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BY virtue of Her Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Tuesday the thirtieth day of this instant October, to be then here holden.
Tuesday, 30th October, 1973.

The House met at twenty-five minutes past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Message to attend Her Majesty.—A Message from Her Majesty was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

The Queen commands this Honourable House to attend Her Majesty immediately, in the House of Peers.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at half-past Two o'clock.

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

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except a Peer of Ireland, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

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

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

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

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

Privileges.—Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

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

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

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Thomas George Barnett Cocks, K.C.B., O.B.E., the Clerk of this House.

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

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

First and Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means,—Ordered, That Mr. E. L. Mallalieu be appointed First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and that Mr. Oscar Murton be appointed Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—(Mr. James Prior)

Queen's Speech,—Mr. Speaker reported Her Majesty's Speech, and read it to the House, as follows:

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

My Husband and I look forward to our visits to New Zealand, Norfolk Island, the New Hebrides, the British Solomon Islands, Papua, New Guinea, Australia and Indonesia.

In co-operation with other Member States My Government will play their full part in the further development of the European Community in accordance with the programme established at the European Summit in October 1972. This programme includes progress towards economic and monetary union; measures for the establishment of a regional development fund; and co-operation in foreign policy between Member States. My Government's objective throughout will be to promote the interests of the individual, whether as citizen or as consumer.

My Government will continue to work for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

My Government will continue their active role in Commonwealth Affairs. They will maintain their support for the North Atlantic Alliance.

My Government will continue to attach high importance to our relationship with the United States of America; will persist in the search for opportunities to develop our relationship with the Soviet Union; will work to promote the fullest co-operation with Japan; and will seek to consolidate good relations with China.

My Ministers will work for the success of the conference on security and co-operation in Europe and of the negotiations for force reductions in Central Europe.

Within the United Nations My Government will work for agreement on measures relating to arms control and disarmament; and will take an active part in the United Nations conference on the law of the sea. A measure will be introduced to enable the United Kingdom to ratify the United Nations convention on the prohibition of biological weapons.

My Ministers will continue to support the principle of peaceful change in Southern Africa; and in Rhodesia to encourage African and Europeans to reach agreement on a just and lasting solution to their differences.

My Government are continuing to seek an interim agreement on fisheries with the Government of Iceland.

My Ministers will continue to strive towards the ending of violence in Northern Ireland and an equitable resolution of the political, social and economic problems there. Legislation will be introduced to ensure that in seeking and holding employment My subjects in Northern Ireland are not discriminated against because of their religious or political beliefs or affiliations.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Estimates for the public services will be laid before you.
MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

At home, My Government's continuing aim will be to secure a prosperous, fair and orderly society; to maintain their policies for promoting employment and for raising standards of living; and to improve the health, welfare, educational and other social services. They will have particular regard to the requirements of the old, the sick and the needy.

As a condition of securing these objectives one of My Government's primary concerns will be to sustain the expansion of the economy while achieving the necessary improvement in the balance of payments. They will so contain public expenditure that the rise in productive investment and in exports is not put at risk. My Government will continue their efforts to counter inflation.

My Government will continue to play an active part in the development of a reformed international monetary system.

The reform of taxation will continue. Legislation will be brought forward to enable a tax credit scheme to be implemented in due course.

My Government will again review retirement and public service pensions and related benefits.

My Ministers will continue to give high priority to housing policies and in particular to improving living conditions in the worst housing areas, and to give additional help to the voluntary housing movement.

My Government will lay before you measures providing for greater control over environmental pollution.

In pursuance of My Government's concern to encourage high standards throughout industry and commerce, major reforms in company law will be laid before you.

A Green Paper will be published containing proposals for promoting a greater degree of employee participation in industry.

Legislation to make better provision for the safety and health of workers and the public will be brought before you.

For the further protection of consumers a Bill will be introduced to reform and extend the law relating to credit.

Legislation will be introduced to provide for the licensing of sports grounds in the interests of the safety of spectators.

A Bill will be laid before you to help to remove unfair discrimination on grounds of sex in employment and training and to widen the range of opportunities open to women.

My Government will seek to encourage increased opportunities for voluntary service and to support activities organised by and for young people.

Legislation will be introduced to promote road safety, to improve the control of traffic and to permit greater flexibility in the provision of rural road transport. Legislation will be brought forward on the financing, construction and operation of the channel tunnel.

Measures relating to the extraction of petroleum from the United Kingdom Continental Shelf will be laid before you.

Legislation will be introduced to reform certain aspects of local government finance in England and Wales and to establish machinery for investigating complaints of maladministration in local government.

Measures will be brought before you on the reform of crofting and parts of the general law relating to land tenure in Scotland.

A Bill will be introduced to strengthen the laws against indecent public advertisement and display; and to extend the controls over cinematograph exhibitions.

My Ministers will continue to take action to ensure an efficient and soundly based agricultural industry.

Priority will continue to be given to programmes in support of law and order and law reform, to the improvement of community relations and to the problem of those suffering special disadvantages from the conditions of life in urban areas.

Other measures will be laid before you.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.
Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Hall-Davis.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Hall-Davis.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX

1. Paper presented by Her Majesty's Command after the Prorogation of Parliament on 25th October 1973 and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (Presentation of Command Papers), and ordered to lie upon the Table:


2. Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on 29th October 1973 pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table:


   Transport,—Copies of Orders, dated 17th October 1973, entitled—
   (1) the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Area (Adaptation of Enactments and Instruments) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1727),
   (2) the Merseyside Passenger Transport Area (Adaptation of Enactments and Instruments) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1731),
   (3) the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Area (Establishment of Executive) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1728),
   (4) the Tyneside and Wear Passenger Transport Area (Adaptation of Enactments and Instruments) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1732),
   (5) the West Midlands Passenger Transport Area (Adaptation of Enactments and Instruments) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1730), and
   (6) the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Area (Establishment of Executive) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1729) [by Act].

3. Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on 30th October 1973:

   Mr. Terence L. Higgins:
   Dr. Barnardo's,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th October 1973, relative to the leasing at a nominal rental of land at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, Manchester, to Dr. Barnardo (by Command).


   Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 12th October 1973 on loans raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 4].

   Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 3rd October 1973 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 5].
Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

Pensions,—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th October 1973, entitled—
(1) the Increase of Pensions (India, Pakistan and Burma) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1794),
(2) the Increase of Pensions (Overseas Service Pensions (Scheme and Fund)) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1792), and
(3) the Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1793)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Campbell:

Clean Air,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th October 1973, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Scotland) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1767) [by Act].

Mr. Ian Gilmour:

Defence,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1973 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Macmillan:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th October 1973, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Remuneration) (Amendment) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1788) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th October 1973, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1786) [by Act].

Monopolies and Mergers,—Statement of Consent by the Department of Trade and Industry, under Section 8 of the Monopolies and Mergers Act 1965, to the transfer of the Beckenham Journal, the Bromley Times, the Sidcup Times, the Chislehurst Times, the Orpington Times, the Eltham Times, the Dartford and Swanley Chronicle, the Bexleyheath and Welling Observer, the Erith and Crayford Observer, the Gravesend and Dartford Reporter, the Bexhill-on-Sea Observer, the Hastings and St. Leonards Observer, the Folkestone and Hythe Gazette, the Crawley and District Observer, the East Grinstead Observer, the Sussex Express and County Herald, the Dover Express and East Kent News, and the Folkestone, Hythe and District Herald to Westminster Press Limited [by Act].

Mr. James Prior:


Civil Aviation,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 24th October 1973, entitled—
(1) the Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1750), and
[by Act].

Copyright,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th October 1973, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment No. 5) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1751) [by Act].


Mr. Joseph Godber:

Covent Garden Market Authority,—Statement by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of the remuneration and allowances payable to a member of the Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act].

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, and ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate with amendments statutory provisions relating to the Harwich Harbour Conservancy Board; to confer new powers on the Board; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords].

Statutory Instruments,—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That it is desirable that a Joint Committee of both Houses be appointed to scrutinise delegated legislation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Local Government Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rippon, supported by Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, Mrs. Secretary Thatcher, Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, and Mr. Eldon Griffiths, presented a Bill to make further provision, in relation to England and Wales, with respect to the payment of grants to local authorities, rating and valuation, and the classification of highways; to extend the powers of the Countryside Commission to give financial assistance; to provide for the establishment of Commissions for the investigation of administrative action taken by or on behalf of local and other authorities; to restrict certain grants under the Transport Act 1968; to provide for the removal or relaxation of certain statutory controls affecting local government activities; to amend section 259(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 and to make certain minor amendments consequential on that Act; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 1].

Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill,—Mr. Joseph Godber, supported by Mr. Secretary Whitelaw, Mr. Secretary Campbell, Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Anthony Stodart, and Mrs. Peggy Fenner, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to authorise payments out of moneys provided by Parliament to assist certain commercial growers of horticultural produce, the growing of which has become uneconomic as a result of the United Kingdom's membership of the European Economic Community: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

Channel Tunnel (Initial Finance) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rippon, supported by Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Mr. Secretary Walker, Mr. John Davies, Mr. John Peyton, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, and Mr. Keith Speed, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to make financial provision in relation to preliminary work on or in connection with the construction of a railway tunnel system under the English Channel: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 3].

Charlwood and Horley Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rippon, supported by Mr. Secretary Carr, Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, Mr. R. Graham Page, and Mr. Eldon Griffiths, presented a Bill to transfer parts of the new parishes of Charlwood and Horley to the new county of Surrey, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 4].

Biological Weapons Bill,—Mr. Secretary Carr, supported by Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Mr. Ian Gilmour, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. David Lane, presented a Bill to prohibit the development, production, acquisition and possession of certain biological agents and toxins and of biological weapons; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 5].

Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill,—Mr. Secretary Carr, supported by Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, Mrs. Secretary Thatcher, Mr. Secretary Campbell, Sir John Eden, Mr. Mark Carlisle, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to amend the Cinematograph Acts 1909 and 1952 and, so far as it relates to things done in the course of a cinematograph exhibition, section 1 of the Obscene Publications Act 1959: to make fresh provision with respect to the display, advertisement or distribution of indecent matter and to the use of machines for the viewing of indecent pictures; and for purposes connected with those matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 6].
Business of the House.—Ordered, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of Government business) shall have effect for this Session with the following modifications, namely:

In paragraph (2) the word “twelve” shall be substituted for the word “ten” in line 5; and in paragraph (5) the word “eight” shall be substituted for the word “ten” in line 30;

(2) Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 25th January, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd February, 1st March, 5th and 26th April, 3rd, 10th and 17th May and 12th July;

(3) Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business on 23rd and 30th November, 7th and 14th December, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March, and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November, 20th and 27th February and 6th and 13th March;

(4) on Monday 10th December, Monday 11th February, Monday 20th May and Monday 8th July, Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence until Seven o’clock and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Thursday 22nd November, Thursday 24th January, Thursday 2nd May and Thursday 20th June;

(5) no Notice of Motion shall be handed in for any of the days on which Private Members’ Notices have precedence under this Order in anticipation of the Ballot for that day. (Mr. James Prior.)

Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—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. Hall-Davis.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Hall-Davis.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Wednesday 31st October 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th October 1973, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Dividends) (Amendment) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1801) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Carr:


Mrs. Secretary Thatcher:

National Gallery and Tate Gallery,—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Gallery (Lending Outside the United Kingdom No. 2) Order 1973 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Occupational Deafness,—Copy of a Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council on occupational deafness [by Command].
Medicines Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Medicines Commission for 1972 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1].

National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th October 1973, entitled the National Health Service (Variation of Membership of certain Family Practitioner Committees in London) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1771) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 7th July 1973, entitled the Portsmouth Mile End Quay Revision Order 1973, and

(2) dated 15th October 1973, entitled the Ipswich Port Authority Order 1973, with Certificates by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Order (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Housing,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Increase of Subsidy) Order 1973 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:


Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


[No. 3.]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills [Lords].—The Standing Orders of 24th July last, relating to the Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords], suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read;

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a Certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that the Declaration required by the Standing Order of 24th July 1973, in respect of the Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords], had been duly deposited.

Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the first time and (the Bill having been read a second time in the last Session of Parliament) read a second time, and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

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

Merchant Shipping Bill,—Mr. Secretary Walker, supported by Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Mr. Secretary Whitelaw, Mr. Secretary Rippon, Mr. Secretary Campbell, Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas, Mr. Joseph Godber, Mr. Michael Heasline, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, and Mr. Cranley Onslow, presented a Bill to make further provision concerning oil pollution by ships and related matters; to give power to protect shipping and trading interests against foreign action concerning or affecting carriage of goods by sea; to make further provision as respects surveys and other functions of the Secretary of State under the Merchant Shipping Acts; and to alter the constitution of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 7].

Consumer Credit Bill,—Mr. Secretary Walker, supported by Mr. Secretary Whitelaw, Mr. Secretary Carr, Mr. Secretary Campbell, Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Peter Emery, presented a Bill to provide for the appointment of a Consumer Credit Commissioner, and establish for the protection of consumers a new system, administered by that Commissioner, of
licensing and other control of traders concerned with the provision of credit, or the supply of goods on hire or hire-purchase, and their transactions, in place of the present enactments regulating moneylenders, pawnbrokers and hire-purchase traders and their transactions; and for related matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 8].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 30th October, 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. Hall-Davis.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Lords Message yesterday relating to a Joint Committee of both Houses to scrutinise delegated legislation be now considered.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Hall-Davis):—Debate arising;

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

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APPENDIX

Thursday 1st November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Carr:


Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

   Animals (Miscellaneous No. 25, 1973).—Copy of a Convention, signed at Washington on 3rd March 1973, on international trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora (the Convention has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

   Treaty Series (No. 110, 1973).—Copy of the revised Text of the Protocol to the European Agreement on the exchange of therapeutic substances of human origin (with Annexes 7, 8, 9 and 10, adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 30th April 1973 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Walker:


The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills,—The Standing Orders of 24th July last, relating to the North Wales Hydro Electric Power Bill, suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read ;

North Wales Hydro Electric Power Bill,—A Bill to confer powers upon the Central Electricity Generating Board for the construction and erection of works and a generating station in the county of Caernarvon and for the acquisition of lands and easements for the purposes thereof or in connection therewith ; and for other purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to the Standing Order of 24th July last, in the last Session of Parliament, That he had gone through the Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means, do lie upon the Table.

Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 30th October, 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.

And it being Four o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Notices of Motions, Amendments and Questions,—Ordered, That this Session—

(a) a notice of a question, or of an Amendment to a Motion standing on the Paper for which no day has been fixed or of the addition of a name in support of such a Motion or Amendment, which is given after half-past Ten o’clock in the evening shall be treated for all purposes as if it were a notice handed in after the rising of the House ; and

(b) the proviso contained in paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 8 (Questions to Members) shall not apply.—(Mr. John Stradling Thomas.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Stradling Thomas) :—Debate arising :

And the Question having been proposed at Four o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next.

(Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 2nd November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. John Nott:

Income Tax,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Barbados) Order 1973 [by Act].

Mr. Ian Gilmour:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 26th October 1973, providing for amendments to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].
Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:


Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:

Counter-Inflation.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th October 1973, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Agricultural Rents—No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1818) [by Act].


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Selection.—The Committee of Selection was nominated of Mr. Ronald Brown, Sir Eric Bullus, Mr. Hugh Delargy, Captain Walter Elliot, Mr. Harold Gurden, Mr. Walter Harrison, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Mr. Martin McLaren, Miss Quennell, Mr. John M. Temple, and Mr. Frederick Willey. (Mr. Paul Hawkins.)

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 30th October, 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.

Economic Situation.—An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words “but, noting that the rate of growth is falling whilst prices and the trade deficit continue to increase, humbly regret that the Gracious Speech fails to include policies designed to meet the needs of the whole community, increasing democratic accountability of business power by extended public control and ownership, and policies designed to control the price of food and housing and to redress the inequalities of wealth and income which divide the nation.”—(Mr. Denis Healey.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Tom Pendry: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Bernard Weatherill: 294.

So the Question was negatived.

The Main Question being again proposed:—Debate arising:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Weights and Measures.—Resolved, That the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Pasta) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 16th October 1973, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Emery.)

Weights and Measures.—Resolved, That the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Salt) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 16th October 1973, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Emery.)
Expenditure.—The Expenditure Committee was nominated of Mr. James Allason, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. James Boyden, Mr. Bruce-Gardyne, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. John Cordle, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. George Cunningham, Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Major General d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Drayson, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. Nicholas Edwards, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Garrett, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Colonel Sir Harwood Harrison, Mr. Richard Hornby, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Gwynoro Jones, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. John Loveridge, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Charles Morrison, Dr. David Owen, Mr. Wilfred Proudfoot, Mr. William Rodgers, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Ted Rowlands, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mrs. Renee Short, Sir John Tilney, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Dame Irene Ward.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the several Sub-committees of the Expenditure Committee in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Committee. (Mr. Marcus Fox.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. Marcus Fox):—Debate arising:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes past Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.26 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 5th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence Higgins:

Natural Environment Research Council.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 5th November 1973, concerning the gift of land and fixed assets at Witley, Surrey, to the Natural Environment Research Council [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Campbell:

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st November 1973, entitled the Special Constables (Pensions) (Scotland) (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1835) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Macmillan:

Wages Councils.—Copies of Orders, dated 25th October 1973, entitled—

(1) the Hairdressing Undertakings Wages Council (Great Britain) (Variation) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1781), and

(2) the Industrial and Staff Canteen Undertakings Wages Council (Variation) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1780)

[by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:


Mr. Secretary Walker:


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills.—The Standing Orders of 19th July last, relating to the Zetland County Council Bill, suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read:

Zetland County Council Bill.—A Bill to authorise the county council of the county of Zetland to acquire lands and construct works and to exercise certain powers of a harbour authority, including powers to license the construction of works and dredging; and for other purposes, was read the first time and (the Bill having been read a second time in the last Session of Parliament) read a second time, and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure 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 (First Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 8].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Statutory Instruments.—The Lords have appointed a Committee of Seven Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider:

(1) Every instrument which is laid before each House of Parliament and upon which proceedings may be or might have been taken in either House of Parliament, in pursuance of an Act of Parliament; being

(a) a statutory instrument, or a draft of a statutory instrument;

(b) a scheme, or an amendment of a scheme, or draft thereof, requiring approval by statutory instrument;

(c) any other instrument (whether or not in draft), where the proceedings in pursuance of an Act of Parliament are proceedings by way of an affirmative resolution; or

(d) an order subject to special parliamentary procedure:

(2) Every general statutory instrument not within the foregoing classes, and not required to be laid before or to be subject to proceedings in the Commons only, but not including Measures under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and instruments made under such Measures;

with a view to determining whether the special attention of the House should be drawn to it on any of the following grounds—

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

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

(iii) that it purports to have retrospective effect where the parent Statute confers no express authority so to provide;

(iv) that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the publication or in the laying of it before Parliament;

(v) that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in sending a notification under the proviso to subsection (1) of section 4 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, where an Instrument has come into operation before it has been laid before Parliament;

(vi) that there appears to be a doubt whether it is intra vires or that it appears to make some unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statute under which it is made;

(vii) that for any special reason its form or purport call for elucidation;
Closure claimed. Assent withheld.

Question put pursuant to S.O. No. 30 (Closure of Debate).

The Lords have ordered that Two be the quorum of the Committee; that the Committee have power to agree with the Committee appointed by the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman; and that the Committee have power to appoint one or more Sub-committees severally to join with any Sub-committee or Sub-committees appointed by the Committee appointed by the Commons; and to refer to such Sub-committee or Sub-committees any of the matters referred to the Committee; that it be an instruction to the Committee that they do not consider any instrument which is directed by Act of Parliament to be laid before and to be subject to proceedings in the Commons only; and that the Committee do not join with the Committee appointed by the Commons in considering any such instrument; that it be a further instruction to the Committee that, before reporting that the special attention of the House be drawn to any instrument, the Committee do afford to any Government department concerned therewith an opportunity of furnishing orally or in writing to them or to any Sub-committee of the Committee such explanations as the department think fit; that the Joint Committee have leave to report from time to time.

The Lords request that the Commons appoint an equal number of their Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—The Lords have appointed a Committee of Twelve Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider Consolidation, &c., Bills; and they have ordered that such Committee have power to agree with the Committee of the House of Commons in the appointment of a Chairman.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments in the last Session of Parliament be printed [No. 6].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments in the last Session of Parliament be printed [No. 7].

Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 30th October, 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.

Housing and Land.—Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words “ but humbly regret that, as a result of the Government's policies and contrary to the Government's promises, rents are soaring, mortgage rates are at a record level, and speculation in land and property continues unabated, while fewer houses are being built than at any time since the Conservatives were last in office”.—(Mr. Anthony Crosland.)

The Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;

Mr. Francis Pym 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:—Debate resumed.

Mr. Walter Harrison 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 agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. James Hamilton: 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Bernard Weatherill: 283.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:—
Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address), continued

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.

Address to 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.

Housing—Resolved, That the Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Increase of Subsidy) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 31st October, be approved. (Mr. Paul Channon.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. John Stradling Thomas.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.17 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 6th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:
- Treaty Series (No. 103, 1973),—Copy of the Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 1973 [by Command].

