Oxford, on the 25th day of April 1956 amending the Statutes of the College.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Sale of Food (Weights and Measures: Bacon and Ham) Regulations, 1936.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the Highways directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th June 1956, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Filton Airfield) (No. 1) Order, 1956, with a Certificate by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.


Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Transport, British Transport Commission (Compensation to Employees) (Amendment) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House, an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Accounting Officer of the Vote for the Supreme Court on behalf of the Admiralty Division in Prize for the period from the 1st day of April 1930 to the 31st day of July 1955, with a copy of a Letter from the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.——(Mr. Brooke.)

Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House, an Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Accounting Officer of the Supreme Court on behalf of the Admiralty Division in Prize for the period from the 3rd day of September 1939 to the 31st day of March 1955, with a copy of a Letter from the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.——(Mr. Brooke.)

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Increase of relief in respect of insurance premiums paid by self-employed persons and non-pensionable employees)—(Mr. Gordon Walker)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, 206. 
Mr. Simmons:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Bryant, 243. 
Mr. Hughes-Young:]

Another Clause (Reduction of purchase tax from 10 per cent, to 4 of 1 per cent.)—(Mr. Harold Wilson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Rogers, 155. 
Mr. Short:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Godber, 203. 
Mr. Barber:]

Another Clause (Reduction of purchase tax from 5 per cent, to 5 of 1 per cent.)—(Mr. Harold Wilson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Holmes, 154. 
Mr. Rogers:]

Tellers for the [Mr. Godber, 200. 
Mr. Barber:]

Another Clause (Rebates of customs duty and excise duty on hydrocarbon oils for use in public service vehicles driven by diesel fuel)—(Mr. Ernest Davies)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Wednesday, 27th June, 1956:

Question put and negatived.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Galbraith): And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the Question having been proposed 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 six minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, ill this day.
MEMORANDUM.
Tuesday, 26th June, 1956.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of the Standing Order (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker this day appointed Sir William Arrol Port-Graz, Chairman of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Scottish Estimates in place of Sir Alan Gomme-Duncan.

-[No. 179.]
Wednesday, 27th June, 1956.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Pensions.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 25th June 1956, entitled the Superannuation (Civil Service and Jersey Civil Service) Transfer Rules, 1956.

Account of all Deposits received and paid by the Post Office Savings Banks during 1955, with a Statement showing the aggregate 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.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 26th June 1956, entitled the Inland Post Office Savings Banks (Superannuation Act, 1939) Standing Order (Sittings of the House) for One hour after Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the proposed Clause (Liability to rates of owner of unoccupied lands and heritages) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Stuart.—(Mr. Secretary Stuart):

The Question was amended, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and in respect of the proposed Clause (Appportionment of payments received by the council of a county under Part V of the Local Government Act, 1948, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Thomas Fraser)".—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

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 proposed Clause (Liability to rates of owner of unoccupied lands and heritages) standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Stuart; and in respect of the proposed Clause (Appportionment of payments received by the council of a county under Part V of the Local Government Act, 1948, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Thomas Fraser.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Liability to rates of owner of unoccupied lands and heritages)—(Mr. Secretary Stuart)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in line 1, at the end, to insert the words "to which the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restriction Acts, 1920 to 1939, apply".—(Mr. Thornton-Kemsley.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.
Another Amendment proposed, in line 2, to leave out the words "without reasonable cause"—(Mr. Rankin.)

Question proposed, That the words "without reasonable cause" stand part of the proposed Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 3, to leave out the word "may" and insert the word "shall".—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

Question put, That the word "may" stand part of the proposed Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

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\begin{array}{c}
\text{Lieutenant-}\text{Commander} \\
\text{Thompson}, \\
\text{Mr. Barber:} \\
\text{Mr. John Taylor,} \\
\text{Mr. Deer:} \\
\text{Mr. Galbraith,} \\
\text{Mr. Deer,} \\
\text{Mr. Wilkins:} \\
\text{Mr. John Taylor,} \\
\text{Mr. Barber:} \\
\text{Mr. John Taylor,} \\
\text{Mr. Simmons:} \\
\end{array}
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192. 148. 176. 160. 207. 128. 141.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 5, to leave out from the word "notice" to the word "and" in line 6.—(Mr. McInnes.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the word "six" in line 6, stand part of the proposed Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

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\begin{array}{c}
\text{Colonel Harrison,} \\
\text{Mr. Hughes-Young:} \\
\text{Mr. John Taylor,} \\
\text{Mr. Simmons:} \\
\end{array}
\]

176. 130.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 7, to insert the words—

"reasonable cause" shall mean either—

(a) that the said owner is unable to sell the said lands and heritages at a price not exceeding that determined by the district valuer; or

(b) that the said owner is unable to let the said lands and heritages at a rent not exceeding the gross annual value".—(Mr. Johnston.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas,

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\begin{array}{c}
\text{Mr. Holmes,} \\
\text{Mr. John Taylor:} \\
\text{Colonel Harrison,} \\
\text{Mr. Hughes-Young:} \\
\end{array}
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128. 177. 172. 177.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 9, to the end, to insert the words—

"(2) A rating authority shall, before considering the question of whether the owner of any lands and heritages is allowing these lands and heritages to remain unoccupied without reasonable cause, invite the owner on fourteen days' notice to state in writing the grounds on which he is allowing the lands and heritages to remain unoccupied and shall take the grounds so stated into consideration".—(Mr. Thornton-Kemsley.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 12, to leave out the words "six weeks" and insert the words "twenty-eight days".—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

Question proposed, That the words "six weeks" stand part of the proposed Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, added.

Another Clause (Apportionment of payments received by the council of a county under Part V of the Local Government Act, 1948)—(Mr. Thomas Fraser)—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 added a Clause to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Amendment of s. 1 of House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 47 (4) of Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1929)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 4, line 22, by leaving out from the word "be" to the word "authorities" in line 24 and inserting the words "appointed from a panel of persons (other than assessors) nominated by such associations as appear to the Secretary of State to represent valuation".—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment, in line 2, by inserting, after the word "assessors", the words "or town and county clerks".—(Mr. Thomas Fraser.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the proposed words were there inserted in the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 6, line 31, by leaving out the word "shall" in line 32.—(Mr. Lawson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 6, line 33, by leaving out the word "any Valuation Appeal"—(Mr. Thomas Fraser), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "the" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Repeal of enactments)—(Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

And the Question being put, That the words "appointed" to the word "the" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Heath rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Galbraith: 158
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Wilkins: 114

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 proposed, That the Draft Fertilisers (Export Promotion Levy) (Revocation) Order, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 29th day of May last, be approved.—(Mr. Walker-Smith)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Bryan: 130
Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Deer: 86

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Draft Fertilisers (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 19th day of this instant June, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Mr. Wills reported from the Committee on Department of Scientific and Industrial Research [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the remuneration of the members of any Research Council established by the said Act of the present Session or of any committee appointed by that Council, the salaries and allowances of the Secretary of that Council and of the other officers and servants of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and any expenditure incurred by the said Council under the said Act of the present Session.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on House of Commons Accommodation, &c. be revived.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit and proceed to-morrow at Four of the clock.—(Captain Waterhouse.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Wills);

And the House having continued to sit till Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 28th June, 1956:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 180.]

Thursday, 28th June, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Tyne Tunnel Bill [Lords] was read the Tyne Tunnel third time and passed, with Amendments, Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
The Glasgow Corporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Brooke presented—Return to an Order, made upon the 26th day of this instant June, for a Return relating to Supreme Court (Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1914-1918 War).

Return to an Order, made upon the 26th day of this instant June, for a Return relating to Supreme Court (Prize, &c., Deposit Account, 1939-1955).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Bangkok on the 24th day of August 1954, between Her Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom and in Australia and the Government of India of the one part and the Government of Thailand of the other part regarding British Commonwealth War Graves in Thai Territory (with Letters and Notes exchanged and Plant).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Regulations, entitled the Police Pensions (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Revised Estimate of the Sum required to be voted for Supplies for Air Services for the year ending the 31st day of March 1957.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th June, 1956, entitled the Agriculture Act (Part I) Extension of Period Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order, entitled the Road Haulage Disposal Board (Abolition) Order, 1956.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Report be printed.

Mr. Buchan-Williams presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Second Annual Reports, for 1955, of the Ancient Monuments Boards for England, Scotland, and Wales.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Death Penalty (Abolition) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Whipping)—(Mr. Arbuthnot); And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Clause be read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Arbuthnot, 
Mr. Stevens: ] 58.

Tellers for the [Mr. Robinson, 

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, by leaving out from the word "murder" to the end of line 9 and inserting the words "and every enactment rendering the offender liable to imprisonment for life;"

Provided that—

(a) the court may order the offender to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure, if satisfied that the mental condition of the offender makes such a sentence more appropriate; and

(b) nothing herein shall be considered as affecting the exercise of the Royal prerogative of mercy or the power of the Secretary of State to release on licence a prisoner serving a sentence of life imprisonment

—(Mr. Simon),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, by leaving out from the word "sentence" to the word "enactment" and inserting the words "or rule of law whereby apart from this Act a court would be required to pass"—(Mr. Nairn),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any offence on active service for which the penalty of death is prescribed by the Army Act, 1955, the Air Force Act, 1955, or the Naval Discipline Act"—(Mr. Rees-Davies).

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. Dance, 
Mr. Kirk: ] 140.

Tellers for the [Mr. Robinson, 
Mr. Kirk: ] 168.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, by leaving out from the word "this" to the end of line 12 and inserting the words "subsection shall not apply in the case of a person convicted of murder if, in consequence of a sentence of imprisonment for life, or of a sentence of death commuted to imprisonment (other than imprisonment for a specified term of years), he was, at the time of the commission of the act which caused the death, undergoing or liable to undergo imprisonment in Great Britain, and was not lawfully at large at that time; and for the purposes of this proviso 'imprisonment' includes penal servitude, detention and any similar punishment"—(Mr. Sydney Silverman),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, 
Mr. Rodgers: ] 139.

Tellers for the [Mr. Robinson, 
Mr. Kirk: ] 162.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the proposed words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, 
Mr. Rodgers: ] 133.

Tellers for the [Mr. Robinson, 
Mr. Kirk: ] 158.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Amendments were made to the Bill.

Then the Title of the Bill was amended, as Title followed:

A Bill to provide for abolishing, or suspending for a period, the passing and execution of the death sentence on conviction of murder and to substitute an alternative penalty therefor.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.

And a Motion being made and the Question being put, That the Bill be now put:

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Robinson, 
Mr. Kirk: ] 152.

Tellers for the [Sir Charles Taylor, 
Mr. Dance: ] 133.

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.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Oakshott.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 181.]

Friday, 29th June, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Secretary Head presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Revised Estimate of the Sum required to be voted for the Stores of the Army for the year ending the 31st day of March 1957.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; 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 Rules, dated 27th June 1956, entitled the Public Use of the Records Rules, 1956.

The British Caribbean Federation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Barber.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to British Caribbean Federation [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the federation of certain West Indian colonies and for the transfer, to a court established for the purposes of the federation, of the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal established by the West Indian Court of Appeal Act, 1919, and the dissolution of that court; to provide for conferring on the first-mentioned court jurisdiction to hear and determine appeals from the courts of colonies which are not for the time being included in the federation and to repeal the British Honduras (Court of Appeal) Act, 1881; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—

(a) of such sums, not exceeding in the aggregate one million pounds, as may be required by the Secretary of State for the purpose of making grants towards defraying the cost of establishing the seat of the Government of the federation established by virtue of the said Act; and

(b) of such sums as may be required by him for the purpose of making, in respect of the period of ten years beginning with the first day of January next after the establishment of the said federation, grants to that Government for the purpose of enabling it to make grants to the governments of colonies for the time being included in the federation whose resources are, in its opinion, insufficient to enable them to defray their administrative expenses; and

(2) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament or out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in sums payable thereout under any other enactment which is attributable to an Order in Council made under or by virtue of the said Act.—(Mr. Hare.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Governors' Pensions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Attorney General, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Governors' Pensions [Money] proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1947, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any
increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums which under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1947, or under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1950, are payable out of moneys so provided.—(Mr. Hare.) Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson)

And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

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[No. 182.]

Monday, 2nd July, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Camell Laird and Company Bill [Lords]

The Camell Laird and Company Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill [Lords]

The Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Grayson, Rollo and Clover Docks Bill [Lords]

The Grayson, Rollo and Clover Docks Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Ordered, That the Heywood and Middleton Water Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

The Merey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The Middlesex County Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the First Reading of the Fylde Water Board Bill [Lords];

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next, at Seven of the clock.

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:—


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 Lennox-Boyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Dispatches from the Governors of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika and from the Administrator, East Africa High Commission, commenting on the Report of the East Africa Royal Commission on Land and Population, 1953-1955.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copies—

(1) of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Hertford College, Oxford, on the 23rd day of April 1956,

(2) of a Statute made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on the 25th day of April 1956, and

(3) of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Worcester College, Oxford, on the 1st day of May 1956, amending the Statutes of the Colleges.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the Standing Order (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Brecon (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1956.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Gordon Touche reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Paul Williams (added in respect of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Dudley Williams.
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tyne Tunnel Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Resolutions.)

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Motion made, and Question proposed. That a further sum, not exceeding £40, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957, for the following services connected with Home Office Affairs, with particular reference to Aliens, Prisons, Police and Child Care, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Class III, Vote 1, Home Office ................ £10
Class III, Vote 2, Police, England and Wales 10
Class III, Vote 3, Police, England and Wales 10
Class III, Vote 4, Prisons, England and Wales 10
Class III, Vote 5, Child Care, England and Wales 10

Total ... £40

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and moved, that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Wakefield.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved to adjourn.

—(Mr. Wakefield.)

And the House, according to Order, adjourned till Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A VERBAL Amendment was made to the London Necropolis Bill (Lords): And the Bill was read the third time and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed, and that the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved to adjourn.

—(Mr. Wakefield.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the operation of section fourteen and paragraph (d) of section thirty-six of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, and of the Schedule to the Legitimacy Act, 1926; and for purposes connected with that matter: And that Mr. John Howard, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Gower, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Tilley, Mr. Charles Pannell, Mr. Grimond, and Mr. Fienburgh do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. John Howard accordingly presented a Bill to extend the operation of section fourteen and paragraph (d) of section thirty-six of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, and of the Schedule to the Legitimacy Act, 1926; and for purposes connected with that matter: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 13th day of this instant July and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £2,046,237, 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 1957, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Her Majesty’s Treasury and subordinate departments, the additional salary payable to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and the salary and expenses of the Minister without Portfolio.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Heath),—put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, continue to sit till nine minutes after Ten of the clock; and accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House considers that the economic policies of Her Majesty’s Government as indicated in the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s announcement on the 26th day of June last and in other recent statements provide no solution for the economic problems facing the nation—(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 "welcomes the interim statement on economies in public expenditure made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the 26th day of June last as further proof of the determination of Her Majesty’s Government to conquer the dangers of inflation, and pledges its support for all measures designed to maintain our competitive position in the world on which the living standards of our people depend."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Pearson: 239.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Oakshott: 310.

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 welcomes the interim statement on economies in public expenditure made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the 26th day of June last as further proof of the determination of Her Majesty’s Government to conquer the dangers of inflation, and pledges its support for all measures designed to maintain our competitive position in the world on which the living standards of our people depend.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

(Mr. Wakefield)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 184.]

Wednesday, 4th July, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th June, 1956, entitled the Aden Colony (Amendment) Order, 1956.


Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th Merchant Shipping (Colonies etc.) Tonnage Measurement Order, 1956.
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Supply and Services. Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th June 1956, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 2) Order, 1956. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

West Africa. Copy of an Order in Council, dated 29th June 1956, entitled the Gold Coast (Constitution) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1956. 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 follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the London Necropolis Bill (Lords), without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hotel Proprietors (Liabilities and Rights) Bill (changed to Hotel Proprietors Bill) be taken into consideration upon Monday the 16th day of this instant July; and be printed.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

Business of the House (Supply). Ordered, That the Proceedings on any Private Business set down for consideration at Seven of the clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, of the Committee on Navy, Army and Air Expenditure, 1954-55, and on the consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Clean Air Bill and the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House) and that, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Order (Time for taking Private Business set down for consideration at Seven of the clock) until the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation has convened a conference of his department, the local authorities and all other interested parties to consider the position "—(Mr. Logan),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill (Lords):

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and adding the words "having regard to the grave national and local interests involved, this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Bill until the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation has convened a conference of his department, the local authorities and all other interested parties to consider the position "—(Mr. Logan),—instead thereof.

Ordered, That the House may sit again.

The Noes to the Left. The Yeas to the Right;

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1956-57. (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.)

Business of the House. (In the Committee.)

Class VIII.

Vote 1. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £10,606,720, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; of County Agricultural Executive Committees; of the Agricultural Land Commission; of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; and of the White Fish Authority and the Scottish Committee thereof.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Heath),—put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised:

(1) the application of so much of the realised surplus on Vote 8 for Air Services as is necessary to meet the net deficit of £2,745,653 5s. 9d. on Vote 11 that would otherwise have been met by issues out of the Consolidated Fund under the Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Acts, 1949, and 1953;

(2) the application of so much of the remainder of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Air Services as is necessary to make good the remainder of the said total deficits on other Grants for Air Services;

3. Resolved, That the application of such sums be sanctioned.—(Mr. Brooke.)
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Clean Air Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill; And the same was read.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Teachers (Superannuation) Bill; And the same was read.

The Lords Amendment, in page 34, line 55, at end insert—


Section eleven...In the definition of 'basic rate', the reference to the annual rate of the pension shall be construed as referring to so much only of the pension as would have been payable apart from the election."

Special Entry, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Transport. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Draft British Transport Commission (Compensation to Employees) (Amendment) Regulations, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 26th day of June last, be approved—(Mr. Waterston).
Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Notes exchanged at London on the 5th day of June 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America relating to the Sale of Tobacco by the United States Government and the Construction of Housing and Community Facilities by the United Kingdom Government.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lennox-Boyd presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Account of the Sums issued to the Government of Malta out of the Consolidated Fund, the raising in any manner authorised under the National Loans Act, 1939, or the payment into the Exchequer, of any increases in the sums authorised by the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act, 1946, to be so issued, raised, or paid which are attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session replacing the previous restrictions on the power of the Minister of Fuel and Power to make advances to the National Coal Board for capital purposes by a provision that the aggregate amount outstanding by way of principal in respect of such advances—

(a) shall not at any time exceed six hundred and fifty million pounds; and

(b) shall not at any time in any financial year exceed by more than seventy-five million pounds (or such greater sum as the said Minister may by order specify for that year) the highest aggregate amount so outstanding at any time during the immediately preceding financial year.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Standing Committee A, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Bill [Lords], Bill 159.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

No. 320. Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).

Sir Roger Conant reported from the Committee on the Barnsley Corporation Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Two of the clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Family Allowances and National Insurance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Workmen's Compensation and Benefit (Supplementation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Slum Clearance (Compensation) Bill, with Amendments to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Slum Clearance (Compensation) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Oakshott reported from the Committee on Coal Industry [Money], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved Coal Industry Bill, (in the Committee) Clause No. 1 (Extension of power to make advances to National Coal Board).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 17, after the word "section ", to insert the words " made before the expiration of five years from the commencement of the Coal Industry Act, 1956 "—(Mr. Aubrey Jones).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Whereupon the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod being come with a Message, the Chairman left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Message was delivered by Lieutenant 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 and to several Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.
Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And having returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts and Measures therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts and Measures, as follow:

7. Sugar Act, 1956.
12. Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1956.
13. Frances Barker and certain other Charities (City of York) Scheme Confirmation Act, 1956.
15. Hospital of Robert Earl of Leicester Charity (Warwick) Scheme Confirmation Act, 1956.


The Committee divided.

Tellers for the yeas
Mr. Barber, Mr. Hughes-Young: 208.
Mr. Simmons, Mr. Joseph Price: 141.
Tellers for the noes
Mr. Wakefield, Mr. Bryan: 280.
Miss Herbison, Mr. Mikardo: 0.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 21, to leave out the words “more than seventy-five million pounds (or “—(Mr. Nabarro.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the yeas
Mr. Wakefield, Mr. Bryan: 280.
Miss Herbison, Mr. Mikardo: 0.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Wakefield):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[No. 186.]

Friday, 6th July, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th June 1956, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1956.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1951—

1. Volume 6, Trade C, Woollen and Worsted,
2. Volume 11, Trade G, Cinematograph Film Production.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Census of Production.

Rights of Way.

Mr. Aubrey Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd July 1956, entitled the Open-Cast Coal (Highway) Orders (Revocation) Order, 1956.

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:

Land Registration.

Public Works Loans Bill.

Sexual Offences Bill (Lord's).

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Legh):

And it being Four of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Hughes-Young):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at Four of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd July 1956, entitled the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Administration of Estates and Treasure Trove in Scotland on behalf of the Crown in 1955, and of an Alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Haeres in Scotland, administered by the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, in the same year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on Education in 1955, with Statistics of Public Education for England and Wales.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 29th June 1956, entitled the Land Registration Rules, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Stopping up of Highways (Filton Airfield) (No. 1) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Finance (Savings Banks) be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Richard Butler)

The House, according to Order, resolved to sit Supply (9th allotted Day).

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the charges
for the year ending on 31st March 1957, for the following services connected with New Towns and Overspill in England and Wales, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item Class V, Vote 1 (Ministry of Housing and Local Government) (Revised Estimate) be reduced by £5.—(Mr. Lindgren.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the aye side: Mr. Pearson, 180.
Tellers for the no side: Mr. Simmons, 226.

Original Question again proposed:—Debate arising.

And it being after Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Sandys, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Finance (Savings Banks) proposed to be moved, under the Standing Order (Money Committees), in a Committee of the whole House, recommends it to the consideration of the House:—Whereupon the House, pursuant to the said Standing Order, resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to Finance, it is expedient to authorise such payments out of the Consolidated Fund or into the Exchequer as may result from the application to other savings banks of any provisions of the Trustee Savings Banks Act, 1954, relating to trustee saving banks.—(Sir Edward Boyle.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Draft Sale of Food and Drugs (Weights and Measures: Bacon and Ham) Regulations, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 26th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Walker-Smith.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. (Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 188.]
Tuesday, 10th July, 1956.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (Switzerland) Order, 1956, relating to Milport Piers (Amendment) Order, 1936, relating to Milport Piers (Amendment) Order.

And the same was ordered (under Section 7 Bill 161. of the Act) to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (Switzerland) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th July 1956, entitled the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 7) (Exemptions) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Secretary Birn, pursuant to Air Force, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd July 1956, making provision for the payment of additional sums to persons to whom pensions have been granted from Air Force or Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance funds in respect of service in Her Majesty's Forces to correspond, as nearly as may be, with the benefits provided in the case of certain civil pensions by the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Sea Fisheries, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 5th July 1956, entitled the Herring Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) (Amendment) Scheme, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—copies of Orders in Council, dated 29th June 1956, providing for further increases in pensions and allowances payable to widows and children of members of the Naval Forces in consequence of service—
(1) during the 1914 World War, and
(2) after the 2nd day of September 1939.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—copy of an Order, dated 7th July 1956, authorising the landing at Swansea of Poll Shorthorn Cattle from America.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th July 1956, entitled the White Fish Authority (General Levy) (Amendment) Regulations Confirmatory Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order, dated 6th July 1956, entitled the White Fish Subsidy (Aggregate Amount of Grants) Order, 1956.

Copy of Schemes, dated 9th July 1956, entitled—
(1) the White Fish Industry (Grants for Fishing Vessels and Engines) (Amendment) Scheme, 1956, and
(2) the White Fish Subsidy (Unied Kingdom) Scheme, 1956.

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:—

Fourth Schedule containing a List and Particulars of certain classes of documents existing or accruing in the offices of the Prison Commissioners which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Sir Roger Conant reported from the Committee on the Barnsley Corporation Bill [Lords]. That they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments 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.

Captain Waterhouse reported from the Select Committee on Estimates. That they had made further Progress in the matter to them referred; and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the further Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Resolved. That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 9 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Offices and employments). Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 3, after the word "assessment", to insert the words "(and the emoluments are not excepted as foreign emoluments)".—(Mr. Brooke) Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—

Yea, Mr. Legh, 256,
Mr. Bryan;
Mr. John Taylor,
Mr. Rogers;
204.

Noe, Mr. Rogers;
204.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—"Subject to that Schedule, the emoluments excepted from Cases I and II as foreign emoluments of a person not domiciled in the United Kingdom from an office or employment under or with any person, body of persons or partnership resident outside, and not resident in, the United Kingdom".—(Mr. Brooke.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 5, after the word "domiciled", to insert the words "or if domiciled not ordinarily resident".

Question, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment, put and negatived.

Proposed words there inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 11 and 20 amended and agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Nature and amount of relief for qualifying premiums). An Amendment made.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the—

Yea, Mr. Oakeshott,
Mr. Barber;
Mr. Joseph Price,
Mr. Deer;
244.

Noe, Mr. Rogers;
190.

Clause No. 22 amended and agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 amended and agreed to.

A Schedule (Retirement Annuities: Adjustments of Limit on Qualifying Premiums)—(Mr. Brooke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments and added a Schedule to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and on re-committal, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Adjournment. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Godber.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 189.]

Wednesday, 11th July, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Milford Piers (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Aubrey Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of the Annual Reports of the Industrial Coal Consumers' Council and the Domestic Coal Consumers' Council for the year ended the 30th day of June 1956. 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 Rhyl Urban District Council Bill [Lords].

Title amended, that the Bill be read a second time: —The said proposed Amendment was, after Debate, with the Leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Godber moved, and the Question being proposed, That the said Amendment be inserted in the Bill; and the House divided. The Yeas to the Right: —Mr. John Taylor: 196, Mr. John Taylor: 196. The Noes to the Left: Mr. Willis: 245. So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Reduction of duty on public service vehicles) —(Mr. Ernest Davies); and the said Amendment was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Amendment be inserted in the Bill; and the House divided. The Yeas to the Right: —Mr. Barber: 197, Mr. Barber: 197. The Noes to the Left: So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Small maintenance payments) —(Mr. Simon); And the said Amendment was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Amendment be inserted in the Bill; and the House divided. The Yeas to the Right: —Mr. Barber: 245, Mr. Barber: 245. The Noes to the Left: So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 24, line 21, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "the Council of Europe, Western European Union, the Brussels Treaty Organisation or the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation or any of their" —(Mr. Hay) —instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the said Amendment be inserted in the Bill; and the House divided. The Yeas to the Right: —Mr. Gordon Walker: 197, Mr. Gordon Walker: 197. The Noes to the Left: So it passed in the Negative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 24, line 21, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "five hundred pounds or, in the case of an individual who has attained the age of fifty before or during that year" —(Mr. Gordon Walker)
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. Deer, Yeas, Mr. Short; Tellers for the [Colonel Harrison, Noes, Mr. Barber;]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 24, line 23, by inserting, after the word "year", the words "nor more than the sum of five thousand pounds in any ten consecutive years".—(Mr. Gordon Walker.)

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. Holmes, Yeas, Mr. Simmons; Tellers for the [Mr. Godber, Noes, Mr. Bryan;]

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Bill 163.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Grants for public works).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 7, after the word "Commissioners" , to insert the words "at rates of interest not exceeding two and a half per cent.".—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, Mr. Simmons; Tellers for the [Mr. Wakefield, Noes, Mr. Barber;]

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee on British Caribbean Federation [Money], a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

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1947, it is expedient to authorise the payment of the pension attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums which under the Pensions (Governors of Dominions, &c.) Acts, 1911 to 1947, or under the Superannuation Acts, 1834 to 1950, are payable out of moneys so provided.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Governors' Pensions Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Pensions to certain Governors with less than three years' service). Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 10, to leave out from the word "State" to the word "if" in line 12.—(Mr. Emrys Hughes.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—"(2) A pension may, subject to the provisions of the principal Act, be granted under that Act to a person who has completed not less than three years' service as a Governor notwithstanding that before his appointment as a Governor he was not employed in service in the permanent Civil Service of the State"—(Miss Vickers.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 15 agreed to.

A Clause (Power to grant pension to Governor retiring under fifty-five)—(Mr. Hare)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Allocation of part of Governor's pension to spouse or dependant)—(Mr. Hare)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule amended and agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

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Thursday, 12th July, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Huddersfield Corporation Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Millport Piers (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 21st day of June 1956, on a Loan proposed to be made to the Federal Power Board of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to New Towns, the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the East Kilbride and Glenrothes Development Corporations for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Amory presented, by Her Majesty's Pigs and Bacon. Commission for Pigs and Bacon.

Mr. Amory also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Agricultural Marketing Reorganisation Commission for Pigs and Bacon.

Mr. Amory also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Board of Control to the Lord Chancellor for 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:—

Copy of the Annual Report of the Board of Control to the Lord Chancellor for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Robert Jenkins reported from the Committee on the Public Water Board Bill (Lords).

Ordered, That the said Bill be printed.

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act, 1911.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Oakshott.)
Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).

Sir Herbert Butcher reported from the Committee on the Manchester Corporation Bill [ LORDS]. That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Sir William Anstruther-Gray reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, That they had considered certain of the Estimates to them referred.

Class V, Vote 12, Housing, Scotland.
Class V, Vote 10, Department of Health for Scotland.
Class V, Vote 13, Exchequer Grants to Local Revenues, Scotland.
Class III, Vote 15, Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services).
Class III, Vote 16, Police, Scotland.
Class III, Vote 17, Prisons, Scotland.
Class III, Vote 19, Fire Services, Scotland.
Classes IX, Vote 9, Roads, &c., Scotland.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Class I.

Vote 4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £2,046,237, 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 1957, for the salaries and other expenses of the Minister with responsibility to Her Majesty, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and the additional salary payable to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and the salary and expenses of the Minister without Portfolio.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Heath)—put and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House reaffirms its decision of the 24th day of May 1954 regarding Members' expenses and pensions and the financial position of junior Ministers, and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to implement it without further delay—(Mr. Gaitskell).—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Haverfordwest, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Gloucester, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Haverfordwest, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 5th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Deedes)

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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Barber)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[No. 191.]

Friday, 13th July, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Abstract Account of Receipts of, and Payments by, the Treasury Solicitor in 1955, in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown; and an Alphabetical List of Estates in respect of which Letters of Administration were granted to the Treasury Solicitor as Crown's Nominee, and of other cases (partial Intestacies, &c.) in which Accounts were opened in the Books of the Treasury Solicitor in the same year in respect of Moneys received by him as Crown's Nominee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland). No. 327.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 27th day of June 1956, on Loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Census, 1951.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

London Traffic.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th July 1956, entitled the London Traffic (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).

Wing Commander Grant-Ferris reported from the Committee on the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill [Lords], that, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

The Finance (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Mr. Barber.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[No. 192.]

Monday, 16th July, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Huddersfield Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 16th July 1956, concerning a gift of land in Baghdad to the Government of Iraq.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Conclusions on the Recommendations of the Report by the Welsh Agricultural Land Sub-Commission on the Mid-Wales Investigation.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 10th July 1956, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) Scheme, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Account, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Conservators of the River Medway for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Haydock and Railway Bill [Lords], that they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Haydock and Middleton Water Bill [Lords], that they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)
Ordered. That the Proceedings on the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Bill [Lords] be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Class VI.


Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £13,714,000, 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 1957, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, including expenses in connection with employment exchanges and the inspection of factories; expenses, including grants and loans, in connection with employment services, training, transfer, rehabilitation, and resettlement; expenses in connection with national service; repayment of loan charges in respect of employment schemes; expenses of the Industrial Court and the Industrial Disputes Tribunal; a subscription to the International Labour Organisation; and sundry other services.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Barber.)—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 this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Turton.)

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, to sit again.

Resolved, That the House takes note of

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour and National Service for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Turton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Central Health Services Council for 1955, preceded by a Statement made by the Minister of Health.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the International Tin Council) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of an Agreement signed at Paris on the 22nd day of June 1955 between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty for Co-operation regarding Atomic Information the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 21st day of October 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Turton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninety-second Annual Report by the Chief Inspectors under the Alkali, &c., Works Regulation Act, 1906, for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 one minute before Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Saint Saviour, Herne Hill Road, and Saint Matthew, Denmark Hill, in the Diocese of Southwark.

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 William Anstruther-Gray reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, that they had considered the remaining Estimates to them referred, viz.:

Class I. Vote 24, Scottish Home Department, Class IX. Vote 9, Roads, &c., Scotland, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Wing Commander Grant-Ferris reported from the Committee on the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill (Lords), that, for the convenience of Members, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday next, at Ten of the clock.

Message from the Lords:

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a message had been brought from the Lords by said Mr. Wakefield, Corporation Bill (Lords), for the application of so much of the total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services over the net Expenditure is £6,116,213 6s. 5d., viz.:

Total Surpluses ... 17,675,472 8s. 8d.
Total Deficits ... 11,559,259 2s. 3d.
Net Surplus ... 6,116,213 6s. 5d.

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorized the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services;

I. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

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Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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Message from the Lords:

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Total Surpluses ... 17,675,472 8s. 8d.
Total Deficits ... 11,559,259 2s. 3d.
Net Surplus ... 6,116,213 6s. 5d.

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorized the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services;

I. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957, for the following services connected with Health in Scotland, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Class V, Vote 10 (Department of Health for Scotland) (Revised Estimates) 10
Class V, Vote 11 (National Health Service, Scotland) ... ... ... 10
Total ... ... ... ... £20

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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee on Navy, Army, and Air Expenditure, 1954-55, and Air Expenditure, follow:

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, that the aggregate Expenditure on Navy Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services over the net Expenditure is £6,116,213 6s. 5d., viz.:

Total Surpluses ... 17,675,472 8s. 8d.
Total Deficits ... 11,559,259 2s. 3d.
Net Surplus ... 6,116,213 6s. 5d.

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further sum, not exceeding £20, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the charges for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957, for the following services connected with Health in Scotland, namely:

Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Class V, Vote 10 (Department of Health for Scotland) (Revised Estimates) 10
Class V, Vote 11 (National Health Service, Scotland) ... ... ... 10
Total ... ... ... ... £20

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 Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee on Navy, Army, and Air Expenditure, 1954-55, and Air Expenditure, follow:

I. Whereas it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, that the aggregate Expenditure on Navy Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services over the net Expenditure is £6,116,213 6s. 5d., viz.:

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorized the application of so much of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to make good the said total deficits on other Grants for Navy Services;

I. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Scheme for the rearrangement of the pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Saint Saviour, Herne Hill Road, and Saint Matthew, Denmark Hill, in the Diocese of Southwark.

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 William Anstruther-Gray reported from the Scottish Standing Committee, that they had considered the remaining Estimates to them referred, viz.:

Class I. Vote 24, Scottish Home Department, Class IX. Vote 9, Roads, &c., Scotland, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Wing Commander Grant-Ferris reported from the Committee on the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill (Lords), that, for the convenience of Members, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday next, at Ten of the clock.