Mr. Ian Gilmour
- Defence (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces),—Copy of an Amendment (No. 27) to the Regulations for the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve 1967 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
- National Research Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:
- Transport,—Statement of the salary payable on appointment to a part-time member of the National Freight Corporation [by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:
- Statutory Orders (Special Procedure),—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 Havant and Waterloo (Fishery Lane Open Space) Appropriation Order 1973,
  2. the M25 Motorway (Egham-Lyne Section) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSE 3) 1973,
  3. the Welsh Office Highways Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 10) (Raglan-Llandovery Trunk Road, Improvement Park Road, Abergavenny, Ffrogmore Street to Hereford Road) 1973, and
  4. the New Quay (Cardigan) Harbour Revision Order 1973
[by Act].
Wednesday, 7th November 1973.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Zetland County Council Bill,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to the Standing Order of 19th July last, in the last Session of Parliament, That he had gone through the Zetland County Council Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to impose upon the county council of Zetland duties of conservancy and development, and harbour duties; to enable the council to exercise harbour jurisdiction and powers, including powers to construct works and to acquire lands; and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means, do lie upon the Table.

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Employment and Social Services Sub-Committee on 7th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 9-i].

Counter-Inflation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Counter-Inflation (Price and Pay Code) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1785), a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Macmillan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Bernard Weatherill: 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Joseph Harper: 231.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Counter-Inflation (Price and Pay Code) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1785), a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. John Stradling Thomas.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.39 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Wednesday 7th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Carr:—Electoral Law,—Copy of the Second Interim Report of Mr. Speaker's Conference on Electoral Law [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Campbell:—National Galleries of Scotland,—Copy of the Report of the Board of Trustees for the National Galleries of Scotland for 1972 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:—Census,—Copy of the County Report of the Census 1971 for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, Parts I, II and III [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:—Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1970, Parts C6, C10, C23, C73 and C80 [by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:—Statutory Orders (Special Procedure),—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 Harrogate Oatlands Mount Infants' School (Additional Land) Compulsory Purchase Order 1972 [by Act].
Zetland 73/74

Chairman,
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Queen's Speech (Answer to Address).—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That Her Majesty, having been attended with their Address of 6th November, was pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

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

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill.—Mr. Patrick Jenkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Campbell, Sir John Eden, Mr. Tom Boardman, and Mr. John Nott, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to make provision for compensating certain statutory corporations in respect of financial loss due to compliance with the national policy relating to limitation of prices, and for extending the borrowing powers of certain statutory corporations; and for purposes connected with those matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 10].

Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Campbell, supported by the Lord Advocate, and Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, presented a Bill to provide, as respects Scotland, for the imposition of limitations on newly created feuduities and other perpetual payments from land; for limitations on the residential use of property subject to long lease and other rights of occupancy; for the variation of standard securities in the event of residential use of the security subjects; for restrictions on certain rights of reversion, redemption and pre-emption; for the abolition of the right to create leasehold casualties; for the recognition of interposed leases; for amendment of the law relating to registration of leases; for the abolition of the registration and recording of documents in the Office of Chancery; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 9].

Channel Tunnel (Initial Finance) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Channel Tunnel (Initial Finance) Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Marcus Fox : 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ernest Perry : 125.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.

Channel Tunnel (Initial Finance) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Channel Tunnel (Initial Finance) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make financial provision in relation to preliminary work on or in connection with the construction of a railway tunnel system under the English Channel, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required for fulfilling guarantees given by the Treasury in relation to money borrowed for the purpose of providing finance for such preliminary work subject to a limit of £35 million in so far as the sums are required for the repayment of principal, and the payment into that Fund of sums received in pursuance of arrangements with the French Government towards the fulfilment of guarantees so given;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be so required for contributing, in accordance with those arrangements, towards the fulfilment of guarantees given by or on behalf of the French Government in relation to money borrowed for the purpose mentioned in paragraph (1) above subject to a limit of £17·5 million in so far as the payments relate to the repayment of principal;
(3) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums required to meet any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State—

(a) in carrying out studies connected with the construction of such a tunnel system; or

(b) in fulfilling any obligations or exercising any rights (including any obligation or right to acquire securities of a body corporate) which become his in consequence of the abandonment of the preliminary work on the construction of such a tunnel system.—(Mr. Walter Clegg)

Southern Rhodesia,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 18th October 1973, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Hall-Davis : 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Stephen Hastings : 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 18th October 1973, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.

Nationalised Industries,—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the Reports and Accounts of the Nationalised Industries established by Statute whose controlling Boards are appointed by Ministers of the Crown and whose annual receipts are not wholly or mainly derived from moneys provided by Parliament or advanced from the Exchequer; and of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, Cable and Wireless Limited, and Horserace Totalisator Board, and to examine such activities of the Bank of England as are not—

(1) activities in the formulation and execution of monetary and financial policy, including responsibilities for the management of the gilt-edged, money and foreign exchange markets;

(2) activities, as agents of the Treasury, in managing the Exchange Equalisation Account and administering Exchange Control; or

(3) activities as a banker to other banks and private customers.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Fourteen Members:—And the Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Green, Sir John Hall, Mr. Brynmor John, Sir Donald Kaberry, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Robert Redmond, Mr. Stewart-Smith, and Mr. David Stoddart.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purpose of particular inquiries, either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the Committee's order of reference.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That every such Sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to report to the Committee from time to time, and to adjourn from place to place.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time any Minutes of Evidence taken before such Sub-committees.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence reported to the House by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries on 24th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins)

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 6th November, relating to the Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills, be now considered.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins)

Lords Message considered accordingly.
The Committee to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords as the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills was nominated of Mr. Peter Archer, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Smith, Mr. David Waddington, Mr. William Wells, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. William Wilson.

Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of the Committee. (Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them with the Order necessary to be communicated to their Lordships.

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 6th November relating to a Joint Committee of both Houses to scrutinise delegated legislation be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the Lords to consider:

(1) Every instrument which is laid before each House of Parliament and upon which proceedings may be or might have been taken in either House of Parliament, in pursuance of an Act of Parliament, being—

(a) a statutory instrument, or a draft of a statutory instrument;
(b) a scheme, or an amendment of a scheme, or draft thereof, requiring approval by statutory instrument;
(c) any other instrument (whether or not in draft), where the proceedings in pursuance of an Act of Parliament are proceedings by way of an affirmative resolution; or
(d) an order subject to special parliamentary procedure.

(2) Every general statutory instrument not within the foregoing classes, and not required to be laid before or to be subject to proceedings in this House only, but not including Measures under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and instruments made under such Measures, with a view to determining whether the special attention of the House should be drawn to it on any of the following grounds—

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

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

(iii) that it purports to have retrospective effect where the parent Statute confers no express authority so to provide;

(iv) that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the publication or in the laying of it before Parliament;

(v) that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in sending a notification under the proviso to subsection (1) of section four of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, where an instrument has come into operation before it has been laid before Parliament;

(vi) that there appears to be a doubt whether it is intra vires or that it appears to make some unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statute under which it is made;

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

(viii) that its drafting appears to be defective; or

on any other ground which does not impinge on its merits or on the policy behind it; and to report their decision with the reasons thereof in any particular case. —And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Albert Booth, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Ernie Money, Mr. Ronald King Murray, and Mr. David Waddington.

Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint one or more Sub-committees severally to join with any Sub-committee or Sub-committees appointed by the Committee appointed by the Lords; and to refer to such Sub-committee or Sub-committees any of the matters referred to the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee and any Sub-committee appointed by them shall have the assistance of the Counsel to Mr. Speaker and, if their Lordships think fit, of the Counsel to the Lord Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House and to report from time to time, and that any Sub-committee appointed by them have power to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House.
Ordered, That the Committee and any Sub-committee appointed by them have power to require any Government department concerned to submit a memorandum explaining any instrument which may be under their consideration or to depute a representative to appear before them as a Witness for the purpose of explaining any such instrument.

Ordered, That the Committee and any Sub-committee appointed by them have power to take evidence, written or oral, from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, relating to the printing and publication of any instrument.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report to the House from time to time any Memorandum submitted to them or other evidence taken before them or any Sub-committee appointed by them from any Government department in explanation of any instrument.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that before reporting that the special attention of the House be drawn to any instrument the Committee do afford to any Government department concerned therewith an opportunity of furnishing orally or in writing to them or to any Sub-committee appointed by them such explanations as the department think fit.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they do consider any instrument which is directed by Act of Parliament to be laid before and to be subject to proceedings in this House only, being—

(a) statutory instruments, or drafts of statutory instruments;

(b) schemes, or amendments of schemes, or drafts thereof, requiring approval by statutory instrument; or

(c) any other instrument (whether or not in draft) where the proceedings in pursuance of an Act of Parliament are proceedings by way of an affirmative resolution;

and that they have power to draw such instruments to the special attention of the House on any of the grounds on which the Joint Committee are empowered so to draw the special attention of the House; and that in considering any such instrument the Committee do not join with the Committee appointed by the Lords.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them with such of the said Orders as are necessary to be communicated to their Lordships.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.14 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 8th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Constabulary (Ireland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1973, entitled the Royal Irish Constabulary (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1817) [by Act].

Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th October 1973, entitled—

1) the Police Pensions (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1815), and

2) the Special Constables (Pensions) (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1816)

[by Act].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

Treaty Series (No. 113, 1973),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Lusaka on 22nd March 1972, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Zambia for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital [by Command].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Local Government Reorganisation (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 8th November 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland) Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 106 (Chairmen's Panel) Mr. Speaker has nominated Mr. John Brewis, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Ifor Davies, Captain Walter Elliot, Mr. Alan Fitch, Sir Myer Galpern, Mr. Harold Gurden, Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Mr. J. C. Jennings, Mr. Carol Johnson, Sir Stephen McAdden, Miss Joan Quennell, Sir Ronald Russell, Mr. George Wallace, and Mr. Woodhouse to be members of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

[No. 9.]

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Adoption of Children,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report of the Departmental Committee on the Adoption of Children (Command Paper No. 5107).—(Secretary Sir Keith Joseph.)

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.11 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 9th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr. Secretary Carr:

Fire Services,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th October 1973, entitled the Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1814) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:


Mr. Secretary Rippon:


Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations—

(2) dated 31st October 1973, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1821), and
(3) dated 8th November 1973, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1864)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1973, entitled the Local Authorities (Wales) (Property etc.) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1863) [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:

Sea Fisheries,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

(1) the Cornwall Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1973,
(2) the Cumbria Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1973,
(3) the Devon Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1973,
(4) the Eastern Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1973,
(5) the Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1973,
(6) the Lancashire and Western Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1973,
(7) the North-Eastern Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1973,
(8) the Northumberalnd Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1973,
(9) the South Wales Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1973,
(10) the Southern Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1973, and
(11) the Sussex Sea Fisheries District (Constitution of Committee and Expenses) (Variation) Order 1973

[by Act].

[No. 10]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Charlwood and Horley Bill (Standing Orders applicable thereto complied with).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made upon 1st November, That in the case of the Charlwood and Horley Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with.
Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Campbell presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 8 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 11].

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Adjournment (Threat to Coal Supplies).—Mr. Patrick Cormack, Member for Cannock, rose in his place and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration, viz., the threat to coal supplies arising from the present situation in the coal mining industry; and the leave of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) until the commencement of public business to-morrow.