Message from the Lords:

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a message had been brought from the Lords by said Mr. Wakefield, Corporation Bill (Lords), for the application of so much of the total surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services over the net Expenditure is £6,116,213 6s. 5d., viz.:

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Civil Estimates, 1956-57.

Class V, Vote 10 (Department of Health for Scotland) (Revised Estimates) 10
Class V, Vote 11 (National Health Service, Scotland) ... ... ... 10
Total ... ... ... ... £20
II. Whereas it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1955, that the aggregate Expenditure on Army Services has not exceeded the aggregate sums appropriated for those Services and that, as shown in the Schedule hereto appended, the net surplus of the Exchequer Grants for Army Services over the net Expenditure is £53,839,976 16s. 1d., viz.:—

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And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised:

1. That the application of so much of the realised surplus on Vote 8 for Air Services as is necessary to meet the net deficit of £7,785,920 11s. 1d. on Vote 11 that would otherwise have been met by issues out of the Consolidated Fund under the Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Acts, 1949 and 1953;

2. That the application of so much of the remainder of the said total surpluses on certain Grants for Air Services as is necessary to make good the remainder of the said total deficits on other Grants for Air Services;

3. That the application of such sums be sanctioned.

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Resolved. That the Statement of the Exchequer Grants for Air Services over the net Expenditure is £2,785,920 11s. 1d. on Vote 11 that would otherwise have been met by issues out of the Consolidated Fund under the Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Acts, 1949 and 1953.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.

And whereas the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised:

1. That the application of so much of the realised surplus on Vote 8 for Air Services as is necessary to meet the net deficit of £2,785,920 11s. 1d. on Vote 11 that would otherwise have been met by issues out of the Consolidated Fund under the Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Acts, 1949 and 1953;

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 18th July 1956, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity in the Crown during the year ended the 31st day of March 1956, with a List giving particulars of Certificates of Employment issued under Section 1 of the Aliens Employment Act, 1955, in the same year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Report on the Administration of the Sudan for the period from the 1st day of January 1950 to the 30th day of June 1951.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report by the Commissioner on the Public Inquiry into objections to the proposed British Egg Marketing Scheme.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir Herbert Butcher reported from the Committee on the Manchester Corporation Bill (Lords), That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House:

And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Hotel Proprietors (Liabilities and Rights) Bill (changed to Hotel Proprietors Bill) and on the Sanitary Inspectors (Change of Designation) Bill be exemped, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order Sittings of the House.—(Mr. Heath.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Slum Clearance (Compensation) Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 6, line 3, being read a second time, were agreed to:

The Lords Amendment in page 6, line 3, leave out from "been" to "given" in line 4 and insert "vacated and demolished in pursuance of an undertaking for its demolition", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry, their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in page 6, line 5, leave out "at the date of its demolition", the remaining Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive Special Entry, their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Transport (Disposal of Road Haulage Property) Bill: And the same were read.

Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords Amendments, in the Title, line 6, be postponed till after the consideration of the subsequent Amendments.—(Mr. Watkinson.)

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 6, line 28, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 6, line 28, at end, insert Clause A (Extra vehicles for companies to which s. 3 applies), the next Amendment, being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, in line 7, by leaving out from the word "exceed" to the end of subsection (1) and inserting the words "the difference between the number of vehicles to which subsection (1) of the last preceding section applies and the number of vehicles disposed of before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven under subsection (2) of the said section".—(Mr. Ernest Davies),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Lords Amendment:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Leigh, Mr. Bryan:—

226. Noes, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Rogers:—

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, in line 10, by leaving out subsection (2).—(Mr. Strauss.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Lords Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The postponed Lords Amendment, in the Title, line 6, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
Resolved, That the White Fish Subsidy (Aggregated Amount of Grants) Order, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of June last, be approved.

(Mr. Amory.)

The House according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Hotel Proprietors Bill: And the same were read.

The Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 2, line 21, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 3, line 6, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 3, line 6, at end, add Schedule A—(Notice—Loss or Damage to Guests' Property), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Hotel Proprietors Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as followeth:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 21, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment would increase the aggregate liability of the proprietor of an hotel in the case of loss or damage to property brought to the hotel to a figure unreasonably in excess of the existing law.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. O'Neill reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Hotel Proprietors Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as followeth:

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The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to communicate the said Reason (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the BUI be now read the third time:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Air Navigation, Electricity, Gas, Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland), and Transport be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Convention signed at The Hague on the 11th day of August 1954 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on Social Security (with Protocol) (Ratifications were exchanged at London on the 23rd day of May 1955).

Copy of the Slavery Convention signed at Geneva on the 25th day of September 1956, as amended by the Protocol agreed at New York on the 7th day of December 1953 (with the Protocol of the 7th day of December 1953 and the Annex thereto).

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Mr. Turton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Regulations, dated 12th July 1956, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Executive Councils) Amendment Regulations, 1956,
(2) the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations, 1956,
(3) the National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) Regulations, 1956, and
(4) the National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations, 1956.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument,—Report on War Pensioners for 1955.

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Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, pursuant to the directions of a Statutory Instrument,—Report on War Pensioners for 1955.
Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that Item Class II, Vote 8, Colonial Office, be reduced by £5.—(Mr. Bevan.)
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the 1 Mr. Bowden, Yea, 246.
Mr. Pearson; Noes, 319.

Mr. Galbraith:

Original Question again proposed:—Debate arising;
And it being after Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report Progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 8) Order, 1956, be approved—(Mr. Low);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yea, Mr. Oakshott, Lieutenant-Commander; 200
Mr. Williards;
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Simmons; 162
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Adjournment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Redmayne):—And a Debate arising thereupon:
And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then a quarter of an hour after Eleven of the clock, till to-morrow.

Mr. Secretary Birch presented, pursuant to Rights of Way, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1956, entitled the Stopping up of Highways (Air Ministry) (Revocations) (No. 3) Order, 1956.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Sheriff Court Fees, to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 3rd July 1956;
entitled the Act of Sederunt (Alteration of Sheriff Court Fees), 1956.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Second Annual Report of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (St. Marylebone) (Amendments) Regulations, 1956.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Robert Jenkins reported from the Fylde Water Committee on the Fylde Water Board Bill (Lords), that they had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Report be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crown Estate Bill; Second Reading of the Crown Estate Bill; and the Bill being read a second time:
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;
Mr. Brooke acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen, to acquaint the House that Her Majesty places Her interests, so far as concerns the matter 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:
Ordered, That the Bill be accordingly read a second time.

Mr. Amory, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Crown Estate [Money]...
Hill Farming

Mr. Amory, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Hill Farming [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 time within which livestock rearing land improvement schemes may be submitted under the Hill Farming Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), increase the maximum amount that may be paid in the aggregate by way of grants under that section, and extending by seven years the period within which an order providing for increasing, by not more than two million pounds, the said maximum amount may be made by the Minister and the Secretary of State;—

(a) any increase in the sums which, under section thirteen of the principal Act, are to be defrayed out of such moneys, being an increase attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing by seven—

(b) the number of years by reference to which the making by the Minister and the Secretary of State of payments in respect of hill sheep comprised in flocks kept on hill land is so authorised.—(Mr. Nugent.)

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 Hill Farming Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. —(Mr. Wills.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Amory, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion relating to Hill Farming [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 time within which livestock rearing land improvement schemes may be submitted under the Hill Farming Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), increase the maximum amount that may be paid in the aggregate by way of grants in accordance with schemes approved under section four of the Crown Lands Act, 1851.—(Mr. Brooke.)

Resolution to be reported.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.
THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Middlesex County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Brooke, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns from Universities and University Colleges in receipt of Treasury Grants for the Academic Year 1954-55.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter, presented pursuant to an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders by Her Majesty, dated 6th July 1956—
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.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill [Lords] have leave to make a Special Report.

Wing Commander Grant-Ferris reported from the Committee on the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, and the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Report be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the House to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research Bill [Lords], with Amendments; to which the Lords Bill desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the House to the Road Traffic Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords Bill desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Road Traffic Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Heath):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply, Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Draft Police Pensions Bill, not amended, be carried through all its stages in the present Session, and the Bill to be printed, and be read a second time on the 28th day of June last, be amended, and be read a third time on the 28th day of June last, be considered and reported as amended by the Lords, and be read a second time on the 28th day of June last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and be then read a second time, and be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and be then read a second time, and be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Resolved, That the Draft Police Pensions Police (Scotland) Bill, not amended, be carried through all its stages in the present Session, and the Bill to be printed, and be read a second time on the 28th day of June last, be amended, and be read a third time on the 28th day of June last, be considered and reported as amended by the Lords, and be read a second time on the 28th day of June last, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and be then read a second time, and be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and be then read a second time, and be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

—(Lieutenant-Commander Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th July 1956, entitled the Agricultural Statistics (England and Wales) Amendment Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Iain Macleod presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of a Committee appointed on the 27th day of July 1955 to inquire into the operation of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Scheme, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Payments under the Seamen's Fund Winding-up Act, 1851, for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1956, entitled the Orpington (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1956, with a Certificate by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Great Yarmouth Port and Haven) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Wisbech Port and Harbour) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the British Transport Commission (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Leeds Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Croydon Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That this day Business other than the Business of Supply may be taken before Ten of the clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)
Adjournment.

Vote 1. Foreign Service (Revised sum).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £9,419,720, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957, for the salaries and expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, including Her Majesty's Missions and Consulates abroad, and the salaries of two Ministers of State.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Heath)—put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Heath)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Joseph Price, Mr. Simmons: 171.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Legh, Mr. Wakefield: 230.

So it passed in the Negative.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. 

—(Mr. Godber.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House, according to Order, resolved the Supply [25th July] into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)


1. £288,559,004 for the services included in the following Civil and Navy Estimates, viz.:


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£288,559,004

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1956-57.
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organisation, grants in connection with physical training and recreation, and grants to approved associations for youth welfare.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put. That a sum, not exceeding £221,201,118, be granted for the said service.—(Mr. Michael Stewart.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes—Mr. Pearson, 216.
Yea: Mr. Holmes: 259.
Noo, Mr. Wakefield:

Original Question again proposed.

And, it being after half-past Nine o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Standing Order (Business of Supply), to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Vote under consideration.

Question put and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded forthwith to put severally the Questions, That the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the several Classes of the Civil Estimates, including Revised Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, and the total amounts of the Votes outstanding in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, including a Supplementary Estimate, and the Ministry of Defence Estimate, and in the Navy, the Army, and the Air Estimates, including Revised Estimates, be granted for the Services defined in those Classes and Estimates.

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1956-57.

Class I.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £12,181,164, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<td>14. The King</td>
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<td>19. Royal Commissions, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>20. Secret Service</td>
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<td>21. Silver</td>
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<td>22. Tithe Redemption Commission</td>
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<td>23a. Repayments to the Civil Contingencies Fund</td>
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**Scotland:**
- 25. Scottish Record Office: £25,242

**Total:** £12,181,164

4. That a sum, not exceeding £57,043,170, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<td>2. Foreign Office (Civil Defence Services) (Revised sum) (including a Supplementary sum of £146,100)</td>
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<td>3. British Council</td>
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<td>4. United Nations</td>
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<td>5. Commonwealth Relations Office</td>
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<td>6. Commonwealth Services (including a Supplementary sum of £10)</td>
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<td>7. Overseas Settlements</td>
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<td>10. Development and Welfare (Colonies, &amp;c.) (Revised sum of £12,197,930)</td>
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<td>11. Development and Welfare (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and South African High Commission Territories)</td>
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<td>12. Imperial War Graves Commission</td>
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**Total:** £57,043,170

5. That a sum, not exceeding £61,043,925, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<td>7. Carlisle State Management District</td>
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<td>8. Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c.</td>
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<td>9. County Courts (Revised sum)</td>
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<td>10. Legal Aid Fund</td>
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<td>21. Law Charges and Courts of Law ...</td>
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**Total:** £61,043,925
22. Department of the Registers of Scotland ... 90
23. Supreme Court of Judicature, &c., Northern Ireland 39,263
24. Irish Land Purchase Services 383,220

£61,043,925

Question put and agreed to.

Class IV.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £67,535,811, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

2. British Museum 302,622
3. British Museum (Natural History) 280,193
4. Imperial War Museum 28,410
5. London Museum 19,120
6. National Gallery (including a Supplementary sum of £23,500) 65,038
7. Tate Gallery 28,332
8. National Maritime Museum 34,294
9. National Portrait Gallery 18,417
10. Wallace Collection 23,157
11. Grants for Science and the Arts 907,055
12. Universities and Colleges, &c., Great Britain 17,419,900
13. Broadcasting 21,694,000

£7,355,811

Question put and agreed to.

Class V.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £481,415,332, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Ministry of Housing and Local Government (Revised sum) (including a Supplementary sum of £10) 13,047,195
2. Housing, England and Wales 49,998,280
3. Exchequer Grants to Local Revenues, England and Wales 49,200,000
4. Ministry of Health (Revised sum) 25,274,455
5. National Health Service, England and Wales (Revised sum) 291,563,175
6. Medical Research Council 1,449,000
7. Registrar General's Office 267,905
8. Central Land Board 252,500
9. War Damage Commission 436,000

Scotland:—
10. Department of Health (Revised sum) 4,412,770

£481,415,332

Question put and agreed to.

Class VI.

8. That a sum, not exceeding £1,460,270, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VI of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

3. Board of Trade (Strategic Services) (Revised sum) 1,420,000
6. Export Credits 90
7. Export Credits (Special Guarantees) 90
10. Ministry of Supply (Purchasing Services) 90
12. Registration of Restrictive Trading Agreements 40,000

£1,460,270

Question put and agreed to.

Class VII.

9. That a sum, not exceeding £39,801,653, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

2. Houses of Parliament Buildings 241,000
3. Public Buildings, &c., United Kingdom (Revised sum) 17,744,150
4. Public Buildings Overseas 1,175,000
5. Royal Palaces 339,500
6. Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens (including a Supplementary sum of £10) 532,010
7. Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments 590,000
8. Bases on Government Property 9,845,693
9. Stationery and Printing (Revised sum) 8,131,160
10. Central Office of Information 1,192,200
11. Peterhead Harbour 21,000

£39,801,653

Question put and agreed to.

Class VIII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £141,225,865, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

1. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Revised sum) 10,256,720
2. Agricultural and Food Grants and Subsidies (Revised sum) 123,392,430

£141,225,865

Question put and agreed to.
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3. Agricultural and Food Services
   (Revised sum) including a Supplementary sum of £160,000
   5,362,118

4. Food (Strategic Reserves) (Revised sum)...
   -2,799,900

5. Surveys of Great Britain, etc.
   1,992,570

6. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands
   67,927

7. Agricultural Research Council
   2,060,000

8. Nature Conservancy
   160,000

9. Development Fund
   724,000

10. Development Fund
    £141,225,865

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the /Mr. Redmayne,
Yeas, 227.

Tellers for the /Mr. Wakefield,
Noes, 56.

Class IX.
11. That a sum, not exceeding £31,658,000,
    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 1957, for
    Expenditure in respect of the Services included
    in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

    £
    2. Roads, etc., England and Wales...
       31,658,000

    £31,658,000

Question put and agreed to.

Class X.
12. That a sum, not exceeding £303,832,840,
    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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

    £
    1. Superannuation and Retired
    Allowances
       8,388,710

    2. Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance
       2,848,870

    3. War Pensions, etc. (including a Supplementary sum of £65,000)
       57,201,000

    4. National Insurance and Family Allowances (Revised sum)
       146,328,000

    5. National Assistance Board
       84,126,000

    6. Pensions (India, Pakistan and Burma)
       4,206,260

    7. Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions, etc.
       780,000

    £303,832,840

Question put and agreed to.

Estimates for Revenue Departments and Supplementary Estimate, 1956-57.
13. That a sum, not exceeding £237,623,300, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:

    £
    1. Customs and Excise
       9,826,300

    2. Inland Revenue
       25,414,000

    3. Post Office (including a Supplementary sum of £15,585,000)
       202,383,000

    £237,623,300

Question put and agreed to.

14. That a sum, not exceeding £10,800,000, 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 1957, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence; expenses 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.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the /Mr. Wakefield,
Yeas, 221.

Tellers for the /Mr. Hughes-Young,
Noes, 31.

15. That a sum, not exceeding £186,779,000, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:

    £
    3. Medical Establishments and Services
       1,705,000

    4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services
       8,714,000

    5. Educational Services
       1,241,000

    7. Royal Naval Reserve
       2,245,000

    8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, etc.:
       Section I—Personnel
       41,417,000

       Section II—Materiel (Revised sum)
       42,425,000

       Section III—Construction Work (Revised sum)
       64,838,000

    9. Naval Armaments (Revised sum)
       24,128,000

    £186,779,000

Question put and agreed to.

Army Estimates, 1956-57.
16. That a sum, not exceeding £196,480,000, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:

    £
    3. War Office
       3,600,000

    4. Civilians
       91,340,000

    7. Stores (Revised sum)
       88,850,000

    9. Miscellaneous Effective Services
       12,690,000

    £196,480,000

Question put and agreed to.
Air Estimates, 1956-57.

17. That a sum, not exceeding £135,760,000, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:—

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<td>Non-Effective Services</td>
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£135,760,000

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.

(Resolved on)

Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.

Overseas Resources Development [Money].

17. That a sum, not exceeding £135,760,000, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:—

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£135,760,000

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.

(Resolved on)

Overseas Resources Development [Money].