Local Government Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government 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 the Question, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and add the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which provides insufficient financial provision for local authorities to enable them to meet the need for essential services and the increased costs of administration brought about by local government reorganisation, which will inevitably increase the inequitable burden on the domestic ratepayer, and which makes no provision for additional sources of local finance other than the rating system"—(Mr. Denis Howell), instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Cocks, Mr. James A. Dunn : 178.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Bernard Weatherill : 190.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 39 (Amendment on Second or Third Reading):—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Channel Tunnel (Initial Finance) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Local Government [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Local Government [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision, in relation to England and Wales, with respect to the payment of grants to local authorities, rating and valuation, and the classification of highways, to extend the powers of the Countryside Commission to give financial assistance, and to provide for the establishment of Commissions for the investigation of administrative action taken by or on behalf of local and other authorities, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) grants to local authorities, for the year 1974-75 and each subsequent year, of an amount equal to so much of the aggregate amount available for grants as remains after the deduction of

(i) the proportion of that amount which the Secretary of State estimates will be allocated to grants in respect of specific services, other than the grants mentioned in paragraphs (d) and (e) below, and

(ii) the proportion of that amount which he prescribes as the aggregate amounts of the grants mentioned in paragraphs (b) and (c) below, and for the purposes of this paragraph "the amount available for grants", in relation to any year, means the aggregate amount which the Secretary of State estimates is to be available for the payment out of money provided by Parliament of grants other than housing subsidies and the grants mentioned in paragraphs (d) and (e) below, to local authorities for that year;
(b) grants to county councils and the Greater London Council, for the year 1975-76 and each subsequent year, in respect of the estimated expenditure in connection with transport matters of those councils and of district councils, London borough councils and the Common Council of the City of London;

c) grants to county councils, for the year 1974-75 and each subsequent year, in respect of their estimated expenditure in connection with National Parks;

d) grants, for the year 1974-75 and each subsequent year, to any rating authority granting rate rebates in that year of an amount equal to 90 per cent. of the aggregate amount of the rebates granted by the authority under the statutory rate rebate scheme, or, if a local rate rebate scheme is in force, of the rebates which the authority would have granted, had the statutory rate rebate scheme been in force; and

e) grants to each local education authority, for the year 1974-75 and each subsequent year, of an amount equal to 90 per cent. of the aggregate amount paid in that year by the authority in pursuance of awards bestowed under section 1(1) of the Education Act 1962 and by way of grants under section 2(3) of that Act;

(2) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any other expenses incurred under the said Act of the present Session by any Minister; and

(3) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in the sums payable out of such money under any other Act.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Channel Tunnel (Initial Finance) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Channel Tunnel (Initial Finance) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Initial finance for the Channel Tunnel).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 8, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 1, line 18, after the word “ to ”, to insert the words “ one half of the ”.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 2, line 1, to leave out sub-paragraph (ii).—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 2, line 10, to leave out the words “ £30 million ” and insert the words “ £5 million ”.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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Question put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 2, line 16, to leave out the words “ £15 million ” and insert the words “ £10 million ”.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

A Clause (Review of progress of project by Select Committee)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon) 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 Mr. Walter Clegg reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Walter Clegg.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes past One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.20 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 12th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Government Departments (Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets).—Accounts and Balance Sheets of certain Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments in the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 10].

Mr. Secretary Campbell:

Criminal Statistics (Scotland).—Copy of Criminal Statistics for Scotland for 1972 [by Command].

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th October 1973, entitled the Central Institutions (Recognition) (Scotland) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1812) [by Act].

Provisional Orders (Scotland).—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 1 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, on representations by—

(1) the British Railways Board,
(2) the British Transport Docks Board,
(3) the Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society, and
(4) the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1970, Parts C82 and C93 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Mr. Speaker's Conference on Electoral Law.—Minutes of the Evidence taken before Mr. Speaker's Conference on Electoral Law on 12th November; to be printed [No. 12-i].

[No. 11]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 12th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 15].
Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Employment and Social Services Sub-Committee on 13th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 9-iii].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Albert Booth reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, 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 (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 14-ii].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Channel Tunnel (Initial Finance) Bill, without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments.—The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments do meet in Committee Room 4 this day at half-past Four o'clock.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, that so much of the Lords Message this day as relates to Statutory Instruments be now considered.

Ordered, that the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Albert Booth reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, 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 (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-i].

Emergency Powers (Proclamation).—Mr. Secretary Carr acquainted the House, that he had received a Message from Her Majesty to this House signed by Her Majesty's own hand:—And he presented the same to the House; and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered); and is as follows:

The Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, having enacted that if it appears to Her Majesty that there have occurred or are about to occur events of such a nature as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel or light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, Her Majesty may, by Proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists; and the present industrial disputes affecting persons employed in the coal mines and in the electricity supply industry having, in Her Majesty's opinion, constituted a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920, as so amended:

Her Majesty has deemed it proper, by Proclamation dated the 13th day of November 1973 and made in pursuance of the said Act of 1920, as so amended, to declare that a state of emergency exists.

Ordered, that Her Majesty's said Most Gracious Message be considered upon Thursday next. (Mr. James Prior.)

New Members sworn,—

Timothy Alan Davan Sainsbury, Esquire, commonly called The Honourable Timothy Alan Davan Sainsbury, Member for Hove, was sworn.

Alexander MacPherson Fletcher, Esquire, Member for Edinburgh, North, was sworn.

Alan James Beith, Esquire, Member for Berwick-upon-Tweed, was sworn.

Biological Weapons Bill.—Ordered, that the Biological Weapons Bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee. (Mr. Secretary Carr.)

Adjournment (Threat to Coal Supplies).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Patrick Cormack);

Royal Assent.—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, that Her Majesty had signified Her Royal Assent to the following Act agreed upon by both Houses:


Adjournment (Threat to Coal Supplies).—The Question being again proposed, that this House do now adjourn;
And it being Three hours after the commencement of the Proceedings, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted the Proceedings pursuant to Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), and the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill:

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

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That Government business may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Hamish Gray.)

Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning:

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And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No 40 (Committal of Bills).

Chariwood and Horley Bill.—The Chariwood and Horley Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Eight Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Four by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That there shall stand referred to the Select Committee—

(a) any Petition against the Bill presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the seventh day after this day, and

(b) any Petition which has been presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office and in which the Petitioners complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill or of any matter which has arisen during the progress of the Bill before the said Committee,

being a Petition in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents.

Ordered, That if no such Petition as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above 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 Select 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 it 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 that 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. R. Graham Page.)

Science and Technology.—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider Science and Technology and to report thereon from time to time: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Ronald Brown, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. David Gainsburg, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. John Osborn, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Dr. Gavin Strang, Dr. Tom Stuttard, Mr. Tebbit, Mr. Tugendhat, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. John Wilkinson.

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, to admit strangers during the examination of Witnesses unless they otherwise order, and to report Minutes of Evidence from time to time.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint Sub-committees and to refer to such Sub-committee any of the matters referred to the Committee.
Ordered, That every such Sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, to report to the Committee from time to time, and to admit strangers during the examination of Witnesses unless they otherwise order.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time the Minutes of the Evidence taken before such Sub-committees.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint persons with technical or scientific knowledge for the purpose of particular inquiries, either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the Committee's order of reference.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Science and Technology and before the Sub-committees appointed by that Committee in the last Session of Parliament, together with Appendices, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Tuesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty minutes past Three o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.20 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 13th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Bank Notes.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 26th October 1973, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 16].

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Civil Defence.—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—

(1) the Civil Defence (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1973,
(2) the Civil Defence (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1973, and
(3) the Civil Defence (Planning) Regulations 1973 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Campbell:

Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,—Copy of the Annual Report of the Registrar General for Scotland for 1972—

Part I, Mortality Statistics, and

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1970, Parts C12, C64 and C147 [by Act].

Fair Trading.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th November 1973, entitled the Restriction of Merger (No. 4) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1879) [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of the terms of appointment of a full-time member of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Building and Buildings,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st November 1973, entitled the House-Building Standards (Approved Scheme etc.) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1843) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:

County Court Judges (Salaries),—Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1973, entitled the County Court Judges (Salaries) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1973, No. 456) [by Act].
Lands Tribunal,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1973, entitled the Lands Tribunal (Salaries) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1973, No. 431) [by Act].


Mr. James Prior:


MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Local Government Bill to Standing Committee A.

[No. 12.]

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The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Edinburgh Corporation (No. 2) Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Campbell presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Edinburgh Corporation (No. 2): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 12].

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix I).

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d’Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment and Home Office Sub-Committee on 14th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 18-i].

Nationalised Industries,—Sir John Hall reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, 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 (First Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 17].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 14th November to be printed [No. 17].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Selection (Standing Committees),—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection a Resolution, which was read, as follows: That, after a Bill has been under consideration in a Standing Committee, no application for changes in the composition of that Committee in respect of that Bill will be entertained by this Committee except where a Member is incapacitated from attendance by illness or where he has been appointed or ceased to be a member of the Government or has changed his office for another.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills do meet in Committee Room 4 on Wednesday next at half-past Four o’clock.
Consumer Credit Bill.—The Consumer Credit Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committee of Bills).

Consumer Credit [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Consumer Credit [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the appointment of a Consumer Credit Commissioner, and establish for the protection of consumers a new system, administered by that Commissioner, of licensing and other control of traders concerned with the provision of credit, or the supply of goods on hire or hire-purchase, and their transactions, in place of the present enactments regulating moneylenders, pawnbrokers and hire-purchase traders and their transactions, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) all expenses incurred by the Secretary of State—

(i) in paying remuneration, allowances or other sums payable under that Act to or in respect of persons who hold or have held the office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, and

(ii) in defraying all expenses duly incurred by the Commissioner in the payment of remuneration or allowances payable under that Act to the staff of the Commissioner and, to such amount as the Secretary of State, with the approval of the Treasury or the Minister for the Civil Service, may determine, all other expenses duly incurred by the Commissioner; and

(b) any other expenses incurred by the Secretary of State or by any other Minister of the Crown or Government department in consequence of the provisions of that Act; and

(c) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under the Superannuation Act 1972; and

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of—

(a) any fees received by the Commissioner under that Act; and

(b) any money appropriated from the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland under that Act to make good such sums paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in connection with the execution of that Act as may be determined by the Treasury to be properly payable by the Government of Northern Ireland. (Mr. Michael Heseltine.)

Income Tax.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Belize) Order 1973 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 16th October 1973, in the last Session of Parliament. (Mr. John Nott.)

Address to 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.

Income Tax.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Brunei) Order 1973 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 16th October 1973, in the last Session of Parliament. (Mr. John Nott.)

Address to 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.

Income Tax.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that, on the ratification by the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden of the Further Supplementary Protocol set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sweden) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 16th October 1973, in the last Session of Parliament, an Order may be made in the form of that draft. (Mr. John Nott.)

Address to 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.

Income Tax.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Barbados) Order 1973 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 2nd November. (Mr. John Nott.)

Address to 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.