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.

Air Estimates, 1956-57.

17. That a sum, not exceeding £135,760,000, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:—

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Question put and agreed to. Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(Resolved on)
Mr. Oliver reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Medical Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto, and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Benson reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further Progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on the 15th day of December last and subsequent dates, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up, and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the further proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Patrick Spens reported from the Select Committee on the House of Commons Disqualification Bill, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Sir Patrick Spens reported from the Select Committee on the House of Commons Disqualification Bill, That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as followeth: A Bill to make provision for disqualifying the holders of offices or places of profit under the Crown and other offices, of persons having pensions from the Crown and of persons contracting with the Crown for or on account of the public service, and certain enactments disqualifying members of that House for holding other offices; to make corresponding provision in respect of the Senate and House of Commons of Northern Ireland; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House; and be printed.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Lords have agreed to the Marriage (Scotland) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Rugby Corporation Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Chertsey Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Hotel Proprietors Bill, to which this House has disagreed; and they have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to one of their Amendments, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Marriage (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next: and be printed.

Business of the House (Supply).

Mr. Legh reported from the Committee of Supply yesterday, several Resolutions; which were, as follow:


1. That a sum, not exceeding £288,539,004, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the following Civil and Navy Estimates, viz.:

   **Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1956-57, and Navy Estimates, 1956-57.**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class</th>
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<th>Department</th>
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<td>Class I, Vote 24</td>
<td>Scottish Home</td>
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<td>Housing, Scot-</td>
<td>7,547,540</td>
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<td>Class VI, Vote 1</td>
<td>Board of Trade</td>
<td>10,555,600</td>
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<td>Board of Trade</td>
<td>3,014,000</td>
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<td>Class VI, Vote 3</td>
<td>Assistance to Industry and Trading Services</td>
<td>1,960,194</td>
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<td>2,517,300</td>
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<td>357,510</td>
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<td>Class VI, Vote 8</td>
<td>Ministry of Supply</td>
<td>13,714,000</td>
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<td>Class VI, Vote 11</td>
<td>Royal Ordnance Factories</td>
<td>3,800,000</td>
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<td>Class VII, Vote 1</td>
<td>Ministry of Works</td>
<td>5,620,120</td>
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<td>Class VII, Vote 5</td>
<td>Fishery Grants and Services</td>
<td>1,249,770</td>
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<td>Class VIII, Vote 11</td>
<td>Forestry Commission</td>
<td>5,591,000</td>
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<td>Class VIII, Vote 12</td>
<td>Department of Agriculture for Scotland (Revised sum)</td>
<td>22,360,096</td>
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<td>Class VIII, Vote 13</td>
<td>Fisheries (Scotland) and Herring Industry (Revised sum)</td>
<td>1,570,001</td>
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<tr>
<td>Class IX, Vote 1</td>
<td>Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation (Revised sum)</td>
<td>5,666,700</td>
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<td>Class IX, Vote 4</td>
<td>Civil Aviation (Revised sum)</td>
<td>4,255,010</td>
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<td>Ministry of Fuel and Power</td>
<td>2,682,810</td>
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<td>Ministry of Fuel and Power (Special Services) (Revised sum)</td>
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<td>Development of Scientific and Industrial Research</td>
<td>5,053,100</td>
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<td>Class IX, Vote 9</td>
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<td>4,612,630</td>
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<td>Class IX, Vote 10</td>
<td>Defence Services</td>
<td>8,079,000</td>
<td></td>
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   $288,539,004


   Class IV.

   2. That a sum, not exceeding £221,201,218 (including a Supplementary sum of £10,753,000), 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 1957, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Education, and of the various establishments connected therewith, including sundry grants in aid, a subscription to an international organisation, grants in connection with physical training and recreation, and grants to approved associations for youth welfare.
Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1956-57.

Class I.

3. That a sum, not exceeding £12,181,164, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class I of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>1. House of Lords</td>
<td>£98,282</td>
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<td>2. House of Commons</td>
<td>£764,456</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Registration of Electors</td>
<td>£300,000</td>
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<td>4. Treasury and Subordinate Departments</td>
<td>£2,046,237</td>
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<td>5. Privy Council Office</td>
<td>£20,849</td>
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<td>6. Privy Seal office</td>
<td>£8,720</td>
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<td>7. Charity Commission</td>
<td>£68,922</td>
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<td>8. Civil Service Commission</td>
<td>£293,700</td>
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<td>9. Exchequer and Audit Department</td>
<td>£316,677</td>
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<td>10. Friendly Societies Registry</td>
<td>£54,890</td>
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<td>11. Government Actuary</td>
<td>£13,911</td>
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<td>12. Government Chemist</td>
<td>£212,505</td>
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<td>13. Government Hospitality</td>
<td>£35,000</td>
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<td>14. The Royal Mint</td>
<td>£3,000,000</td>
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<td>15. National Debt Office</td>
<td>£3,670,000</td>
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<td>16. National Savings Committee</td>
<td>£3,220,000</td>
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<td>17. Public Record Office</td>
<td>£77,012</td>
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<td>18. Public Works Loan Commission</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>19. Royal Commissions &amp;c</td>
<td>£116,000</td>
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<td>20. Secret Service</td>
<td>£3,000,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>21. Silver (including a Supplementary sum of £2,149,632)</td>
<td>£16,146,158</td>
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<td>22. Department of the Registers of Deeds</td>
<td>£39,252</td>
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<td>23. Scottish Land Registry</td>
<td>£54,890</td>
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<tr>
<td>24. Scottish Record Office</td>
<td>£25,242</td>
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Total: £212,181,164

Class II.

4. That a sum, not exceeding £57,043,170, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<td>1. Foreign Office (Revised sum)</td>
<td>£9,419,720</td>
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<td>2. Foreign Office Grants and Services (Revised sum) (including a Supplementary sum of £146,100)</td>
<td>£12,197,930</td>
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<td>3. British Council</td>
<td>£1,402,650</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. United Nations</td>
<td>£300,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Commonwealth Relations Office</td>
<td>£1,325,662</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Commonwealth Services (including a Supplementary sum of £10)</td>
<td>£1,150,101</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Overseas Settlement</td>
<td>£131,700</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Colonial Office (including a Supplementary sum of £3,300)</td>
<td>£907,265</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Colonial Services (Revised sum) (including a Supplementary sum of £2,149,632)</td>
<td>£16,146,158</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Development and Welfare (including a Revised sum)</td>
<td>£12,250,000</td>
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<td>11. Development and Welfare (Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and South African High Commission Territories)</td>
<td>£920,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>12. Imperial War Graves Commission</td>
<td>£891,984</td>
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Total: £57,043,170

Class III.

5. That a sum, not exceeding £61,043,925, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class III of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>1. Home Office</td>
<td>£3,468,035</td>
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<td>2. Home Office (Civil Defence Services) (Revised sum)</td>
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<td>3. Police England and Wales</td>
<td>£28,135,966</td>
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<td>4. Prisons, England and Wales</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Child Care, England and Wales</td>
<td>£6,171,400</td>
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<td>6. Fire Services, England and Wales</td>
<td>£3,812,800</td>
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<td>7.Carlisle City Management District</td>
<td>£907,265</td>
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<td>8. Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c</td>
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<td>9. County Courts (Revised sum)</td>
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<td>10. Legal Aid Fund</td>
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<td>11. Land Registry</td>
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<td>12. Public Trustee</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<td>13. Law Charges</td>
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<td>15. Scottish Home Department (Civil Defence Services) (Revised sum)</td>
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<td>16. Police</td>
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<td>17. Prisons</td>
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<td>18. Approved Schools</td>
<td>£168,530</td>
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<tr>
<td>19. Fire Services</td>
<td>£518,180</td>
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<td>20. State Management Districts</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<tr>
<td>21. Law Charges and Courts of Law</td>
<td>£181,441</td>
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<tr>
<td>22. Department of the Registers of Scotland</td>
<td>£90</td>
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<tr>
<td>23. Supreme Court of Judicature, &amp;c, Northern Ireland</td>
<td>£39,263</td>
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<td>24. Irish Land Purchase Services</td>
<td>£583,220</td>
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Total: £61,043,925

Class IV.

6. That a sum, not exceeding £67,535,811, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IV of the Civil Estimates, viz.:

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<tr>
<td>1. British Museum</td>
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<td>2. British Museum (Natural History)</td>
<td>£260,193</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Imperial War Museum</td>
<td>£28,410</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. London Museum</td>
<td>£19,120</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. National Gallery (including a Supplementary sum of £255,000)</td>
<td>£65,038</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Tate Gallery</td>
<td>£28,552</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. National Maritime Museum</td>
<td>£34,294</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. National Portrait Gallery</td>
<td>£18,477</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Wallace Collection</td>
<td>£23,157</td>
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<tr>
<td>10. Blackmore (for Science and the Arts)</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Universities and Colleges, Great Britain</td>
<td>£17,419,900</td>
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<td>12. Broadcasting</td>
<td>£21,694,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>13. Scotland</td>
<td>£67,535,811</td>
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### Class V.

7. That a sum, not exceeding £481,415,332, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class V of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<tr>
<td>1. Ministry of Housing and Local Government</td>
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<td>2. Housing, England and Wales</td>
<td>£49,908,280</td>
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<td>3. Exchequer Grants to Local Revenues, England and Wales</td>
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<td>4. Ministry of Health (Revised sum)</td>
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<td>5. National Health Service, England and Wales (Revised sum)</td>
<td>£291,563,175</td>
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<td>6. Medical Research Council</td>
<td>£1,489,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>7. Registrar General’s Office</td>
<td>£267,905</td>
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<td>8. Central Land Board</td>
<td>£252,500</td>
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<td>9. War Damage Commission</td>
<td>£436,000</td>
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<td>10. Development Fund</td>
<td>£31,658,000</td>
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<td>11. Peterhead Harbour</td>
<td>£21,000</td>
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**Total:** £481,415,332

### Class VIII.

10. That a sum, not exceeding £141,225,865, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class VIII of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<td>2. Agricultural and Food Grants</td>
<td>£123,392,430</td>
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<td>3. Agricultural and Food Services (Revised sum) (including a Supplementary sum of £106,000)</td>
<td>£5,362,118</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Food (Strategic Reserves) (Revised sum)</td>
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<tr>
<td>5. Office of Commissioners of Crown Lands</td>
<td>£1,992,570</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Agricultural Research Council</td>
<td>£4,206,000</td>
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<td>7. Nature Conservancy</td>
<td>£34,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>8. Development Fund</td>
<td>£141,225,865</td>
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**Total:** £141,225,865

### Class IX.

11. That a sum, not exceeding £31,658,000, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class IX of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<th>Service</th>
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<td>2. Roads, &amp;c., England and Wales</td>
<td>£31,658,000</td>
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**Total:** £31,658,000

### Class X.

12. That a sum, not exceeding £303,832,840, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class X of the Civil Estimates, viz.:—

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<td>1. Superannuation and Retired Allowances</td>
<td>£8,368,710</td>
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<td>2. Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance</td>
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<td>4. National Insurance and Family Allowances (Revised sum)</td>
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<td>5. National Assistance Board</td>
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Estimates for Revenue Departments and Supplementary Estimate, 1956-57.

13. That a sum, not exceeding £237,623,300, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Services included in the Estimates for Revenue Departments, viz.:—

£
1. Customs and Excise ..... 9,826,300
2. Inland Revenue ..... 25,414,000
3. Post Office (including a Supplementary sum of £13,385,000) ..... 202,383,000

£237,623,300


14. That a sum, not exceeding £10,800,000, 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 1957, for the salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Defence; expenses 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.


15. That a sum, not exceeding £186,779,000, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Navy Services, viz.:—

£
3. Medical Establishments and Services ..... 1,703,000
4. Civilians employed on Fleet Services ..... 8,714,000
5. Educational Services ..... 1,311,000
7. Royal Naval Reserves ..... 2,243,000
8. Shipbuilding, Repair, Maintenance, &c.—
   Section I.—Personnel ..... 41,417,000
   Section II.—Matériel (Revised sum) ..... 42,425,000
   Section III.—Contract Work (Revised sum) ..... 64,838,000
9. Naval Armaments (Revised sum) ..... 24,128,000

£186,779,000

Army Estimates, 1956-57.

16. That a sum, not exceeding £196,480,000, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Army Services, viz.:—

£
3. War Office ..... 3,600,000
4. Civilians ..... 91,340,000
7. Stores (Revised sum) ..... 88,850,000
9. Miscellaneous Effective Services ..... 12,690,000

£196,480,000

Air Estimates, 1956-57.

17. That a sum, not exceeding £135,760,000, 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 1957, for Expenditure in respect of the Air Services, viz.:—

£
3. Air Ministry ..... 4,780,000
4. Civilians at Outstations ..... 15,510,000
5. Movements ..... 14,320,000
6. Supplies (Revised sum) ..... 74,140,000
10. Non-Effective Services ..... 7,070,000

£135,760,000

The First Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded, pursuant to Questions on the Order of the House this day, to put forthwith the Questions, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Classes I—X of the Civil Estimates and the Revenue Departments' Estimates, the Ministry of Defence Estimate, the Navy Estimates, the Army Estimates, and the Air Estimates.

Civil Estimates and Supplementary Estimate, 1956-57.

Class I. Central Government and Finance.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class I of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class II. Commonwealth and Foreign.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class II of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class III. Home Department, Law and Justice.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class III of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class IV. Education and Broadcasting.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolutions reported in respect of Class IV of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Class V. Health, Housing and Local Government.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of Class V of the Civil Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Class VI.

Trade, Labour 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 and Supplementary Estimate, 1956-57.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Revenue Departments Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.


And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Ministry of Defence Estimate:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.


And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Navy Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Army Estimates, 1956-57.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Army Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Air Estimates, 1956-57.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the outstanding Resolution reported in respect of the Air Estimates:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1957, the sum of £2,474,380,552 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Brooke do prepare and bring it in.

Mr. Brooke accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven and to appropriate the further supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

Resolved, That the Agriculture Act (Part I) Agriculture. Extension of Period Order, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 28th day of June last, be approved.—(Mr. Nugent.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the International Tin Council) Order, 1956, be made in the form of the Draft laid before this House on the 17th day of this instant July.—(Mr. Thorneycroft.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Wakefield);

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. Hughes-Young.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Croydon Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Leeds Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill (Lords) be now read the third time:

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Mr. Brooks presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relative to the position on the 31st day of March 1956 of certain Funds left in Trust for the Reduction of the National Debt.

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 July 1956, authorising the landing at London of one Giraffe and one Gerenuk.

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Copy of an Order, dated 23rd July 1956, entitled the Welfare Foods (Great Britain) Amendment Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Royal Warrant to amend certain Royal Warrants concerning Retired Pay, Pensions, and other grants for Officers, Nurses, and Soldiers disabled, and for the Widows and Children of Officers and Soldiers deceased, in consequence of service during the 1914 World War.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wakefield reported from the Committee on Overseas Resources Development (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make new provision as to the functions of the Colonial Development Corporation, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums which, in accordance with section seventeen of the Overseas Resources Development Act, 1948 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1948"), may be required to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, in so far as any such increase—

(i) in the case of sums issued to the Secretary of State for making advances to the said Corporation, does not increase those sums beyond the amount required for fulfilling guarantees in respect of those sums beyond the amount required for fulfilling guarantees in respect of such borrowings within the limits prescribed by subsection (1) of section twelve of the Act of 1946, and

(ii) in the case of sums issued to the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantee under the Act of 1948 of borrowings of the said Corporation, does not increase those sums beyond the amount required for fulfilling guarantees in respect of such borrowings within the limits prescribed by subsection (3) of section eleven of the Act of 1948;

(b) any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums which, in accordance with subsection (3) of section seventeen of the Act of 1948, may be required to be raised by the Treasury, or which in accordance with subsection (1) of section eighteen of the Act of 1948 may be required to be paid into the Exchequer or to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund and applied in redeeming or paying off debt or paying interest;

(c) any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in any remission of interest in accordance with section five of the Overseas Resources Development 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 Overseas Resources Development Bill.

(In the Committee.)

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Clause No. 1 (Functions of Colonial Development Corporation).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 20, after the word "section", to insert the words "and to the provisions of section 8A of this Act"—(Mr. James Johnson.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Rogers, Yeas: Mr. Deer: 34.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Wakefield, Noes: Mr. Godber: 90.]

Another Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 21, at the end, to insert the words "including Government authorities"—(Mr. Dugdale.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 35, at the end, to insert the words "or reptiles"—(Mrs. White.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 39, after the word "electricity", to insert the words "atomic power"—(Mr. Bevan.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 43, to leave out from the second word "services" to the end of line 45.—(Mr. Dugdale.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Special provisions as to Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland).

Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 6, to leave out the words "is needed" and insert the words "would be advantageous or convenient"—(Mrs. White.)

Question proposed, That the words "is needed" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.

A Clause (Extension of powers of Corporation to additional enterprises)—(Mr. Attorney General)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 43, to leave out the words "Lord Privy Seal" and insert the words "Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster".—(Mr. Mitchison.)

Question proposed, That the words "Lord Privy Seal" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereof.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the British Transport Commission (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Manchester Ship Canal Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Newcastle upon Tyne Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Rugby Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Barnsley Corporation Bill (Lords) was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

[No. 201]

Monday, 30th July, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 26th day of this instant July relating to Immunities and Privileges had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges of the International Tin Council) Order, 1956, be made in the form of the Draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the British Transport Commission (No. 2) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Chertsey Urban District Council Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Manchester Ship Canal Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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The Barnsley Corporation Bill (Lords) was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.
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The Heywood and Middleton Water Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

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The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Standing Order relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by 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.

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tion of Bill) be suspended; and that the Bill,
fore Consideration), and (Notice of Considera­
to be taken into consideration, amended copies having
been previously deposited.—(The Chairman
of Ways and Means.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take
the Bill, as amended in the Committee, into
consideration.

Ordered, That the Standing Order relating
to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading)
be suspended, and that the Bill be now read
the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and
Means.)
The Bill was accordingly read the third
time and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill
to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this
House hath agreed to the same, with Amend­
ments; to which this House doth desire the
concordance of their Lordships.

The following Papers, required by several
Acts of Parliament to be laid before the House,
delivered to the Votes and Proceedings
Office on the 28th day of this instant July
pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation
of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie
upon the Table:—

Copy of an Order, dated 27th July 1956,
etitiled the Exchange Control (Payments)
(Egyptian Monetary Area) Order, 1956.

Copy of a Direction, dated 27th July 1956,
etitiled the Control of Gold and Securities
(Suez Canal Company) Direction, 1956.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the direct­
ions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts
showing the Money issued out of the Con­
solidated Fund, the Capital Expenditure, and
the Money borrowed and repaid by the De­
partment of Health for Scotland and the Ministry
of Works, respectively, under the
Housing Act, 1914, for the year ended the 31st
day of March 1956, with the Report of the
Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Account do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to the
directions of several Acts of Parlia­
ment,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 24th July
1956, entitled the Marginal Agricultural
Production (Scotland) Amendment Scheme
1956.

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Copies of Schemes, dated 19th July 1956, Crofters,
Copies, and Small
Landholders
(Scotland).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Thornycroft presented, pursuant to the
Monopolies
and Restrictive
Practices Commission on the Supply of certain
Rubber Footwear.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table: and be printed.

Mr. Turton presented, pursuant to the direc­
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Regulations, dated 23rd July 1956, entitled the
Therapeutic Substances Amendment Regula­
tions, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Pensions.
Majesty’s Command,—Copy of a Royal
Warrant to amend the Royal Warrant
of the Military Forces, and of the Nursing and
Auxiliary Services thereof disabled and for
Widows, Children, Parents, and other
Dependants of such Members deceased,
in consequence of Service after the 2nd day
of September 1939.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means pre­
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 Not ­
tingham (Lower Parliament Street, Public
Conveniences) Compulsory Purchase Order,
1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from
British
Caribbean
Federation
Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments
made by this House to the Felixstowe Dock
and Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amend­
ment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments
made by this House to the Middlesex County
Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the con­
sideration of the Lords Amendments to the
Restrictive Trade Practices Bill, the Road
Traffic Bill and the Marriage (Scotland) Bill
be N° 2
The Lords Amendment, in page 1, line 22, leave out from "council" to "large" in line 1 on page 2 and insert "designated by the Minister for the purposes of this section, being the council of a county, of a borough, or of a parish", the first Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 4, line 9, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 4, line 9, at end insert—

"(5) The Minister may by regulations exempt from subsection (1) of this section the use of vehicles in any such area as may be prescribed", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 5, line 23, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 5, line 23, at end, insert—

"(2) A length of trunk road or of classified road shall not be deemed for the purposes of the Act of 1934 to be a road in a built-up area by reason only of the system of street lighting provided thereon if no relevant system of street lighting was provided thereon before the coming into operation of this subsection.

(3) As respects any length of road in a built-up area to which this subsection applies, subsection (1) of section one of the Act of 1934 shall have effect with the substitution for the limit of speed to be observed under that section of a limit of speed of forty miles per hour.
section one (which relates to traffic signs), in paragraph (a), for the words from ' the places ' to the end of the paragraph there shall be substituted the words ' whether a length of road is or is not deemed to be a road in a built-up area and what limit of speed is to be observed where a length of road is deemed to be such a road ; and '.

(7) Where no relevant system of street lighting is provided on any length of road but that length of road is deemed to be a road in a built-up area, a person shall not be convicted of an offence under section ten of the Act of 1930 committed on that length of road in contravention of section one of the Act of 1934 unless the fact that it is deemed to be such a road is indicated by means of such traffic signs as are mentioned in the said subsection (7).

(8) In any proceedings for an offence under section ten of the Act of 1930 committed in contravention of section one of the Act of 1934, being proceedings relating to driving on a length of road provided with a relevant system of street lighting, evidence of the absence of derestriction signs shall be evidence of the length of road being deemed to be a road in a built-up area.

(9) In any proceedings for an offence under the said section ten committed in contravention of the said section one—
(a) a certificate of an officer of the highway authority for any road stating whether a relevant system of street lighting was provided on any length of that road before the coming into operation of subsection (2) of this section ; and
(b) a certificate of an officer of the Minister, or, in Scotland, of the Secretary of State that any road is or is not a trunk road or a classified road, shall be evidence of the facts certified; and a document purporting to be such a certificate and to be signed by such an officer as is mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection shall be deemed to be such a certificate unless the contrary is shown.

(10) In this section the expression ' classified road ' means a road classified by the Minister or the Secretary of State under the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919, in Class I or Class II or, in Scotland, of the Secretary of State in pursuance of subsection (7) of section one of the Act of 1934 to indicate that the length of road is to be deemed not to be in a built-up area, and the expression ' relevant system of street lighting ' means a system of street lighting furnished by lamps placed two hundred yards or less apart , the next Amendment, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 5, line 33, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 5, line 39, after second " county " insert " or metropolitan ", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to further the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the second Amendment in page 10, line 33, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 10, line 33, after the words last inserted, insert Clause B (Regulation of cycle racing on highways), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Molson);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
[Lieutenant-Commander Thompson, Mr. Godber; 
Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons;]

Tellers for the Noes, 
[Mr. Thompson, Mr. Godber; 
Mr. Pearson, Mr. Simmons;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords Amendment, in page 11, line 34, at end, insert Clause C (Amendments as to exemption from driving test), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 11, line 34, after the words last inserted, insert Clause D (Amendments as to groups of vehicles covered by driving test), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 20, line 8, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 20, line 8, at end, insert Clause E (Charges for parking vehicles in Royal Parks), the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 24, line 5, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 24, line 5, at end, insert Clause F (Amendment of s. 46 of Act of 1930), the next Amendment, being read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Lords Amendment, in line 68, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words " and (iii) no order imposing any requirement, prohibition or restriction specified in paragraphs (a) or (b) of the last foregoing subsection shall be made in respect of any vehicle. ""
road used by stage carriages or express carriages without the consent in writing of the appropriate Traffic Commissioners."—(Mr. Geoffrey Wilson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Lords Amendment:—The said proposed Amendment to the Lords Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 37, line 18, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 37, line 18, after "Minister" insert "or of the Secretary of State", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the Amendment was rendered necessary by an Order in Council recently made, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 37, line 18, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 41, line 48, after "Minister" insert "or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State", the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the Amendment was rendered necessary by an Order in Council recently made, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 48, line 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 48, line 12, at end, insert—

"4.—(1) In subsection (1) of section ten of the London Traffic Act, 1924 (which, as amended by section sixty-three of the London Passenger Transport Act, 1933, enables the Minister to make regulations with respect to road traffic in the London Traffic Area) after the word "load" in the second place where it occurs, there shall be inserted the words "the number of passengers the vehicle is adapted to carry".

(2) In paragraph (2) of the Third Schedule to the said Act of 1924 (which specifies the matters with respect to which regulations may be made under the said section ten after the word "traffic" there shall be inserted the words "by vehicles", or:

(3) For the purposes of the said section ten and the said Third Schedule the expression "road" means any highway and any other road to which the public has access.

5. In subsection (1) of section twenty-three of the Public Health Act, 1925 (which confers powers on local authorities with respect to the lopping of trees, hedges and shrubs overhanging streets or footpaths) references to trees, hedges, and shrubs shall include references to vegetation of any description, and for the words "street or footpath" there shall be substituted the words "highway or any other road or footpath to which the public has access".

6.—(1) Regulations under the Road Transport Lighting Acts, 1927 to 1953, granting exemptions from any of the requirements of those Acts—

(a) may grant exemptions therefrom in such cases as may be specified in the regulations and subject to such conditions as may be specified in or under the regulations; and

(b) may make different provision as respects different areas, as respects different classes or descriptions of vehicles or as respects the same class or description of vehicles in different circumstances.

(2) For paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section one of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927 (which subsection provides for exempting vehicles from the requirements of that Act) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(b) vehicles standing or parked on any road with respect to which a speed limit on the driving of mechanically propelled vehicles is in force by virtue of any enactment or on any road verge or in any parking place or any stand for hackney carriages."

(3) In relation to a road with respect to which an exemption under the said paragraph (b) has effect (whether absolutely or subject to conditions) the power conferred by subsection (b) of section forty-eight of the Act for placing traffic signs indicating the existence of the exemption shall, if the local authority for the area in which the road is situated is not the highway authority for the road, be exercisable by the local authority with the consent of the highway authority, and the power conferred by subsection (5) of that section of giving to the highway authority directions for the removal of a traffic sign or other object or device or for the replacement of a traffic sign by, or its conversion into, a sign of another type or character shall include power to give such directions to the local authority in relation to a traffic sign or object or device placed by them on or near such road in place of another sign or object or device for which an exemption has been given, or in relation to a traffic sign or object or device for which an exemption has not been given, in accordance with the directions, or for the replacement of such traffic sign or object or device by another traffic sign or object or device

and the media by which such signs or objects or devices are indicated shall be such as may be specified in or under the regulations."

(4) Any provision contained in regulations under the Road Transport Lighting Acts, 1927 to 1953, which grant exemptions from any of the requirements of those Acts and are in force at the coming into operation of this paragraph shall have effect as if made under those Acts as amended by this paragraph.

7.—(1) The Minister may by regulations provide that, subject to any exemptions prescribed by the regulations—

(a) where the length of a vehicle, or the overall length of two or more vehicles of which one is drawing the other or others, inclusive of any load on the vehicle or vehicles, exceeds a length so prescribed, the vehicle or vehicles shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry such lamps or reflectors each showing a light, or as the case may be facing, to the side as may be so prescribed;

(b) a vehicle constructed or adapted so as to be drawn by another vehicle shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry such lamps each showing a light to the front or the side, or both, as may be prescribed;

and any such regulations may prescribe the conditions with which lamps or reflectors
carried on a vehicle in pursuance of the regulations must comply and the position and manner in which they are to be attached, and may differ in different circumstances.

(2) Section ten of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927 (which imposes penalties for contraventions of that Act or of regulations thereunder) and section four of the Act (which specifies the vehicles to which that Act applies and applies the Act to the Crown) shall apply in relation to this paragraph and regulations thereunder as they apply in relation to that Act and regulations thereunder.

(3) Any lamps or reflectors required to be carried in addition to, and not instead of, those required to be carried by or by virtue of the Road Transport Lighting Acts, 1927 to 1953, and accordingly any such lamps or reflectors shall, for the purposes of those Acts and, in particular, section two of the said Act of 1927 and for the purposes of section eight of the Act of 1934, be treated as not showing a light to the front or to the rear.

(4) Any reference in section nineteen of the Act of 1934 to the Road Transport Lighting Acts, 1927 to 1953, shall include a reference to this paragraph.

(5) It is hereby declared that any reference in section one of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1953, to a reflector is a reference to a reflector facing to the rear.

(6) The power to make regulations conferred by this paragraph shall be exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

8.—(1) In section six of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927, in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (iii) (which provides that agricultural vehicles and implements need not carry a separate lamp showing a red light to the rear) the word ‘separate’ shall be omitted.

(2) In section eight of the said Act of 1927, in paragraph (b) of the proviso to subsection (1) (which provides, in the case of a vehicle drawing one or more other vehicles, that if the distance between any such vehicles exceeds five feet each vehicle shall be required to carry the same lamps as if it were not drawing or being drawn for the words from ‘any such’ to ‘be drawn’ the word ‘any two’ shall be inserted the words ‘any two of the vehicles exceeds five feet, then as respects any light to be shown to the rear the foremost of the two vehicles, and as respects any light to be shown to the front the rearmost of the two vehicles shall be required to carry the same lamps as if the one were not drawing the other’.

9.—(1) In subsection (1) of section two of the Act of 1930 (which provides for the classification of motor vehicles) the words from ‘motor vehicles’ to ‘classes’ shall cease to have effect, and in each paragraph of that subsection the words from ‘that is to say’ to the end of the paragraph shall be construed as a definition for the purposes of that Act of the expression immediately preceding those words; and in paragraphs (6) to (9) of the said subsection (1) for the words ‘classified under this section as’ there shall be substituted the words ‘falling within the definition contained in this subsection of’.

(2) Subsection (2) of the said section two (which empowers regulations to be made subdividing classes of vehicles, and making different provisions with respect to each subdivision, and varying maximum or minimum weights fixed as respects any class) shall cease to have effect, but regulations under section thirty of the Act of 1930 may vary any of the maximum or minimum weights specified in the definitions contained in subsection (1) of the said section two, either generally or in the case of vehicles of any class or description specified in the regulations and either for the purposes of the Act and of all regulations thereunder or for such of those purposes as may be so specified.

(3) The Motor Vehicles (Definition of Motor Car) Regulations, 1941 shall cease to have effect, but subject to the power conferred by the last foregoing sub-paragraph the definition of ‘motor cars’ in subsection (1) of section two of the Act of 1930 shall include vehicles constructed or adapted for use for the conveyance of goods or burden of any description—

(a) which carry a container or containers for holding for the purpose of their propulsion any fuel that is wholly gaseous at sixty degrees Fahrenheit under a pressure of thirty inches of mercury, or plant and materials for producing such fuel, and of which the maximum weight unladen does not exceed three and a half tons,

(b) which do not carry any such container, or plant and materials, as aforesaid, and of which the maximum weight unladen does not exceed three tons.

and in paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section two of the Act of 1930 after the word ‘load’ there shall be inserted the words ‘or goods or burden of any description’.

(4) In subsection (3) of section four of the Act of 1930 (which provides for specifying in driving licences restrictions with respect to the driving of any class of vehicle after the word ‘class’ there shall be inserted the words ‘or description’).

(5) Nothing in subsection (4) of section ten of the Act of 1930 (which empowers the Minister by regulation to vary the provisions of the First Schedule to that Act) shall be construed as limiting the powers conferred by sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph.

10. In subsection (2) of section five of the Act of 1930 (which requires authorities to refuse a driving licence if it appears from the application that the applicant suffers from any of the specified diseases and disabilities) after the word ‘appears’, where it first occurs, there shall be inserted the words ‘or if on inquiry into other information the licensing authority are satisfied’, and in the Amendment, being read a second time, and Special Entry the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 51, line 33, being read a second time, were agreed to.
The Lords Amendment, in page 51, line 33, leave out sub-paragraph (3) and insert—

"(3) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the rights conferred by the said section eighty-one to appeal if aggrieved by the imposition or attachment of a condition shall include rights to appeal against a refusal to impose or attach a condition or the imposition or attachment of a condition differing from that desired, and the rights conferred by that section to appeal if aggrieved by the variation of conditions shall include rights to appeal if aggrieved by the variation differing from that desired; the next Amendment, being read a second time, and it appearing that the object of the Amendment was to make clear the intentions of the Commons, the same was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 53, line 17, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, in page 53, line 17, at end, insert—

"(6) The provisions of the four last foregoing sub-paragraphs shall apply in relation to such directions as are authorised by subsection (4) of section four of this Act as they apply in relation to directions that a length of road shall be deemed not to be a road in a built-up area.

(7) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that nothing in this paragraph applies to any length of trunk road.

(8) In the application of this paragraph to Scotland, for any reference to the Minister there shall be substituted a reference to the Secretary of State; the next Amendment, being read a second time, and the Commons being willing to waive their privileges, the same was agreed to.

Then the remaining Lords Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Marriage (Scotland) Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, at this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Galbraith);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 31st July, 1956:
And the Question being put;
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
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| Public Records                               | Colonel Lancaster reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 6th and 19th days of June last and the 24th day of this instant July and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed. Mr. Fletcher reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That the said Minutes do lie upon the Table; and be printed. Mr. Richard Williams reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Copyright Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto. 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. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, dated 23rd July 1956, entitled the Labelling of Food (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956, and the Regulations, dated 25th July 1956, entitled the Public Analysts (Scotland) Regulations, 1956, had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth: The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Barnsley Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Heywood and Middleton Water Bill [Lords], without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Manchester Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rhyl Urban District Council Bill [Lords], without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill [Lords], without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Grayson, Rollo and Clover Docks Bill [Lords], without any Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill [Lords].
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Walthamstow Corporation Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr. Richard Butler relating to Procedure be exempted, at this day's Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Heath).

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Defence and Manpower.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House calls upon Her Majesty's Government to prepare forthwith a four-year plan for the ending of National Service, with the last call-up in December, 1938, and for the building up of regular armed forces; to discuss this plan with our allies at the December meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Council and in the light of that discussion to take their final decision on its implementation; and further calls for a substantial cut in defence expenditure—(Mr. George Brown);

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 "affirms its support for Her Majesty's Government in their declared aim of seeking in concert with their Allies a reduction in the demands made by the defence services on the manpower and material resources of the country so far as is consistent with both the safety of these islands, the Commonwealth and the Colonial and dependent territories, and the effective discharge of their international commitments."