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

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Hamish Gray.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 14th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Patrick Jenkin:
Public Accounts.—Copy of a Treasury Minute on the Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1972-73 and Abstract of Appropriation Accounts [by Command].

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:
Appropriations in Aid.— Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated 14th November 1973, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for—
(1) the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, the Registrar General's Office (Scotland) and the Northern Ireland Office, and
(2) the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce
[by Act].


Mr. Secretary Rippon:
Local Government.—Copies of Orders, dated 5th November 1973, entitled—
(1) the Durham County Council (Extension of Powers) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1848), and
(2) the Local Government (Staff Transfer Schemes) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1847)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:
Public Accounts.—Copy of a Memorandum by the Northern Ireland Ministry of Finance on the Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1972-73 [by Command].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:
Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation [pursuant to Standing Order No. 121 (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments)]—

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Selection (Chairmen’s Panel) (Parliament Act 1911).—Mr. Harold Gurdon reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of Section 1(3) of the Parliament Act 1911, they had appointed Sir Alfred Broughton and Mr. J. C. Jennings to be the Two Members whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill.

Selection (Committee on Unopposed Bills) (Panel).—Mr. Harold Gurdon reported from the Committee, That they had appointed Twenty-four Members to be the Panel of Members to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 111 relating to Private Business (Reference to Committees of opposed and unopposed Bills), viz.: Mr. H. Boardman, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. John Cordle, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. John Forrester, Sir Myer Galpern, Mr. Joseph Hiley, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Tom King, Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. R. Bonner Pink, Mr. Frank Taylor, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr David Watkins, and Mr. Jerry Wiggins.
Standing Committee C.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had designated Standing Committee C as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.

Provisional Orders (Scotland) (Panel).—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That, in pursuance of Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), They had selected Twenty-four 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. W. H. K. Baker, Mr. John Brewis, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Bruce-Gardyne, Mr. James Dempsey, Mr. Peter Doig, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Sir Myer Galpern, Mr. Hamish Gray, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. William Hannan, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Ian MacArthur, Sir Fitzroy Maclean, Mr. Robert Maclean, Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Mitchell, Mr. Michael Noble, Mr. Thomas Oswald, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. William Small, Mr. Iain Sproat, Dr. Gavin Strang, and Mr. Patrick Wolrige-Gordon.

Standing Orders Committee.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Eight Members to serve on the Standing Orders Committee under Standing Order 103 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Standing Orders Committee), viz.: Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. John Cordle, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine, Mr. Gwynoro Jones, and Mr. R. Bonner Pink.

Standing Orders Committee, Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Local Government Bill, viz.: Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. Cant, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Michael Cocks, Mr. David Gibson-Watt, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Hall-Davis, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Lamborn, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Charles Simeons, Mr. John Spence, and Mr. James Wellbeloved.

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill, viz.: Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Deedes, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. William Hamling, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Dame Patricia Hornsby-Smith, Sir Gilbert Longden, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. David Walder, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, and Mrs. Shirley Williams.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Biological Weapons Bill, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Jeffrey Archer, Mr. Edward Bishop, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Major-General d’Avigdor-Goldsmid, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Sir Arthur Irvine, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Frank Judd, Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Lane, Mr. David Madel, Mr. David Price, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Bernard Weatherill.

Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they have nominated Ten Members to serve on the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Richard Body, Sir Eric Bullus, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Brian Harrison, Mr. John Hay, Mr. James Kilfedder, Mr. John E. Maginnis, Mr. Keith Stainton, and Mr. Peter Tapsell.

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MEMORANDA

Wednesday 14th November 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill and Mr. John Brewis Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix I).

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix I).

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That the Lords Message yesterday relating to Consolidation, &c., Bills, be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by Their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.


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

The Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, having enacted that if it appears to Her Majesty that there have occurred or are about to occur events of such a nature as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel or light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, Her Majesty may, by Proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists: and the present industrial disputes affecting persons employed in the coal mines and in the electricity supply industry having, in Her Majesty's opinion, constituted a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920 as so amended:

Her Majesty has deemed it proper, by Proclamation dated the 13th day of November 1973 and made in pursuance of the said Act of 1920, as so amended:

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, thanking Her Majesty for Her Most Gracious Message communicating to this House that Her Majesty deems it proper by Proclamation, made in pursuance of the Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, and dated 13th November 1973, to declare that a state of emergency exists.—(Mr. Secretary Carr.)

Address to 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.

Emergency Powers,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Regulations made by Her Majesty in Council under the Emergency Powers Act 1920 by Order dated 13th November 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th November, shall continue in force, subject however to the provisions of section 2(4) of the said Act—(Mr. Secretary Carr);)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Bernard Weatherill : 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Joseph Harper : 278.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Regulations made by Her Majesty in Council under the Emergency Powers Act 1920 by Order dated 13th November 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th November, shall continue in force, subject however to the provisions of section 2(4) of the said Act.

Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Direct Grant Schools (Amendment) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1535), dated 30th August 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th September, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled—(Mr. Roy Hattersley);)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James A. Dunn : 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Marcus Fox : 161.

So the Question was negatived.
Privileges.—Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges do consist of Seventeen Members:
And the Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Deedes, Mr. Edward du Cann, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, Mr. Douglas Houghton, Sir Elwyn Jones, Mr. Charles Pannell, Mr. Fred Peart, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. James Prior, Sir David Renton, Mr. G. R. Strauss, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Sir Robin Turton, Sir Derek Walker-Smith, and Mr. Harold Wilson.

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

Ordered, That Six be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Hicks.)

Adjournment—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Hicks):—Debate arising;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 16th November, 1973:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o’clock on Thursday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then ten minutes past Twelve o’clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.10 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 15th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

European Communities (Miscellaneous No. 32, 1973).—Copy of an Association Agreement, signed at Port Louis on 12th May 1972, concerning the accession of Mauritius to the Convention of Association between the European Economic Community and the African and Malagasy States associated with that Community [by Command].


Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:


Mr. Secretary Walker:


Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Rating and Valuation.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Valuation (Statutory Deductions) Order 1973 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:

Northeastern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 [by Act].

Mr. James Prior:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Wadham College, Oxford, on 14th June 1973, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Friendly Societies.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1973, entitled the Friendly Societies (Limits of Benefits) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1868) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Simon Mahon (nominated in respect of the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hugh Jenkins.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Consumer Credit Bill, viz.: Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Peter Emery, Miss Janet Fookes, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Michael Heseltine, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Charles Loughlin, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Montgomery, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Edward M. Taylor, Mr. Alan Williams, and Mr. W. T. Williams.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 15th November 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Consumer Credit Bill to Standing Committee D.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Woodhouse Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Local Government Bill, Mr. Carol Johnson Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Consumer Credit Bill and Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Biological Weapons Bill.

[No. 14.]

Friday, 16th November, 1973.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—A Paper was presented (see Appendix I).

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill,—The Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Horticulture (Special Payments) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Horticulture (Special Payments);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise payments to assist certain commercial growers of horticultural produce, the growing of which has become uneconomic as the result of the United Kingdom's membership of the European Economic Community, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown under or by virtue of any provisions of the said Act or of any scheme made thereunder; and

(2) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mrs. Peggy Fenner.)

Agriculture,—Resolved, That the Agriculture (Tractor Cabs) (Amendment) Regulations 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 25th July, in the last session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mrs. Peggy Fenner.)

Overseas Development,—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider United Kingdom assistance for overseas development, and to report thereon: And the Committee was nominated of Sir Frederic Bennett, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mrs. Judith Hart, Mr. Frank Judd, and Mr. Nigel Spearing.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint persons with expert knowledge for the purpose of particular inquiries, either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the Committee's Order of Reference.
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 Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Bernard Weatherill.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 2.41 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 16th November 1973

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mrs. Shirley Williams (nominated in respect of the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Doris Fisher.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Michael Meacher (nominated in respect of the Consumer Credit Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Roper.

[No. 15.]


PRAYERS.

Death of a Member,—Mr. Speaker make the following communication to the House:—

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sir Gerald Nabarro, Member for Worcestershire, South, 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.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Expenditure,—Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee of the Expenditure Committee between 9th May and 14th September, in the last Session of Parliament, be printed, together with Appendices [No. 21].

The Economy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House has no confidence in Her Majesty's Government's management of the economy, (Mr. Harold Wilson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Joseph Harper: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Bernard Weatherill: 304.

So the Question was negatived.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. David Walder.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until twenty-four minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.36 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on 16th November 1973 pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th November 1973, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Amendment) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1929) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 19th November 1973:

Mr. Patrick Jenkin:

Defence Estimates (Vote on Account), 1974-75,—Estimate showing the Several Defence Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending on 31st March 1975 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 11].

Mr. Secretary Walker:


Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Transport,—Statements of determinations of the salaries payable to—
(1) the Chairman of the National Bus Company,
(2) the Chairman of the National Freight Corporation, and
(3) the Chairman of the British Waterways Board
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:

Northern Ireland,—Copy of the Appropriation Accounts 1972-73 for Northern Ireland together with the Consolidated Fund Services Account; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon and upon the Revenue Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 20].

Mr. James Prior:


European Communities,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 13th November 1973, entitled the European Communities (Designation) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1889) [by Act].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Michael Roberts (nominated in respect of the Local Government Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Timothy Sainsbury.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 19th November 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill to Standing Committee E.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of 14th November relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Belize) Order 1973, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Brunei) Order 1973 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Barbados) Order 1973 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 14th November relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that, on the ratification by the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden of the further supplementary protocol set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sweden) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before your House, an Order may be made in the form of that draft.

I will comply with your request.

Edinburgh Corporation (No. 2) Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Edinburgh Corporation (No. 2) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill;

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

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Albert Booth reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords 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 (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-ii].

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 20th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Albert Booth 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 (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 14-ii].

Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. John Brewis reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Land Tenure Reform (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.

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 25].
Channel Tunnel Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rippon, supported by Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Mr. Secretary Walker, Mr. John Davis, Mr. John Peyton, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, and Mr. Keith Speed, presented a Bill to provide for the construction and operation of a railway tunnel system under the English Channel, together with associated works; to make provision for guaranteeing loans and for the expenditure necessary for and in connection with the construction and operation of that system and those works; to constitute a Board to participate in the operation of that system; to incorporate part of that system into the United Kingdom and to provide for the jurisdiction of courts in Great Britain over matters occurring in that system and trains proceeding through it; to provide controls in connection with passengers and goods passing through that system; to provide for the incidence and computation of tax in connection with the construction and operation of that system; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 14].

Fuel and Electricity (Control) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Walker, supported by Mr. James Prior, Mr. Secretary Rippon, Mr. Tom Boardman, and Mr. Patrick Jenkin, presented a Bill to make temporary provision for controlling the production, supply, acquisition and use of certain substances and of electricity; and for purposes connected with those matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 13].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's Sitting, Mr. Speaker shall put any Question necessary to dispose of Proceedings on the Motion relating to Public Services in Greater London not later than Seven o'clock.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Supply [1st allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Public Services in Greater London,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House censures Her Majesty's Government for allowing the essential public services of the capital city to deteriorate to the point where they are now reaching breakdown and are causing grave hardship to the population of Greater London—(Mr. Ronald Brown);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Michael Cocks: 268.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Bernald Weatherill: 280.