There being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the practice of moving amendments on going into Committee of Supply upon the Navy, Army, Air, and Civil Estimates; the practice relating to Money Resolutions; the extension of the Standing Orders relating to public money to expenditure from Funds partly, but not wholly, financed from the Exchequer, being expenditure not directly involving a charge upon the Consolidated Fund or upon money provided by Parliament; the numbers required to form a Quorum of, and for the Closure in, a Standing Committee; and the constitution of the Scottish Standing Committee, and to report whether any changes are desirable in the Standing Orders, practice or procedure of the House in these matters or in matters connected therewith—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in line 14, by leaving out from the word "Committee" to the beginning of the words "and in line 15—(Mr. Emrys Hughes);

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and thereafter to consider what other alterations if any in the procedure of this House are desirable for the more efficient despatch of public business—(Mr. Smith);

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 1st August, 1956:

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas,

Mr. Popplewell;

Mr. Pearson: 240.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Heath;

Mr. Galbraith: 308.

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 affirms its support for Her Majesty's Government in their declared aim of seeking in concert with their Allies a reduction in the demands made by the defence services on the manpower and material resources of the country so far as is consistent with both the safety of these islands, the Commonwealth and the Colonial and dependent territories, and the effective discharge of their international commitments. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the practice of moving amendments on going into Committee of Supply upon the Navy, Army, Air, and Civil Estimates; the practice relating to Money Resolutions; the extension of the Standing Orders relating to public money to expenditure from Funds partly, but not wholly, financed from the Exchequer, being expenditure not directly involving a charge upon the Consolidated Fund or upon money provided by Parliament; the numbers required to form a Quorum of, and for the Closure in, a Standing Committee; and the constitution of the
Scottish Standing Committee, and to report whether any changes are desirable in the Standing Orders, practice or procedure of the House in these matters or in matters connected therewith.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Sixteen Members:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir William Anstruther-Gray, Lieutenant-Commander Baldock, Mr. Bellenger, Mr. de Freitas, Sir Thomas Dodds, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Fletcher, Sir Lancelot Joynton-Hicks, Mr. Glendening, Mr. Hinchliffe, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Pickersgill, Sir Henry Studholme, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Woodburn.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records; to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House; and to report from time to time.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George.)

Resolved, That the Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, extending Section I of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Rural District of Wartley, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 25th day of this instant July, be approved.—(Mr. Deeley.)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Wakefield.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[No. 204.]

Wednesday, 1st August, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the South of Scotland Electricity Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, pursuant to the Standing Order (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments)—Communications, dated 28th July 1956, declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had been brought into operation on the 27th day of July 1956, and explaining why copies thereof had not been laid before Parliament beforehand:—

Direction, dated 27th July 1956, entitled the Control of Gold and Securities (Suez Canal Company) Direction, 1956.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st August 1956, entitled the Control of Borrowing (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1956.

Copy of Regulations, dated 30th July 1956, National Debt, entitled the Post Office Register (Amendment) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, pursuant to Camps the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninth Annual Report on Scottish Camps by the Scottish National Camps Association Limited, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Copy of Local Financial Returns for Scotland for the year 1950-51.

Report by the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the White Fish Authority, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Copies of Regulations, dated 30th July 1956, Food and Drugs,

(1) the Food Standards (Curry Powder) (Amendment) Regulations, 1956, and

(2) the Food Standards (Tomato Ketchup) (Amendment) Regulations, 1956.

Copy of the Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Forestry Commissioners, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Fisheries and Forestry be printed.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of the Annual Reports and Statements of Accounts for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956—

(1) of the British European Airways Corporation, and

(2) of the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Report by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of his proceedings under the Light Railways Acts, 1896 and 1912, in 1955.

Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July 1956, Transport, entitled the Transferred Undertakings (Pensions of Employees) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Air Navigation be printed.

Dr. Hill presented, pursuant to the directions Broadcasting of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Report and Accounts of the Independent Television Authority for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Reports of the Ayrshire, Basildon, Bracknell, Corby, Crawley, Cwmbran, Harlow, Hemel Hempstead, Peterlee, Stevenage, Welwyn
Garden City, and Hatfield Development Corporations for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Boyd-Carpenter presented, by Her Majesty's Command—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 rules governing assessment of disablement in cases involving damage to an organ which, in a normal person, is one of a pair.

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:

Memorandum by the Lord Chancellor proposing corrections and minor improvements in certain enactments relating to Bastardy.

Account showing the Receipts and Payments of the Cinematograph Fund during the year ended the 31st day of March 1956, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the Sums received and paid by the Administrator of Japanese Property for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of the Account of the Transport Fund for 1955, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account of the sums received and paid by the Administrator of Japanese Property for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Overseas Resources Development Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to medical practitioners with corrections and improvements made under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act, 1949; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Resolved, That this House do meet at Nine of the clock; that no Questions be taken after Twelve of the clock; and that at Ten of the clock Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 23rd day of October next.—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the admission of representatives of the Press to the meetings of certain bodies exercising public functions: And that Mr. Simon, Sir Robert Grimston, Sir Leslie Plumer, Mr. Grimond, Sir Lionel Heald, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Darling, Mr. Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Miss Vickers, and Mr. Donnelly do prepare and bring in it.

Mr. Simon accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the admission of representatives of the Press to the meetings of certain bodies exercising public functions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved:—

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

A Motion was made, and the Question beingAdjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Wills):—And a Debate arising thereupon:
The House met at Eleven of the clock.

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THE South of Scotland Electricity 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 several Acts of Parliament,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on the 30th day of July 1956 on Loans proposed to be raised—

(1) by the British European Airways Corporation, and

(2) by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

Electricity. No. 397.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 30th day of July 1956 on Loans proposed to be raised by the Central Electricity Authority.

Gas. No. 398.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 30th day of July 1956 on Loans proposed to be raised by the Gas Council.

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland). Nos. 399 and 400.

Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on the 30th day of July 1956 on Loans proposed to be raised—

(1) by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, and

(2) by the South of Scotland Electricity Board.

Transport. No. 401.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 30th day of July 1956 on Loans proposed to be raised by the British Transport Commission.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

National Parks.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1956, entitled the Nature Conservancy (Byelaws) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Housing (Scotland).

Mr. Secretary Stuart presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Housing Return for Scotland, dated 30th June 1956.

Mr. Secretary Stuart also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Annual Reports as to the Statistics and State of the Finances of the Universities of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and St. Andrews and of the University College, Dundee, for the year ended the 31st day of July 1955.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Commission the Nature Conservancy (Byelaws) Regulations, 1956.

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,—Copies of Regulations, dated 31st July 1956, entitled the Flour (Composition) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copies of Orders, dated 31st July 1956, Supplies and Services (Food).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Dr. Hill presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Accounts of Cable and Wireless Limited for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956, with the Report of the Directors.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Aubrey Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts, including Reports of Electricity Consultative Councils, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956—

(1) of the Central Electricity Authority,

(2) of the London Electricity Board,

(3) of the South Eastern Electricity Board,

(4) of the Southern Electricity Board,

(5) of the South Western Electricity Board,

(6) of the Eastern Electricity Board,

(7) of the East Midlands Electricity Board,

(8) of the Midlands Electricity Board,

(9) of the South Wales Electricity Board,

(10) of the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board,

(11) of the Yorkshire Electricity Board,

(12) of the North Eastern Electricity Board, and

(13) of the North Western Electricity Board.
Report of the Minister of Fuel and Power with respect to the Exercise of his Functions under the Electricity Act, 1947, and the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1936, during the year ended the 31st day of March 1956—

(1) of the Scottish Gas Board,
(2) of the Northern Gas Board,
(3) of the North Western Gas Board,
(4) of the North Eastern Gas Board,
(5) of the East Midlands Gas Board,
(6) of the West Midlands Gas Board,
(7) of the Wales Gas Board,
(8) of the Eastern Gas Board,
(9) of the North Thames Gas Board,
(10) of the South-Eastern Gas Board,
(11) of the Southern Gas Board, and
(12) of the South Western Gas Board.

Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Gas Council for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Report of the Minister of Fuel and Power with respect to the Exercise of his Functions under the Gas Act, 1948, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered. That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been带来的 from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

Resolved. That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return of Experiments performed under the Act 39 and 40 Vict., c. 77, during 1955.-(Mr. Deedes.)

Mr. Deedes accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered. That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Medical Bill [Lords], Bill 173.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—

Mr. Heath;
Army Reserve.

Mr. Secretary Head acquainted the House, That he had issued, during the Adjournment, a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Chester-le-Street, in the room of Patrick Bartley, Esquire, deceased.

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 Civil Staffs of Government Departments on the 1st day of July 1956, compiled from Returns furnished to the Treasury.

Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire Services (Counties and County Boroughs, England and Wales) for 1955.


Copy of a Convention signed at London and Denmark on the 9th day of July 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Denmark on Payment of Compensation or Benefit in respect of Industrial Injuries (including Occupational Diseases) as relating to Denmark and Northern Ireland (this Convention has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government).

Copy of Selected Documents relating to the Egypt Suez Canal Conference held at London in August 1956.

Copy of an Agreement signed at Bonn on Germany the 5th day of March 1956 between Her Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the Union of South Africa, and the Governments of India and Pakistan of the one part and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany of the other part regarding the War Graves, Cemeteries, and Memorials of the British Commonwealth in the Territory of the Federal Republic of Germany (with Notes exchanged).

Copy of a Résumé of Developments of Self-Determination in the Sudan between the 15th day of November 1951 and the 1st day of January 1956.

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WILLIAM SHEPHERD MORRISON, Speaker.
Treaty Series (No. 28, 1956).
Copy of an International Agreement signed at London between the 16th and 31st days of October 1953 for the Regulation of the Production and Marketing of Sugar (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 12th day of December 1953).

Treaty Series (No. 31, 1956).
Copy of a Phyto-Sanitary Convention signed at London on the 29th day of July 1954 for Africa South of the Sahara (the United Kingdom ratification was deposited on the 14th day of December 1954).

Copy of Letters exchanged at Paris on the 29th day of June 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Belgium additional to the Agreement of the 9th day of July 1954 regarding the Repayment of Credits granted to Her Majesty's Government by the European Payments Union and by the Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union to the European Payments Union.

Treaty Series (No. 33, 1956).

Treaty Series (No. 34, 1956).
Copy of Letters exchanged at Paris and Berne on the 29th day of June 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Switzerland additional to the Agreement signed on the 16th day of July 1954 for the Repayment of Credits granted to Her Majesty's Government by the European Payments Union and by the Swiss Government to the Union.

Copy of an Amendment signed at Washing­ton on the 12th day of June 1956 to the Agree­ment between Her Majesty's Government in the United States of America for Co-operation on the Civil Uses of Atomic Energy of the 15th day of June 1955.

War Graves (Miscellaneous, No. 8, 1956).

Copies—
(1) of the Report of a Fact-Finding Mission on Child Migration to Australia, and
(2) of the Second Report, dated August 1956, of the Overseas Migration Board.

Lunacy and Mental Treatment (Scotland), Industrial Courts.

Copy of the Report of a Court of Inquiry into the causes and circumstances of a dispute between the Iron and Steel Trades Employers' Association and the National Joint Trade Unions' Craftsmen's Iron and Steel Committee.

Housing.
Copy of a Housing Summary, dated 31st July 1956.

Parliamentary Papers (Adjournment).
The following Papers, required by several Acts of Parliament to be laid before the House, and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:—

3rd August 1956:—
Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd West Africa.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd August 1956, entitled the Nigeria (Tribunals of Inquiry) Order in Council, 1956.


Copy of Rules, dated 30th July 1956, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (No. 2), 1956.

7th August 1956:—
Copy of Rules, dated 1st August 1956, entitled the Bankruptcy (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1956.

8th August 1956:—
Copy of an Order, dated 1st August 1956, entitled the Sea-Fishing Industry (Fishing Nets) (Amendment) Order, 1956.

9th August 1956:—
Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1956, entitled the Housing (Form of Orders and Notices) (Amendment) Regulations, 1956.


10th August 1956:—
Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st August 1956, entitled the National Galleries of Scotland (Applicants of Transferred Property) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd Aden.
August 1956, entitled the Aden Protectorate (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd Civil Aviation.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd East Africa.
August 1956, entitled the Kenya (Validation) Order in Council, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd Lancashire.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd Malaysia.
August 1956, entitled the Federation of Malay States (Amendment) Order in Council, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd Merchant Shipping.
August 1956, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Countries) (Various) (No. 2) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd Navy.
August 1956, entitled the Navy and Marines (Property of Deceased) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 3rd West Africa.

Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd August Food and Drugs.
1956, entitled the Pre-Packed Food (Weights and Measures: Marking) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1956.
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| 17th August  | Import Duties (Drawback). Copies of Orders, dated 14th August 1956, entitled —
|              | (1) the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 9) Order, 1956, and —
|              | (2) the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 10) Order, 1956.                      |
| 20th August  | Supplies and Services (Raw Materials). Copy of an Order, dated 15th August 1956, entitled —
|              | (1) the Control of Hiring (No. 2) Order, 1956, and —
|              | (2) the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) (Amendment) Order, 1956. |
| 21st August  | National Health Service (Scotland). National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1956. |
| 22nd August  | Supplies and Services (Fire and Purchase of Goods). Copy of Orders, dated 15th August 1956, entitled —
|              | (1) the Control of Hiring (No. 1) Order, 1956, and —
|              | (2) the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) (Amendment) Order, 1956. |
| 23rd August  | Food and Drugs (Scotland). Copy of Regulations, dated 14th August 1956, entitled the Mineral Oil in Food (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956. |
| 26th August  | Copy of an Order, dated 15th August 1956, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (Scotland) Amendment No. 2 Regulations, 1956. |
| 28th August  | Copy of an Order, dated 16th August 1956, entitled the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) (No. 2) Regulations, 1956. |
| 29th August  | Food and Drugs (Scotland). Copy of Regulations, dated 14th August 1956, entitled —
|              | (1) the Food Standards (Tomato Ketchup) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1956, and —
|              | (2) the Food Standards (Curry Powder) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 1956. |
| 31st August  | Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd August Family Allocations. entitled the Family Allocations (Conditions for Increase of Allowance) Regulations, 1956. |
| 3rd September| Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd August Food and Drugs (Scotland). |
| 3rd September| Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd August Food and Drugs (Scotland). |
| 3rd September| Copies of Regulations, dated 29th August National Health Service (Scotland). |
| 11th September| Copy of Regulations, dated 1st September Coast Protection (Rate of Protection Interest) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956. |

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Copied of Treasury Minutes—

(1) dated 20th August 1956, and —

(2) dated 3rd September 1956, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue.
Sir David Eccles presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th September 1956, entitled the Schools Grant Amending Regulations No. 7, 1956.

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 August 1956, entitled the Housing (Payments for Well-Maintained Houses) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Measures, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Schemes—

(1) for uniting the Benefices and Parishes of Christ Church, West Hartlepool, and Saint James, West Hartlepool, and for altering the boundaries of the Parishes of Saint James, West Hartlepool, and Stranton, in the Diocese of Durham, and for authorising the taking down of the Church of Saint James, West Hartlepool, and the sale of the site and materials thereof, and

(2) for uniting the Benefices and Parishes of Thornes and Christ Church, Wakefield, in the Diocese of Wakefield, and for taking down the Church of Christ Church, Wakefield, and the sale of the site and materials thereof.

Scheme for the rearrangement of the Ecclesiastical pastoral supervision of the Parishes of Saint Barnabas, Birmingham; Saint Margaret, Birmingham; and Saint John, Ladywood; in the Diocese of Birmingham.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn,—(Mr. Heath);

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without a Question being put.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment being proposed, That this House do now adjourn,—(Mr. Wakefield):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Question having been proposed at Ten of the clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in line 1, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and adding the words "while condemning the arbitrary methods employed by the Egyptian Government in respect of the Suez Canal Company and resolved to support the legitimate rights of the users of the Canal, deplores the refusal of Her Majesty's Government to invoke the authority of the United Nations over the dispute, and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to refer the dispute immediately to the United Nations, to declare that they will not use force except in conformity with our obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and to refrain meanwhile from any form of provocative action"—(Mr. Roberts),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the:-

Mr. Heath, 321.
Mr. Galbraith: 251.
Mr. Bowden, 319.
Mr. Pearson: 248.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the:-

Mr. Heath, 319.
Mr. Galbraith: 248.
Mr. Bowden, 319.
Mr. Pearson: 248.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House condemns the arbitrary action of the Egyptian Government in seizing control of the Suez Canal; endorses the proposals adopted by the eighteen Powers at the London Conference which would ensure that an international waterway so essential to the economic life, standard of living and employment of this and other countries would not remain in the unrestricted control of any single Government; welcomes the sustained and continuing efforts of Her Majesty's Government to achieve a peaceful settlement; and affirms its support for the statement of policy made by the Prime Minister to this House yesterday.

A Motion was made, and the Question adjournment being put. That this House, at its rising to- (Autumn), to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday the 23rd day of October next—(Mr. Richard Butler);

The House divided.

Tellers for the:-

Mr. Wilts, 300.
Mr. Godber: 232.
Mr. Wilkins, 232.
Mr. Simmons: 232.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
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Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Redmayne):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 14th September, 1956:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten of the clock on Thursday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.


[No. 208.]

Friday, 14th September, 1956.

The House met at Eleven of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Hydro-Carbon Oils.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th September 1956, entitled the Hydro-Carbon Oil Duties (Drawback) (No. 1) Order, 1956.

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland). Nos. 405 and 406.

Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on the 31st day of August 1956, on Loans proposed to be raised—

(1) by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, and

(2) by the South of Scotland Electricity Board.

Transport. No. 407.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on the 31st day of August 1956, on Loans proposed to be raised by the British Transport Commission.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) and Transport be printed.