So the Question was negatived.

Museum Charges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House considers the proposed imposition on 1st January of entrance charges to the national museums and galleries inopportune and undesirable—(Mr. G. R. Strauss);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 271.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bernard Weatherill, Mr. Walter Clegg: 277.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That Government Business other than Business of Supply [1st allotted Day] may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That—

(1) There shall be one or more standing committees, to be called Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, for the consideration of statutory instruments or draft statutory instruments referred to them:

(2) Any Member, not being a member of such a Standing Committee, may take part in the deliberations of the Committee, but shall not vote or make any motion or move any amendment or be counted in the quorum:

(3) Where—

(i) a Member has given notice of a motion for an humble Address to Her Majesty praying that a statutory instrument be annulled, or of a 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, or that the House takes note of a statutory instrument, or

(ii) a Minister of the Crown has given notice of a motion that a statutory instrument or draft statutory instrument be approved,

a motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business, that the said instrument or draft instrument be referred to such a Committee, and the question thereupon shall be put forthwith; and if, on the question being put, not less than twenty Members rise in their places and signify their objection thereto, Mr. Speaker shall declare that the noes have it:
(4) Each Committee shall consider each instrument or draft instrument referred to it on a motion, "That the Committee has considered the instrument (or draft instrument)"; and the chairman shall put any question necessary to dispose of the proceedings on such a motion, if not previously concluded, when the committee shall have sat for one and a half hours after the commencement of those proceedings; and the Committee shall thereupon report the instrument or draft instrument to the House without any further question being put:

(5) If any motion is made in the House of the kind specified in paragraph 3(i) or 3(ii) of this Order, in relation to any instrument or draft instrument reported to the House in accordance with paragraph (4) of this Order, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith the question thereon; and proceedings in pursuance of this paragraph, though opposed, may be decided after the expiration of the time for opposed business:

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Constitution of Standing Committees,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees) be amended, in line 7, by inserting, after the word "committed", the words "and statutory instruments or draft statutory instruments referred".

(Mr. James Prior.)

Nomination of Standing Committees,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 62 (Nomination of Standing Committees) be amended, in line 10, by inserting at the end thereof the words "or for the consideration of statutory instruments or draft statutory instruments referred to it".—(Mr. James Prior.)

Business of Supply,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply) be amended as follows:—

Paragraph 6, line 81, at end insert—

"(b) any vote on account for defence services for the coming financial year that shall have been put down for consideration on at least one previous allotted day".

Paragraph 7, line 93, leave out "25th" and insert "18th".

Paragraph 7, line 102, leave out sub-paragraph (b).—(Mr. James Prior.)

Procedure,—Ordered, That the Fifth Report from the Select Committee on Procedure in the last Session of Parliament be now considered.—(Mr. James Prior.)

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the said Report.

Resolved, That this House approves the recommendations contained in the said Report.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Consolidated Fund Bills,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 93 (Consolidated Fund Bills) be amended as follows:—

Line 1, at beginning, insert "The consideration on report and third reading of a Consolidated Fund or Appropriation Bill may be taken as soon as the bill has been reported from a committee of the whole House; and".

Line 2, leave out "Consolidated Fund Bill or Appropriation Bill" and insert "such bill".—(Mr. James Prior.)

Charlwood and Horley Bill,—Ordered, That Mr. R. Bonner Pink, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Ray Mawby and Mr. R. C. Mitchell be members of the Select Committee on the Charlwood and Horley Bill.—(Mr. David Walder.)

House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to advise Mr. Speaker on the control of the accommodation and services in that part of the Palace of Westminster and its precincts occupied by or on behalf of the House of Commons, and to report thereon to this House.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Sixteen Members:—And the Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Humphrey Atkins, Mr. Brian Basford, Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Walter Harrison, Dame Patricia Hornsby-Smith, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Fred Peart, Mr. James Prior, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Urwin and Mr. James Wellbeloved.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of every such Sub-committee.
Ordered, That every such Sub-committee do have power to send for persons, papers and records; to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House; and to report to the Committee from time to time.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-committees and reported by them to the Committee.

Ordered, That any Sub-committee which may be appointed to deal with the organisation of, and the provision of services in, the Library do have the assistance of the Librarian.—(Mr. James Prior.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.16 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 20th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:
Development Fund.—Accounts of the Development Fund, 1972-73, showing the Receipts into, and Issues out of the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1973, and the loans outstanding on 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 24].

Value Added Tax.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th November 1973, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1882) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Carr:
Criminal Injuries Compensation.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for the year 31st March 1973 [by Command].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:
France (No. 1, 1973).—Copy of a Treaty, signed at Chequers, Buckinghamshire, on 17th November 1973 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic, concerning the construction and operation of a railway tunnel system under the English Channel (with Exchanges of Notes and Letters and Agreements No. 2) (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Labour (Miscellaneous No. 33, 1973).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 19th September 1973 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the State of Brunei, entitled the Public Officers (Brunei) Agreement 1973 [by Command].

Sugar (Miscellaneous No. 35, 1973).—Copy of the International Sugar Agreement adopted at Geneva by the United Nations Sugar Conference 1973 (The Agreement has not been signed by the United Kingdom) [by Command].


Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) (No. 2) Order 1973 [by Act].

Mr. Ian Gilmour:
Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th November 1973, providing for amendments to the Regulations relating to the commissioning and conditions of service of Officers in the Royal Air Force [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Walker:
Monopolies and Restrictive Practices,—Copy of the Report by the Monopolies Commission on the Supply and Exports of Wire Rope and Fibre Rope and Cordage [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:
Transport,—Statements of determinations of the salaries payable to—
(1) a member of the British Railways Board,
(2) a member of the National Bus Company, and
(3) the Vice-Chairman of the British Waterways Board
[by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:
Statutory Orders (Special Procedure),—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 Ipswich Port Authority Order 1973, and
(2) the Portsmouth Mile End Quay Revision Order 1973
[by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Countryside Commission (Scotland),—Account of the Countryside Commission for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 23].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Michael Grylls (nominated in respect of the Consumer Credit Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Rost.

[No. 17.]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Edinburgh Corporation (No. 2) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Edinburgh Corporation (No. 2) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. Ian Percival reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill and had 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.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 28].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 28].

Chairmen's Panel,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Chairmen's Panel, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—
(1) That if, at two sittings of a Standing Committee called for the consideration of a Bill, the Committee is adjourned by reason of the absence of a Quorum before Twelve o'clock noon, the Committee shall not proceed again to the consideration of that Bill until any other Bills committed to the Committee have been considered.

(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.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Employment and Social Services Sub-Committee on 21st November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 9-iii].

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment and Home Office Sub-Committee on 21st November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 18-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Biological Weapons Bill,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Biological Weapons Bill, That they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed her to report to the House ; And the same was read, as follows:—

That the Committee recommend that the Biological Weapons Bill ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 26].

Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill:

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. Michael Jopling : 79.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Cyril Smith : 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for compensating certain statutory corporations in respect of financial loss due to compliance with the national policy relating to limitation of prices, and for extending the borrowing powers of certain statutory corporations, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be required by virtue of any provision of that Act to enable payments to be made to Area Electricity Boards in England and Wales, the Scottish Electricity Boards, the Central Electricity Generating Board, the British Gas Corporation or the Post Office;

(2) the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums, or of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums, required by the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantee given in respect of money borrowed by certain corporations established by, or by order made under, any enactment;

(3) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin.)
Iron and Steel,—Resolved, That the Iron and Steel Act 1969 (Continuance of Provisions) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 1st November, be approved. —Mr. Peter Emery.)

Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland)), That the Bill be committed to a Scottish Standing Committee—(Mr. Hall-Davis):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Hall-Davis.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.22 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 21st November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1970, Parts C75 and C150 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1973, entitled the Borough of Dover (Part of St. Martin's Burial Ground) Appropriation Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Japanese Treaty of Peace,—Copy of the Account of the sums received and paid by the Administrator of Japanese Property for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 27].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill, viz.: Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. David Clark, Mr. Donald Coleman, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. John Farr, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Godber, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, and Mr. John Wells.

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Harold Garden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Dalyell, Mr. Peter Doig, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Robert Maclean, Mr. Ronald King Murray, Mr. Ian Sproat, Mr. Edward M. Taylor, Mr. Alexander Wilson, Mr. Patrick Wolrige-Gordon, and Mr. Wylie.

Charlwood and Horley Bill (Select Committee),—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Four Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Charlwood and Horley Bill, viz.: Mr. Ronald Bray, Mr. J. R. Kinsey, Dr. Edmund Marshall, and Mr. Wilfred Proudfoot.
MEMORANDA

Wednesday 21st November 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Sir Myer Galpern Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill and Sir Ronald Russell Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 18.]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Zetland County Council Bill,—Ordered, That the Zetland County Council Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means, be considered upon Thursday next.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Stanley Travis Dawson for redress of grievances against members of the legal profession and for changes in the procedure governing the investigation of complaints was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, 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 (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29].

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure 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 (Second Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 30].

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

New Member Sworn,—

Mrs. Margo MacDonald, Member for Glasgow, Govan, was sworn.

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

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Biological Weapons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Biological Weapons Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 66 (Second Reading Committees), That the Bill be now read a second time:

—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:
Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 5th November 1973, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (General) (No. 8) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1845), and
(2) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1844)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Carr:
Church Commissioners,—Copy of the Report of the Church Commissioners for England, with Accounts and Resolutions, for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Measure].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:
Shipping (Miscellaneous No. 29, 1973),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, signed at Strasbourg on 25th October 1972, to the Revised Convention for Rhine Navigation, signed at Mannheim on 17th October 1868 (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Additional Protocol) [by Command].

Sweden (No. 1, 1973),—Copy of a Further Supplementary Protocol, signed at London on 27th September 1973, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden, amending the Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at London on 28th July 1960, as modified by the Protocol signed at London on 25th March 1966 and the Supplementary Protocol signed at London on 27th June 1968 (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 114, 1973),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Cairo on 22nd August 1973 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, concerning a Development Loan by the Government of the United Kingdom to the Government of Egypt (United Kingdom/Egypt Loan Agreement 1973) [by Command].

Grenada,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Grenada Termination of Association Order 1973 [by Act].

Mr. James Prior:

Mr. Joseph Godber:

[No. 19.]


The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

Unit Pricing Bill,—Mr. Secretary Walker, supported by Mr. Secretary Whitelaw, Mr. Secretary Campbell, Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Dudley Smith and Mrs. Peggy Fenner, presented a Bill to amend section 21 of the Weights and Measures Act 1963 and section 15 of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 to enable provision to be made for the marking of unit prices where goods are sold by retail; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 15].
Yorkshire and Humberside.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, whilst noting some temporary improvement in the Yorkshire and Humberside Region, and the limited success of the environmental drive to clean up the county, is still disturbed that many areas continue to suffer unemployment levels above the national average and earnings below the national average; is concerned about the manpower drift from the coalmining industry; notes the changing pattern of the textile industry, and the need to maintain investment in the steel industry; registers anxiety about the future of the fishing industry; is worried about the housing and associated environmental problems; deplores Hardman's disregard of our service needs; and therefore calls upon Her Majesty's Government to undertake further action to stimulate growth among firms already established in the Region and to take steps to assist its Economic Development Council and the newly formed Development Association to attract some major new industrial developments to the Region's older industrial areas—(Mr. Kenneth Lomas):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Race Relations and Immigration.—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to review policies but not individual cases, in relation to—

(a) the operation of the Race Relations Act 1968 with particular reference to the work of the Race Relations Board and the Community Relations Commission; and

(b) the admission into the United Kingdom of Commonwealth citizens and foreign nationals for settlement:

And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. William Deedes, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. J. R. Kinsey, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Tom Toynbee, Mr. John Wilkinson, and Mr. William Wilson.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint persons with expert knowledge for the purpose of particular enquiries, either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the Committee's order of reference.

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; to admit strangers during the examination of witnesses unless they otherwise order; and to report Minutes of Evidence from time to time.

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

Ordered, That Four be the Quorum of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That every such Sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records; to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House; to adjourn from place to place; to report to the Committee from time to time; and to admit strangers during the examination of witnesses unless they otherwise order.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time the Minutes of the Evidence taken before such Sub-committees.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of every such Sub-committee.—(Mr. Michael Jopling.)

Public Accounts.—The Committee of Public Accounts was nominated of Mr. Michael Barnes, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. James Lamond, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Paget, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Michael Shaw, Sir Richard Thompson, and Mr. David Waddington.—(Mr. Michael Jopling.)

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered. That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the Reports of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and of the Health Service Commissioners for England, Scotland and Wales, which are laid before this House, the matters in connection therewith:—And the Committee was nominated of Captain Walter Elliot, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Frederick Lee, Sir Gilbert Longden, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Michael Stewart, Sir Richard Thompson, and Dame Irene Ward.

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

Ordered, That Four be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Michael Jopling.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.28 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 23rd November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Gilmour:
Defence (Army).—Copy of an Amendment (No. 23) to the Army Pensions Warrant 1960 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Campbell:

Mr. Secretary Rippon:
Transport.—Statement of determination of the salaries payable to the Vice-Chairman, the Managing Director, and a member of the British Transport Docks Board [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (See Appendix).

International Sugar Organisation Bill.—Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home, supported by Mr. John Davies, Mr. Godber, Mr. Julian Amery, Lord Balniel, and Mr. Anthony Royle, presented a Bill to provide for the continued application to the International Sugar Organisation of section 1 of the International Organisations Act 1968: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 16].

Fuel and Electricity (Control) Bill.—The Fuel and Electricity (Control) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.

Fuel and Electricity (Control) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Fuel and Electricity (Control) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make temporary provision for controlling the production, supply, acquisition and use of certain substances and of electricity, and for purposes connected with those matters, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by a Government department in consequence of that Act. (Mr. Tom Boardman.)

Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Statement of Change in Immigration Rules for Control on Entry: EEC and other non-Commonwealth Nationals (H.C., 1972-73, No. 437), a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be disapproved (Mr. John Fraser):—It was negatived.

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being twenty-nine minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.31 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 26th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Gilmour:
Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 20th November 1973, and
(2) Regulations, dated 23rd November 1973,
providing for amendments to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Mr. Secretary Rippon:
Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1973, entitled the Local Government (Successor Parishes) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1939) [by Act].

Mr. James Prior:

Sir Robert Cary:
Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Copy of the Report by the Government Actuary on the general financial position of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund as at 1st April 1972 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:
Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation (pursuant to Standing Order No. 121 (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments)):


[No. 21.]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill;

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

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Albert Booth reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords 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 (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-iii].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Albert Booth 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 (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 14-iii].
Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund.—Ordered, That the Paper relating to the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, a copy of which was laid before this House yesterday, be printed [No. 35].

International Organisations (Land) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Rippon, supported by Mr. John Davies, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, and Mr. Reginald Eyre, presented a Bill to enable the Secretary of State and the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland to acquire land for the service in the United Kingdom of international organisations and institutions, and their offices and agencies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 17].

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 248.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins: 285.

So the Question was negatived.

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seventeen minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 27th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:
Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 9th July 1973 relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 36].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:
European Communities (Miscellaneous No. 38, 1973).—Copy of a Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Communities, made at Brussels on 24th July 1973, on the provisional location of the European Monetary Co-operation Fund [by Command].

Romania (No. 1, 1973).—Copy of a Health Services Convention, made at Bucharest on 28th September 1973, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania (with Protocol) (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Shipping (Miscellaneous No. 28, 1973).—Copy of the Final Act of the International Conference on Revision of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972, made at London on 20th October 1972 (with Convention and Resolutions) (The Convention has not been accepted by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:
Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1973, entitled the County of Northumberland (Cramlington) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:
Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1973, entitled the Housing (Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1973, No. 451) [by Act].

Housing on Farms.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1973, entitled the Housing on Farms (Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1973, No. 452) [by Act].

Rates,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1973, entitled the Rates (Regional Rate and Belfast Special Abatements Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1973, No. 460) [by Act].


Mr. James Prior:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the University of Cambridge on 15th July 1973, amending the Statutes of the University,
(2) made by the Governing Body of Lincoln College, Oxford, on 18th July 1973, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(3) made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Oxford, on 1st August 1973, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:

River Authorities,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the Isle of Wight River and Water Authority, for the years ended 31st March 1971, 31st March 1972 and 31st March 1973, and
(2) the East Suffolk and Norfolk River Authority, for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Civil Aviation,—Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority, prepared pursuant to Section 13(1) of the Civil Aviation Act 1971, for the year ended 31st March 1973, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 37].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 27th November 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Biological Weapons Bill to Standing Committee E and the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee F.

[No. 22.]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Employment and Social Services Sub-Committee on 28th November. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 9-iv].

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment and Home Office Sub-Committee on 28th November. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 18-iii].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Deedes reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, 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 (First Special Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Town and Country Amenities Bill—Sir John Rodgers, supported by Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Sandys, Mr. G. R. Strauss, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Ernie Money, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. John Wells, and Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, presented a Bill to make further provision for the control of development in the interest of amenity; for the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas and of buildings of architectural or historic interest and their surroundings and landscapes; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 18].

Youth and Community Bill—Mr. Alan Haselhurst, supported by Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, Mr. Barry Jones, Mr. David Knox, Sir Gilbert Longden, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Miss Joan Lester, and Mr. Michael Grylls, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to youth services in the community and participation by youth in community development; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 19].

Children Bill—Dr. David Owen, supported by Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Dame Joan Vickers, Mr. S. C. Silkin, Mr. J. C. Jennings, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Jack Ashley, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Robert Maclean, and Dr. Anthony Trafford, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the adoption, guardianship and fostering of children; to make further provision for the protection and care of children; and for purposes connected with those matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 20].

Public Lending Right Bill—Mr. David James, on behalf of Mr. Ernie Money, supported by Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Jeffrey Archer, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Russell Kerr, Sir John Rodgers, and Mr. Michael Stewart, presented a Bill to amend the Copyright Act 1956 so as to make provision for the establishment of a public lending right; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 21].

Abortion (Amendment) Bill—Mr. Michael Grylls, supported by Mr. Deedes, Mr. Leo Abse, Dr. Vaughan, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Nigel Fisher, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Miss Mervyn Pike, Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, Mr. David Steel, and Mr. Douglas Houghton, presented a Bill to regulate the referral to, and recommendations of, medical or other services in connection with treatment authorised by the Abortion Act 1967, where such referral or recommendation is made for reward otherwise than by a registered medical practitioner: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 22].

Litigants in Person (Costs) Bill—Mr. Richard Luce, supported by Mr. George Darling, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Raymond Gower, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Frederick Mulley, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, and Mr. Cecil Parkinson, presented a Bill to make further provision as to the costs recoverable by litigants in person in civil proceedings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 23].

London Parish Councils Bill—Mr. Graham Tope, supported by Mr. Dick Leonard, and Mr. Grimond, presented a Bill to make changes in the administration of local government in Greater London by the establishment of London Parish Councils: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 24].

Education (Mentally-Handicapped Children) (Scotland) Bill—Mr. Alex Eade, supported by Mr. James Sillars, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Tom Oswald, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Sir John Gilmour, and Mr. George Machin, presented a Bill to make provision as respects Scotland for discontinuing the ascertainment of mentally-handicapped children as unsuitable for education at school, to impose a duty on education authorities to provide for the education of such children whether accommodated in a hospital within the meaning of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960 or otherwise, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 25].

Scottish and Welsh Parliaments Bill—Mr. Grimond, supported by Mr. David Steel, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Donald Stewart, and Mrs. Margo MacDonald, presented a Bill to make new provisions for the government of the United Kingdom and to establish parliaments for Scotland and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 26].
Weights and Measures (Containers) Bill.—Mr. David Price, supported by Dame Patricia Hornsby-Smith, Mr. Edward Milne, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. G. Elfed Davies, Mr. Edward M. Taylor, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Dick Leonard, and Mr. John Wells, presented a Bill to amend the Weights and Measures Act 1963 and the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 to enable provision to be made for ensuring that goods are made up for sale or for delivery after sale in containers of a particular description: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th April and to be printed [Bill 27].

Rehabilitation of Offenders Bill.—Mr. Kenneth Marks, supported by Sir John Foster, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Sir John Rodgers, Mr. Peter Archer, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. William Hamilton, and Mr. Edward du Cann, presented a Bill to facilitate the rehabilitation of offenders who have not been reconvicted of any serious offence for periods of years, to penalise the unauthorised disclosure of their previous convictions, to amend the law of defamation, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 28].

Land Registration (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. G. R. Strauss presented a Bill to amend the Land Registration Act 1925: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 29].

Home Ownership Bill.—Mr. Harold Gurden, on behalf of Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, supported by Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. J. R. Kinsey, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. David Austick, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Mark Woodnut, Mr. Derek Coombs, and Mrs. Jill Knight, presented a Bill to extend to the tenants of dwellings owned by local authorities and other housing bodies the right to acquire the ownership or leasehold of their homes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 30].

Hare Coursing Bill.—Mr. Marcus Lipton, supported by Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Burden, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Wilfred Proudfoot, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. William Price, Mr. Dick Leonard, Miss Janet Fookes, and Mr. Concannon, presented a Bill to make hare coursing matches illegal: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 31].

Private Detectives (Control) Bill.—Mr. Michael Fidler, supported by Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Deedes, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Greville Janner, and Mr. R. C. Mitchell, presented a Bill to provide for the disqualification of persons with criminal records from practising or describing themselves as private detectives: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 32].