Animals.

Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th September 1956, entitled the Importation of Pedigree Animals (No. 2) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Adjournment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Heath):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yea Side:

Mr. Rogers, 243;

Mr. Deer, 309.

Tellers for the No Side:

Mr. Galbraith, 309;

Mr. Bryan.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment. (Mr. Heath.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes after Four of the clock, adjourned till Tuesday the 23rd day of October next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[No. 209.]

Tuesday, 23rd October, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 on United Kingdom Balance of Payments, 1946 to 1956.

Copy of a Statement showing estimated expenditure on Government Information Services, 1956-57.

Copy of Particulars of the number of Children in care under the Children Act, 1948, the manner of their Accommodation, and the estimated Costs of Maintenance, in March 1956.


Copy of a Convention signed at Vienna on the 20th day of July 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Austria for the avoidance of Double Taxation and prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (the Convention has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government).

Copy of a Customs Convention signed at Brussels on the 1st day of March 1956 regarding Carnets for Commercial Samples (with Protocol of Signature) (this Convention has not yet been ratified by the United Kingdom).

Copy of a Supplementary Protocol No. 8 signed at Paris on the 29th day of June 1956 amending the Agreement of the 19th day of September 1950 for the Establishment of a European Payments Union (the Supplementary Protocol has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom).

Copy of a Report on the Administration of Sudan (No. 2, the Sudan for 1951-52).

Copy of an Agreement signed at Asuncion Treaty Series No. 37, 1956) on the 21st day of November 1955 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Paraguay on
Trade and Payments (Ratifications were exchanged at Asuncion on the 28th day of June 1956).

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 undetermined dates, pursuant to the Standing Order (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), were ordered to lie upon the Table:

17th September 1956: —

(1) the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 10) Order, 1956;
(2) the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 11) Order, 1956, and
(3) the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 12) Order, 1956.

18th September 1956:—

(1) the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 13) Order, 1956, and
(2) the Licensing of Boats (England and Wales) Regulations, 1956.

19th September 1956:

(1) the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 14) Order, 1956, and
(2) the Licensing of Boats (England and Wales) Regulations, 1956.

20th September 1956:

(1) the Trustee Savings Banks (Increase of Pensions) Order, 1956, and
(2) the Trustee Savings Banks (Modifications of Pensions) Order, 1956.

21st September 1956: —

Copies of Orders, dated 17th September Savings Banks, 1956, entitled—

(1) the Trustees Savings Banks (Increase of Pensions) Order, 1956, and
(2) the Trustees Savings Banks (Modifications of Pensions) Order, 1956.

Copy of Regulations, dated 14th September (Exemptions). 1956.

Copy of an Order, dated 10th September Merchant Shipping (Ships' Equipment) (No. 1) Regulations, 1956.


18th September 1956:—

Copies of Orders, dated 14th September Import Duties (Exemptions).

1956, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 10) Order, 1956,
(2) the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 11) Order, 1956, and
(3) the Import Duties (Exemptions) (No. 12) Order, 1956.


Copy of Notes exchanged at Rangoon on the 1st day of June 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Burmese Government, concerning the Export of Cotton Textiles and Yarn from the United Kingdom to the Union of Burma and the Acceptance in the United Kingdom of Raw Cotton from the United States of America.

Copy of a Report on the Staffing and Organisation of the Factory Inspectorate.

Copy of Notes exchanged at Cairo on the 24th day of June 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Egyptian Government, extending the relevant provisions of the Suez Canal Base Agreement of the 19th day of February 1954 to the " Contractor" and to British Civilian Technicians located at Abou Sier Airfield and Fanara Flying Boat Station.

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26th September 1956:—
Copy of an Order, dated 20th September 1956, entitled the National Health Service (Determination of Regional Hospital Areas) Amendment Order, 1956.

London Traffic.

27th September 1956:—
Copies of Orders, dated 21st September 1956, entitled—
(1) the Control of Hiring (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 1956, and
(2) the Control of Hiring (Vehicles) Order, 1956.

28th September 1956:—
Copy of an Order, dated 24th September 1956, entitled the Importation of Carnation Cuttings Order, 1956.

Education.
Copies of Rules—
(1) dated 20th September 1956, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Accepted Schools) Rules, 1956,
(2) dated 21st September 1956, entitled the Teachers Superannuation Amending Rules, 1956,
(3) dated 21st September 1956, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Allocation of Pension) Rules, 1956,
(4) dated 21st September 1956, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (National Service) Amending Rules, 1956, and
(5) dated 21st September 1956, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Service in Schools Abroad) Rules, 1956.

National Insurance.

3rd October 1956:—
Copy of an Order, dated 2nd October 1956, entitled the Control of Highways Revocation (No. Two) Order, 1956.

4th October 1956:—
Copy of an Order, dated 28th September 1956, entitled the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954 (Commencement) Order, 1956.

10th October 1956:—
Copy of a Warrant, dated 8th October 1956, entitled the Postal Order Amendment (No. 4) Warrant, 1956.

11th October 1956:—
Copy of a Scheme, dated 4th July 1956, made by the Rotherham County Borough Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

12th October 1956:—
Copy of an Order, dated 8th October 1956, entitled the Solicitors' Remuneration Order, 1956.

15th October 1956:—
Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th Civil Aviation. October 1956, entitled the Air Navigation (Fourth Amendment) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th Immigration and October 1956, entitled the Diplomatic, Privileges, Immunities Restriction (Amendment) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th West Africa. October 1956, entitled the Sierra Leone (Legislative Council) (Interpretation) Order in Council, 1956.

16th October 1956:—
Copy of Regulations, dated 9th October Education. 1956, entitled the Local Education Authorities Reorganisation (Further Education) Amending Regulations, 1956.

Copy of Regulations, dated 11th October Road Traffic 1956, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving and Vehicles, Licences) (Amendment) Regulations, 1956.

17th October 1956:—
Copy of Regulations, dated 10th October Rating and Valuation Scotland. 1956, entitled the Local Government (Qualifications of Assessors) (Scotland) Regulations, 1956.

18th October 1956:—
Copies of Regulations, dated 11th October London Traffic 1956, entitled—
(1) the London Traffic (Prohibition of Waiting) (Chalfont St. Peter) Regulations, 1956, and
(2) the London Traffic (Unilateral Waiting) (No. 4) Regulations, 1956.

Mr. Brooke presented, by Her Majesty's Export of Command,—Copy of the Third Report of the Reviewing Committee appointed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in December 1952 on the Export of Works of Art.

Mr. Brooke also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Air Navigation. Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on the 27th day of September 1956 on Loans proposed to be raised—
(1) by the British European Airways Corporation, and
(2) by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.


Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1956, entitled the Customs and Excise Duty (No. 2) Order, 1956, Excise.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Electricity. Treasury on the 27th day of September 1956 on Loans proposed to be raised by the Central Electricity Authority.

Statement of a Guarantee given by the Gas. Treasury on the 27th day of September 1956 on Loans proposed to be raised by the Gas Council.

Statements of Guarantees given by the Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland) Council. No. 415 and 416.

(1) by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, and
(2) by the South of Scotland Electricity Board.
Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1956, entitled the Import Duties (Geneva Agreement) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1956, entitled the Additional Import Duties (No. 3) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1956, entitled the Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 13) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1956, entitled the Safeguarding of Industries (Reduction of Rates) Order, 1956.

Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury—
(1) on the 21st day of September 1956 on Stock issued by the British Transport Commission, and
(2) on the 27th day of September 1956 on Loans proposed to be raised by the British Transport Commission.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relating to Air Navigation, Electricity, Gas, Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland), and Transport be printed.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Petition, Draft Charter, and Schedule of Statutes relating to the incorporation of the University College of Leicester.

Copy of Orders in Council, dated 9th October 1956, approving Admiralty Memorials authorising increases—
(1) in certain Naval Pensions and other awards, and
(2) Overseas Family Allowances payable to all ranks of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

Copy of an Amending Scheme made by the University of Oxford and Cambridge.

Copy of Letters exchanged at Bonn on the 12th day of May 1956 amending the Statutes of the College.


Copy of a Basic Agreement signed at Paris on the 9th day of August 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation regarding Aid to United Kingdom dependent territories.
Mr. Amory presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Ninth Report of the Agricultural Land Commission, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Copy of an Order, dated 23rd October 1955, entitled the Faststock (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1956.

Copy of an Order made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, authorising the landing at London of one Gazelle.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relating to Agricultural Land Commission be printed.


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 Twelfth Annual Report of the Catering Wages Commission, for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Returns from Pilotage Authorities for 1955.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Aubrey Jones presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Reports of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines, for 1955—

(1) for the Durham Division,
(2) for the North Eastern Division,
(3) for the Northumberland and Cumberland Division,
(4) for the North Western Division, and
(5) for the Scottish Division.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sandys presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts 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 1955.

Copy of a Scheme, dated 18th September 1956, made by the Hornchurch Urban District Council and approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government under the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Copies of Annual Reports for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956—

(1) of the Bristol Avon River Board,
(2) of the Devon River Board,
(3) of the Gwynedd River Board,
(4) of the Hampshire River Board,
(5) of the Hull and East Yorkshire River Board,
(6) of the Severn River Board,
(7) of the Wear and Tees River Board, and
(8) of the Yorkshire Ouse River Board.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Chairman of Ways and Means presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under Section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, that no Petition has been presented against—

(1) the Orpington (Amendment of Local Enactment) Order, 1956, and
(2) the Birkenhead Corporation (Abbot Street Area) Compulsory Purchase Order, 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 an Order, dated 27th September 1956, made by the Governor in the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, relating to Winter Assizes.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Scheme for dealing with the site of the former Church of Saint Mary in the Parish of Saint Mary, Wavertree, in the Diocese of Liverpool.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on Government Business be exempted, at this day's sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House). (The Prime Minister.)

Mr. Galbraith reported from the Committee of Hill Farming on Hill Farming (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the time within which livestock rearing land improvement schemes may be submitted under the Hill Farming Act, 1946 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), increase the maximum amount that may be paid in the aggregate by way of grants in respect of the cost of work done in accordance with such schemes and extend the time within which the said maximum may be further increased by order of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") and the Secretary of State; and to prolong the powers under the principal Act of the Minister and the Secretary of State to make subsidy payments in respect of hill sheep and hill cattle, it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of—

(1) any increase in the sums authorised by section one of the principal Act to be paid out of such moneys by the Minister and the Secretary of State by way of grants in respect of the cost of work...
done in accordance with schemes approved under that section, being an increase attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session—

(a) extending by seven years the period within which schemes may be submitted under the said section one for the approval of the Minister or the Secretary of State;

(b) increasing by five million pounds the maximum amount that may be paid in the aggregate by way of grants under that section, and extending by seven years the period within which an order providing for increasing, by not more than two million pounds, the said maximum amount may be made by the Minister and the Secretary of State;

(2) any increase in the sums which, under section thirteen of the principal Act, are to be defrayed out of such moneys, being an increase attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing by seven—

(a) the number of relevant days by reference to which the making by the Minister and the Secretary of State of payments in respect of sheep comprised in flocks kept on hill land is authorised by that section; and

(b) the number of years by reference to which the making by the Minister and the Secretary of State of payments in respect of cattle grazed on such land is so authorised.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Hill Farming Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Wakefield.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes before Ten of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[No. 210.]

Wednesday, 24th October, 1956.

The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Chester Writ. Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Chester in the room of Basil Edward Field, Esquire, C.B.E., Q.C., who, since his election for the said Constituency, hath accepted the Office of Recorder of the City of Manchester.—(Mr. Heath.)

A Public Petition was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table. Public Petitions. Vote Fifth Report.

The Order made yesterday, That the Paper relating to Solicitors do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper be withdrawn.

Mr. Buchanan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to College the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Charters. Copy of a Petition, Draft Charter, and
Sitting, from the provisions of the Standing Order (Sittings of the House).—(Mr. Richard Butler.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend subsection (7) of section fifty-three of the Gas Act, 1948, in order to permit discrimination in treatment of certain classes of persons designated from time to time by the Minister of Fuel and Power—

(Dame Irene Ward):

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 to the Standing Order (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business): And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Dame Irene Ward do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Dame Irene Ward accordingly presented a Bill to amend subsection (7) of section fifty-three of the Gas Act, 1948, in order to permit discrimination in treatment of certain classes of persons designated from time to time by the Minister of Fuel and Power: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Copyright Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 3, line 11, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words "then, subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of this section":—(Mr. Robinson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Rogers;

Mr. Hughes-Young;

Mr. Legh;

Mr. Warre. 

By the same votes.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 5, line 18, by inserting, after the word "periodical", the words "owned or controlled by the said proprietor":—(Sir Leslie Plummer.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Rogers;

Mr. Legh;

Mr. Warre;

By the same votes.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 8, line 8, by leaving out subsection (7).—(Mr. Rankin.)
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out, to the end of line 9, stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Barber, Yeas, Mr. Bryan; Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Deer:}

211. 175.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 8, line 27, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"(8) Where a reproduction is made solely for the purposes of broadcasting in accordance with the provisions of the last preceding subsection, the owner of the copyright may apply to the Lord Chancellor who shall appoint an arbitrator in accordance with the Arbitration Act, 1950, to determine the remuneration to be paid to the owner in respect of such reproduction."—[Mr. MacColl]

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Rogers, Yeas, Mr. Deer: Tellers for the [Mr. Wakefield, Noes, Colonel Harrison:}

165. 192.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 11, line 36, by leaving out subsection (1).—[Mr. Grestam Cooke]

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 12, line 12, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

"Provided that this subsection shall not apply to a record or works if the playing time of the record exceeds eight minutes."—[Mr. William A. Wills]

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. Holmes, Yeas, Mr. Pearson: Tellers for the [Mr. Redmayne, Noes, Mr. Hughes-Young:}


So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 12, line 25, by leaving out the words "Board of Trade" and inserting the words "owner of the copyright"—[Mr. William Wells], instead thereof.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Barber, Yeas, Mr. Bryan: Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Noes, Mr. Simmons:}

200. 158.

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 19, line 17, by leaving out from the word "are" to the end of line 19 and inserting the words "directly or indirectly to relieve the poverty or to advance the religion or education of its members or are purposes beneficial to the public"—[Mr. Philip Bell], instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—[Mr. Walker-Smith]

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that, on the 10th day of July last, an Order for the ratification by the Swiss Federal Council of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Draft of an Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (Switzerland) Order, 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 10th day of July last, an Order may be made in the form of that Draft.—[Mr. Brooke]

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

The Medical Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—[Mr. Wills]

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.—[Mr. Wills]

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
ORDERED, That the Standing Order of the 27th day of July, 1864 (A Table of the Fees to be charged at the House of Commons), be repealed:

That the following be the Table of the Fees to be charged at the House of Commons:

**I. FEES TO BE PAID BY THE PROMOTERS OF A PRIVATE BILL**

- For the deposit of the Petition, Bill, Plan and other Documents required to be deposited in the Private Bill Office: £5.00
- For each day on which the Examiner shall inquire into compliance with the Standing Orders: £5.00

**FOR PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE**

- On the First Reading of the Bill: £5.00
- On the Second Reading of the Bill: £15.00
- On the Report from the Committee: £15.00
- Additional fee on a Debate at Seven o'clock on one or more evenings on any one stage of the Bill: £25.00

The promoters of Bills relating to charitable, religious, educational, literary or scientific purposes whereby no private profit or advantage is derived, and Personal Bills brought from the Lords, may be charged one-half of the preceding fees.

Except for such Bills as are mentioned in the last preceding paragraph, the preceding fees on First, Second and Third Readings, and on Report, shall be increased, according to the total sum of the monies which it is proposed to raise or expend under the authority of the Bill, in accordance with the following scale:

- If the sum be £20,000,000 or more, and less than £3,000,000, five times the amount of these Fees;
- If the sum be £3,000,000 or more, and less than £5,000,000, four times the amount of these Fees;
- If the sum be £5,000,000 or more, three times the amount of these Fees;
- If the sum be £2,000,000 or more, and less than £5,000,000, five times the amount of these Fees;
- If the sum be £1,000,000 or more, and less than £2,000,000, three times the amount of these Fees;

**FOR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE A COMMITTEE OR THE COURT OF REFERRERS**

- For each of the first three days on which a Committee on an opposed Bill shall sit: £10.00
- For each subsequent day: £15.00
- For each day on which a Committee on an opposed Bill shall sit: £3.00
- For each day on which the Court of Referees shall sit: £10.00

**II. FEES TO BE PAID BY PETITIONERS AND MEMORIALISTS**

- On the deposit of any Memorial complaining that the Standing Orders have not been complied with: £1.00
- On the presentation of any Petition in favour of or against a Private Bill: £2.00
- For each day on which the Examiner inquires into any Memorial complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders: £2.00
- For each day on which a Petitioner appears before any Committee or before the Court of Referees: £2.00
- For each day on which a Petitioner appears before a Joint Committee: £1.00

**III. FEES TO BE PAID BY THE APPLICANTS FOR A PROVISIONAL ORDER**

- On the Second Reading of a Bill to confirm one or more Provisional Orders, other than a Bill to confirm an Order or Orders under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1936, the applicants for each Provisional Order included in the Bill shall be charged a fee of £15.
- For proceedings before the Court of Referees or any Committee, the fees charged to applicants and opponents shall be at the same rates as those charged for similar proceedings on a Private Bill.

**IV. FEES TO BE PAID FOR PROCEEDINGS ON A SPECIAL PROCEDURE ORDER**

- For each day on which an applicant (other than a Minister) appears before—
  - (a) the Chairmen: £3.00
  - (b) a Joint Committee: £5.00
- On the deposit of each Petition or of each Counter-Petition: £2.00
- For each day on which an applicant in either House appears before the Chairmen or before a Joint Committee: £1.00
- For each day on which a Counter-Petitioner in either House appears before a Joint Committee: £1.00

**V. GENERAL FEES**

- On each Motion, Order, or Proceeding in the House upon a Private Bill, Petition, or matter not otherwise charged: £1.00
- For a copy of any Paper or Document, per folio of 72 words—
  - If five folios or under: £0.39
  - If above five folios, per folio: £0.09
- For a copy of a Plan, made by the parties: £1.10
- For the inspection of a Plan or other Document: £0.76
- For each day on which any parties shall be heard by Counsel at the Bar, from each side: £10.00
- For each day on which a Committee of the Whole House shall sit on a Private Bill or matter: £6.00
- For serving any Summons or Order on a Private Bill or matter: £1.00
- For each Order for the commitment or discharge of any person: £1.00
- For taking any person into custody for a Breach of Privilege or contempt: £5.00
- For taking any person into custody for any other cause: £2.00
- For each day on which any person shall be in custody: £1.00
- For Riding Charges per mile: £0.10
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The preceding fees shall be charged, paid, and received at such times, in such manner, and under such regulations as the Speaker shall from time to time direct.

Ordered, That the said Table of Fees be a Standing Order of the House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

A Public Petition was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of a Protocol signed at Washington on the 25th day of June 1956 to the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries signed at Washington on the 8th day of February 1949 (this Protocol has not yet been ratified by the United Kingdom).

Mr. Secretary Lloyd presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of a Convention on Social Security signed at Paris on the 10th day of July 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic (with Protocols) (the Convention has not yet been ratified by Her Majesty's Government).

Copy of Notes exchanged at London on the 18th and 24th days of August 1956 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Czechoslovakia prolonging until the 19th day of February 1957 the Sterling Payments Agreement of the 18th day of August 1949.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Thorneycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report on the Censuses of Production 1952 and 1953—Introductory Notes.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Workman presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of a Memorandum by the British Transport Commission on proposals for the Railways, with the conclusions and proposals of Her Majesty's Government.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 74, line 14, by inserting, after the word "made", the words "and used".—(Dr. Street.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 74, line 26, by leaving out from the word "he" to the word "and" in line 27 and inserting the words "as manager or otherwise made the arrangements for the performance on behalf of the performers"—(Mr. Russell)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 89, line 29, column 3, by inserting, after the word "fifteen", the words "subsections (1), (2), (3), (4), (6), and (7)".—(Mr. Goronwy Roberts.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Holmes: 126.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bryan: 164.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Wakefield.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes after Nine of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
The House met at half an hour after Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Drunkenness.
Mr. Secretary Lloyd-George presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of Statistics relating to Offences of Drunkenness for 1955. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.
Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, on the 5th day of June 1956 amending the Statutes of the College. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Thornycroft presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd October 1956, entitled—(1) the Registration of Restrictive Trading Agreements Regulations, 1956, and (2) the Registration of Restrictive Trading Agreements (Fees) Regulations, 1956. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Sir Patrick Spens reported from the Select Committee on the Naval Discipline Act, That they had considered the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read. Ordered, That the Report, together with the said Minutes and Appendices, do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords]. (In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Safety of pupils going to and from school). Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 7, to leave out the words “have power”.—(Mr. Hector Hughes.) Question, That the words “have power” stand part of the Clause, put and agreed to.

Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Amendment of s. 7 of principal Act). Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, 
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Tellers for the Yeas, 
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Tellers for the Yeas, 
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Mr. Barber:

An Amendment made.
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"(3b) The said regulations may include a provision requiring an education authority to make awards to a person training in a recognised professional course at a university or college or other institution of higher education who receives a small salary or emolument paid in respect of part-time services given by a person to an employer as a recognised part of his professional training".—(Dr. Mabon.)

Question, That those words be there added, put and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Provision of transport and travelling expenses).

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 34, at the end, to add the words—

"Where the person is not in gainful employment the education authority shall pay the whole of the expenses necessarily incurred by that person in respect of such attendance".—(Miss Herbison.)

Question, That those words be there added, put and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Duties of education authorities as to dental treatment).

Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 40, after the word "dental", to insert the words—

"and optical".—(Dr. Mabon.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 7 to 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 14 amended and agreed to.

A Clause (Amendment of s. 2 of principal Act)—(Mr. Thomson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, 93. Mr. Simmons: 153. Mr. Hughes-Young: 153.]

Tellers for the [Colonel Harrison, Noes, 94. Mr. Wakefield, Noes, 152. Mr. Hughes-Young: 152.]

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 30 of principal Act)—(Mr. Hannah)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pearson, Yeas, 94. Mr. Simmons: 152. Mr. Wakefield, Noes, 152. Mr. Hughes-Young: 152.]

Another Clause (Amendment of Seventh Schedule to principal Act)—(Mr. Thomson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 47 of principal Act)—(Mr. Woodburn)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 68 of principal Act)—(Dr. Mabon)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Further amendment of s. 29 of principal Act)—(Mr. Hannah)—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 (Students' Representative Council)—(Dr. Mabon)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Schedule No. 1.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 11, line 45, to leave out paragraph (c).—(Mr. Ross.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 amended and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to­morrow; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Medical Bill [Lords].

Bill 175. [In the Committee.]

Clauses Nos. 1 to 58 agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.
Resolved, That the Housing (Payments for Well-Maintained Houses) Order, 1956, dated 2nd August 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 12th day of September last, be approved.—(Mr. Powell.)

Adjournment.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Galbraith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

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Housing.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventh Report of the Road Haulage Dispos- osal Board.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as Standing Orders, amended, be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Hill Farming Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Crown Estate Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the South of Scotland Electricity Order Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Copyright Bill (Lords), [Lords], without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Occupiers' Liability Bill (Lords).

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, by inserting, "or in Scotland a burgh ".

Standing Order 156a, line 6, after " 1948 " insert " or under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954, as amended by the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1956 ".

Standing Order 156a, line 15, at end add " or section five of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954, as so amended ".

Standing Order 156b, line 6, after " Government " insert " or the Secretary of State ".

Standing Order 156a, line 15, at end add " or section five of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act, 1954, as so amended ".

Standing Order 156b, line 15, at end add " as amended by the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1956 ".

Standing Order 156a, line 7, at end add " in Scotland a burgh ".

Standing Order 156b, line 15, at end add " as amended by the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1954, as amended by the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1956 ".

Standing Order 156b, line 15, at end add " as amended by the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1954, as amended by the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1956 ".—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Standing Order 191, line 14, at end add " as amended by the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1956 ".—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 23rd October 1956, directing that an officer of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1946.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Superannuation.

Mr. Stuart presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Sixth Report of the Law Society of Scotland on the Legal Aid Scheme, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Legal Aid (Scotland).

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventh Report of the Road Haulage Disposal Board.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Heath):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Standing Orders (Private Business).

Ordered, That the several Amendments to the Standing Orders relating to Private Business hereinafter stated in the Schedule be made.

SCHEDULE.—AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders, as Standing Orders, amended, be printed.

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The Lords have agreed to the Hill Farming Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Occupiers' Liability Bill (Lords).

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, by inserting, at the end thereof, the words—

" (2) Where in cases it may be equally a contribution to the safety of children in circumstances as described in the foregoing subsection, the Secretary of State may make representations to licensing authorities under the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation to embody in licences of public bus services such conditions as to routes as may obviate the necessity of children having to cross main roads or encounter similar hazards "—(Miss Heribson.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted in the Bill:—The 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, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion was made, and the Question Adjournment, being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Heath):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Agriculture.  
Resolved, That the Fatstock (Guarantee Payments) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1956, dated 23rd October 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 23rd day of this instant October, be approved.—(Mr. Amory.)

Adjournment.  
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Heath):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Bowden rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Aye side—Mr. Bowden, Mr. Pearson:—218

Tellers for the Noe side—Mr. Heath, Mr. Galbraith:—270

So it passed in the Negative.

Sea Fisheries.  
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the White Fish Authority (General Levy) (Amendment) Regulations Confirmatory Order, 1956, dated 9th July 1956, a copy of which was laid before this House on the 10th day of July last, be annulled.—(Captain Hewitson):—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Adjournment.  
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Willis.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[No. 215.]  
Wednesday, 31st October, 1956.  
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 24th day of this instant October relating to the Double Taxation Relief had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Estate Duty) (Switzerland) Order, 1956, be made in the form of the Draft laid before Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of a Draft Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Austria) Order, 1956.


Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 24th October 1956, entitled the Premium Savings Bonds Regulations, 1956,
(2) dated 25th October 1956, entitled the Post Office Register (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1956, and
(3) dated 25th October 1956, entitled the Post Office Register (Trustee Savings Banks) (Amendment) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Hare presented, pursuant to Army 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 Education the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd October 1956, entitled the Teachers' Salaries (Scotland) Regulations, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to Supplies and the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 31st October 1956, entitled the Defence Regulations (No. 3) Order, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Report of formal proceedings taken under Railway the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, during the year ended the 27th day of July 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 the Fifth Annual Report of the Trent River Board, for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of a Measure, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Scheme for authorising the demolition Benefices of the tower of the Church of Saint (Union), Maurice, Winchester, in the Diocese of Winchester, and the sale of the site and materials thereof.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Motions for Adjournment under the Standing Order (Adjournment on definite matter of urgent public importance), showing the date of such Motion, the name of the Member proposing the definite matter of urgent public importance, and the result of any Division taken thereon during Session 1955-56.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Closure of Debate.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting application of the Standing Order (Closure of Debate) during Session 1955-56 (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:—

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return for Session 1955-56, of (1) the Committees, the number of Bills considered in each Committee and the number of Bills moved for such Select Committee; also the total number of Members who served on Select Committees.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Select Committees appointed in Session 1955-56, the Chairman's Panel and the Court of Referees; the subject of inquiry; the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the number of days each Committee met, and the number of days each Member attended; the total expenses of the attendance of witnesses at Select Committee, and the name of the Member who moved for such Select Committee; also the total number of Members who served on Select Committees.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Public Bills, Petitions presented and printed in Session 1955-56, with the total number of signatures in that Session.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Public Bills, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during Session 1955-56 showing:

(1) the number which received the Royal Assent;
(2) the number which did not receive the Royal Assent, indicating those which were introduced into but not passed by this House, those passed by this House but not by the House of Lords, those passed by the House of Lords but not by this House, those passed by both Houses but Amendments not agreed to; and distinguishing the stages at which such Bills were dropped, postponed or rejected in either House of Parliament.—(The Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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Public Petitions. Colonel Lancaster reported from the Committee on Public Petitions, That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 24th and 25th days of this instant October and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Question being put.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn.

And it being Ten of the clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Convention made by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia; and the Body of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, on the 21st day of May 1956 amending the Statutes of the College.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords of the Advice, by one of their Clerks, as follows:—The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves of the action of Her Majesty’s Government in resorting to armed force against Egypt in clear violation of the United Nations Charter, thereby affronting the convictions of a large section of the British people, dividing the Commonwealth, straining the Atlantic Alliance, and gravely damaging the foundations of international order—(Mr. James Griffiths);

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 “approves of the prompt action taken by Her Majesty’s Government
Resolved, That this House, in reviewing the Civil Aviation progress of Civil Aviation, takes note of the Reports and Accounts of the British Overseas Airways Corporation and the British European Airways Corporation for the year ended the 31st day of March 1956.—(Mr. Watkinson.)

A Motion was made, and the Question put, That the proposed words be added after the word "House" in the Main Question;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the  Mr. Heath, 
Mr. Galbraith:  323.
Tellers for the  Mr. Bowden, 
Mr. Pearson:  253.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. Adjournment.

—(Mr. Galbraith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes before Four of the clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[No. 218.]

Saturday, 3rd November, 1956.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Heath):—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Smith rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Assent withheld—Mr. Speaker withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And it being Three of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without a Question first put, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday, till Monday next.
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Mr. Brooke presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of an Order, dated 31st October, 1956, entitled the Superannuation (Service in Certain Places Abroad) (Amendment) Order, 1956. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Buchan-Hepburn presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made by the University of Oxford on the 12th day of June, 1956 amending the Statutes of the University.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Watkinson presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of the Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Port of London Authority with Accounts, for the year ended the 31st day of March, 1956.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the orders made upon the 2nd day of this instant November, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committees D, E, and F, appointed by the Select Committee on Estimates, together with Appendices, and not yet reported by that Committee.

Minutes of the Proceeding of the Select Committee on House of Commons Accommodation, &c.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

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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:—

3. Copyright Act, 1956.

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 followeth:—

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

I shall always retain the happiest recollections of the visit which I paid with My Dear Husband to the Federation of Nigeria and of the moving welcome accorded to us there. We also recall with pleasure our visits to the Kingdoms of Norway and Sweden and the gracious reception extended to us by the peoples of those countries. The warmth of the regard shown by My peoples of East Africa and Mauritius to My Dear Sister during her recent visit has been a source of great satisfaction to Me.
I have also been very happy to welcome to this country the President of our oldest ally, Portugal, and the King of Iraq, with whom we are so closely associated in the Baghdad Pact.

My Government have been gravely concerned at the outbreak of hostilities between Israel and Egypt. They resolved, in conjunction with the French Government, to make a quick and decisive intervention to protect the lives of our nationals and to safeguard the Suez Canal by separating the combatants and restoring peace. My Government have proposed that the United Nations should take over responsibility for policing the area, as a prelude to a satisfactory settlement in the Middle East. They most firmly trust that this purpose will be achieved.

My Government have maintained their efforts in the Disarmament Commission of the United Nations to achieve an international agreement on conventional and nuclear disarmament.

The Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth met in London at the end of June. Their discussions were prompted by a desire to further the common interests of their countries and to seek by all means to promote peace and security in the world. My Government have continued to support the purposes of the Colombo Plan and have increased their provision for technical assistance.

The situation in Cyprus has caused My Ministers profound concern. In the face of violence and provocation My Forces have shown exemplary steadiness and forbearance. My Government have taken a fresh initiative by appointing a Commissioner to make recommendations for a new and liberal Constitution for the Island.

I was deeply grieved at the loss of life and great devastation from a disastrous hurricane suffered by several of My West Indian territories. I am glad to know that with the aid of assistance from My Government in the United Kingdom, from others of My Governments, from foreign countries and public appeals they have since made good progress towards recovery.

A Round Table Conference was appointed to consider proposals for closer association of Malta with the United Kingdom. My Government accepted their report and discussions preparatory to the consequential legislation are now proceeding.

An Act was passed conferring powers on Me to provide for a British Caribbean Federation. It was agreed at a Conference with a delegation from the Federation of Malaya that a new Constitution providing for full self-government and independence within the Commonwealth should be introduced by August 1957, if possible. An Order in Council has been made providing for an elected majority in the Legislative Assembly of Sarawak.

The pay and conditions of service of members of the Services on regular engagements have been improved. Plans have been developed for using My Forces in support of the local civil defence services which have continued to play their part in home defence.

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:

It has been the constant concern of My Ministers to maintain full employment, to encourage savings by vigorous and imaginative incentives and to preserve the strength and stability of the economy.

In order to stimulate competitive enterprise an Act has been passed to provide for the registration of restrictive trading agreements and their judicial examination by a special court, and to prohibit the collective enforcement of resale price conditions.

The law dealing with copyright and related matters has been revised.

The price guarantees and grants determined by My Ministers have provided valuable support for the agricultural industry. Farmers and workers have faced with courage and determination the difficulties caused by the bad weather this year.

Further help has been provided for agriculture in the hill farming and livestock rearing areas.

Further financial assistance has been provided for the fishing industry.

An Act has been passed to safeguard the health, and to provide for the safety and welfare, of those employed in agriculture and forestry.

My Ministers have ended the Government purchase of imported bacon and have arranged for the import of sugar for home consumption to be returned to private trading. I have given My Assent to an Act to carry out the Government's obligations under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement.

Measures have been enacted to introduce new arrangements for financing agricultural research and to amend the constitution of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

My Government have announced a five-year plan for extending technical education. An Act has also been passed amending the schemes of superannuation for teachers.

The law relating to education in Scotland has been amended.

My Government have been much concerned with the problem of traffic on the roads and legislation has been passed to improve its regulation and to promote road safety.

New criminal courts have been set up in Liverpool and Manchester and legislation has been enacted to make further reforms in the administration of justice. The system of legal aid has been extended to proceedings in the county courts in England and Wales and the jurisdiction of these courts has been increased.

The law relating to rating and valuation in England and Wales has been amended. Legislation has also been passed to amend the law of valuation and rating in Scotland and to provide a new basis for the payment of equalisation grant to Scottish local authorities for an interim period.
Legislation has been enacted to abate the evils of air pollution.

The structure of the housing subsidies in England and Wales has been modified so as to encourage the building of houses to replace slums and to relieve the congestion of our cities. The compensation payable to certain owner-occupiers and businesses affected by slum clearance has been improved.

An Act has been passed to provide for the establishment of a General Dental Council.

Family allowances have been extended, improvements have been made in the war pensions and national insurance benefits of widows with children, the earnings rules for insurance pensioners have been relaxed, and provision has been made for those receiving workmen’s compensation who are totally disabled. The national assistance scales have been raised. The pensions of retired members of the public services have been increased.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

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 sixth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the sixth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.
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- 228 19,527,000 —

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