Arbitration Bill.—Sir John Foster, supported by Mr. Alan Green, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, and Mr. Alexander Lyon, presented a Bill to give effect to the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd May and to be printed [Bill 33].

Electricity and Gas Bill.—Mr. Robert Hughes, supported by Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Ronald King Murray, Mr. Albert Booth, Mr. Frank Allaun, and Mr. Arthur Latham, presented a Bill to make further provision with regard to the resale of gas and electricity supply; 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 5th April and to be printed [Bill 34].

Agricultural Holdings (Rights of Tenants) Bill.—Mr. Gwyrnoro Jones, supported by Mr. Ebwstan Morgan, Mr. Goronwy Roberts, Mr. John Morris, Mr. John Mackle, Mr. William Edwards, Mr. David Clark, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Denziil Davies, Mr. Tom Ellis, and Mr. Neil Kinnoch, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the rights of tenants of agricultural holders: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th April and to be printed [Bill 35].

Protection from Harassment and Illegal Eviction Bill.—Mr. Dick Leonard, supported by Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. John Grant, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. Frederick Mulley, Mr. Charles Pannell, Mr. Julius Silverman, and Mr. A. W. Stallard, presented a Bill to provide further penalties for harassment and illegal eviction of tenants: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 36].
Community Legal Services Bill.—Sir Elwyn Jones, supported by Mr. S. C. Silkin, Mr. W. T. Williams, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Peter Archer, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Michael Cocks, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Eric Deakins, and Mrs. Joyce Butler, presented a Bill to enable local authorities, local Law Societies and other institutions and bodies to provide on a non-profit-making basis legal aid, advice, assistance, representation and other legal services through centres serving local communities; to enable local authorities to establish, manage and provide finance for such centres; to enable charitable funds to be used for purposes connected with such centres; to provide powers for the regulation of such centres; to enable solicitors, barristers and others to be employed by or to provide services for such centres; to provide limited exemption for such persons and centres from the obligation to comply with professional rules and practices; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd May and to be printed [Bill 37].

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the draft Civil Defence (Planning) Regulations 1973 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the draft Civil Defence (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the draft Civil Defence (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the draft International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) (No. 2) Order 1973 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That the matters of Education in Wales and Agriculture in Wales, being matters relating exclusively to Wales and Monmouthshire, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration.—(Mr. James Prior)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's Sitting, Mr. Speaker shall put any Question necessary to dispose of Proceedings on the Motion relating to Teachers' Superannuation not later than Seven o'clock.—(Mr. James Prior)

Supply [2nd allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Teachers' Superannuation.—Resolved, That this House, noting the reduction in the costs of the teachers' superannuation scheme revealed by the 1971 Quinquennial Valuation, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to reduce the contribution paid by teachers to their superannuation scheme to 6 per cent., thus bringing their scheme into line with practice in most of the public service; to support a return to the ratio of costs shared between the teachers and the local education authorities agreed by their representatives in the Working Party in 1972; and to allow half of all teachers' war service to be credited for pension entitlement as is the practice in the Civil Service.—(Mr. Roy Hattersley.)

Chile.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deeply deplores the armed overthrow of democracy in Chile, and condemns the continuing murder, torture and imprisonment carried out by the military junta; regrets the hasty recognition of the new régime by Her Majesty's Government; and, bearing in mind the strength of feeling in Great Britain, now condemns the refusal of the Government to offer refuge in its Embassy in Santiago to those in danger of their lives, in sharp and deplorable contrast to other Western European embassies, and calls on the Foreign Secretary to issue fresh instructions to our Ambassador, to press for the immediate release of all political prisoners and an end to executions, to prevent any sale of arms from Great Britain to the junta, to ensure that refuge in Great Britain is provided for Chileans who seek it, and to withhold future aid and credits from the present Chilean régime; and to use his influence to ensure that World Bank and IMF assistance is also withheld.—(Mrs. Judith Hart):—Debate arising:

Mr. Walter Harrison 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 agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Joseph Harper: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Bernard Weatherill: 280.

So the Question was negatived.

Charlwood and Horley Bill,—Ordered, That Mr. R. C. Mitchell be discharged from the Select Committee on the Charlwood and Horley Bill and that Mr. Thomas Oswald be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Stradling Thomas):—Debate arising:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 28th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 13th November 1973, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 40].

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 20th November 1973, entitled—
(1) the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1946),
(2) the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1947), and
(3) the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1948)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Local Government,—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th November 1973, entitled—
(1) the Fire Services (Retirement of Senior Officers) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1951), and
(2) the Police (Retirement of Senior Officers) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1944)
[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Thatcher:

Agricultural Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Agricultural Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 3].

Mr. Secretary Walker:


Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Third Report of the British Airways Board on Group Organisation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 31].


Mr. James Prior:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on 26th September 1973, amending the Statutes of the House [by Act].
APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Biological Weapons Bill, viz. Mr. Edward Bishop, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Major-General d'Avigdor-Goldsmit, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank Hatton, Sir Arthur Irvine, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. David Lane, Mr. David Madel, Mr. David Price, Mr. Anthony Royle, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Bernard Weatherill, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Bruce Gardyne, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. John Golding, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Le Marchant, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Mr. John Nott, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Peter Trew, and Mr. Tugendhat.

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Five Members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Agriculture in Wales, viz.: Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. David Gibson-Watt, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Peter Rees, and Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas.

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Five Members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Education in Wales, viz.: Mr. David Gibson-Watt, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, and Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Civil Defence (Planning) Regulations 1973, the draft Civil Defence (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1973, and the draft Civil Defence (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1973, viz.: Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mrs. Doris Fisher, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Victor Goodhew, Mr. Iremonger, Mr. David James, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. David Lane, Mr. Roger Moute, Mr. Geoffrey Rhodes, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. David Stoddart, and Mr. David Walder.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) (No. 2) Order 1973, viz.: Lord Balniel, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Churchill, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mrs. Judith Hart, Mr. Frank Judd, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Alfred Morris, Mr. Laurence Reed, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. David Walder, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Civil Defence (Planning) Regulations 1973, the draft Civil Defence (Grant) Amendment Regulations 1973, and the draft Civil Defence (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, and the draft International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) (No. 2) Order 1973 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. George Wallace, Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill, Captain Walter Elliott, Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Civil Defence (Planning) Regulations 1973, the draft Civil Defence (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 and the draft Civil Defence (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1973, and Miss Quennell Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) (No. 2) Order 1973.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Zetland County Council Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Zetland County Council Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

A Clause (Power to acquire lands)(Mr. Grimond),—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Correction of errors in deposited plans and book of reference)—(Mr. Grimond),—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Set-off of betterment against compensation)—(Mr. Grimond),—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (As to private rights of way over lands taken compulsorily)—(Mr. Grimond),—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to enter, survey, &c., lands)—(Mr. Grimond),—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Further powers of entry)—(Mr. Grimond),—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to acquire servitudes only)—(Mr. Grimond),—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Compensation in the case of recently altered buildings)—(Mr. Grimond),—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

A Schedule (Procedure for compulsory acquisition)—(Mr. Grimond),—brought up, read the first and second time, amended, and added to the Bill.

Another Schedule (Description of lands subject to compulsory acquisition)—(Mr. Grimond),—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

An Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Watford and other places for legislation to prohibit discrimination on grounds of sex and for the establishment of, a public body to supervise the enforcement of such legislation, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

Science and Technology.—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Sea-Bed Engineering Sub-Committee on 28th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-i].

Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill.—Sir Myer Galpern reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 43].

Merchant Shipping Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Bill:

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Hall-Davis : 125.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Joseph Harper : 100.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).
Ways and Means.—Merchant Shipping.—Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision concerning oil pollution by ships and other matters relating to merchant shipping it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the imposition on importers of oil and others of obligations to contribute to an international fund for compensation for oil pollution damage,

(b) the imposition of charges (payable into the Consolidated Fund) in respect of ships entering the United Kingdom where the shipping or trading interests of the United Kingdom are damaged or threatened, or in fulfilment of any international obligation,

(c) the payment of any sum into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Cranley Onslow.)

Fuel and Electricity (Control) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Application of Act).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 12, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Arthur Palmer.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Powers of control).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 18, after the word “applies”, to insert the words—

“Provided that any such order which enables disabled persons to claim a Business Ration of petroleum shall include among the disabled persons so entitled such disabled persons as, by reason of physical disability, require a vehicle to take them to and from their place of work and are the holders of a local authority’s disabled drivers’ badge.”—(Mr. S. C. Silkin.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—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 Mr. Hugh Rossi reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

Fuel and Electricity (Control) Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Powers of Control).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Power to relax statutory and contractual obligations, etc.).

Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 3, line 8, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Eric G. Varley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 3, line 32, at the end, to insert the words—

“(d) permit the relaxation of regulations presently in force which have the effect of restricting certain activities of taxi cabs under the several Hackney Carriage Acts.”—(Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 4, line 6, to leave out from the word “to” to the end of line 7 and insert the words “approval by resolution of both Houses of Parliament”.—(Mr. Eric G. Varley.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 5 to 9 agreed to.
Clause No. 10 (Duration of Act).

Friday, 30th November, 1973:

Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 5, line 27, to leave out from the word “expire” to the end of line 10 on page 6.—(Mr. T. H. H. Skeet.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 11 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Stradling Thomas reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Stradling Thomas):—Debate arising:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Thursday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then One o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 29th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

British Library.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 29th November 1973, relative to the gift of the assets of the National Lending Library for Science and Technology to the British Library [by Command].

National Debt.—Copy of Papers relative to the position as at 31st March 1973, of certain Funds left in Trust for the reduction of the National Debt [by Command].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

European Communities (Miscellaneous No. 34, 1973).—Copy of a Protocol, made at Brussels on 16th May 1973, relating to the Agreement on Trade and Technical Co-operation between the European Economic Community and the Member States, of the one part, and the Lebanese Republic, of the other part (with related documents) (The Protocol has been provisionally implemented) [by Command].

European Communities (Miscellaneous No. 37, 1973).—Copy of an Agreement, made at Brussels on 5th October 1973, between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Finland, of the other part, with Final Act and related Exchange of Letters (The Agreement has not been approved by the United Kingdom) [by Command].
European Communities (Miscellaneous No. 39, 1973).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 26th October 1973 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Norway, on duty-free quotas for imports into the United Kingdom of paper products from Norway [by Command].

European Communities (Miscellaneous No. 40, 1973).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Brussels on 5th October 1973 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Finland, on duty-free quotas for imports into the United Kingdom of paper products from Finland [by Command].

Food (Miscellaneous No. 30, 1973).—Copy of an Agreement, made at Paris between 29th November 1924 and 31st March 1925, for the establishment in Paris of an International Wine Office, with Protocol of Signature (The United Kingdom has not acceded to the Agreement) [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 120, 1973).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Bonn on 5th November 1971, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, in respect of the regulation of the taxation of road vehicles in international traffic [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Thatcher:

National Museums and Galleries.—Copy of a Statement on Indemnities for Borrowed Objects (Tate Gallery) [by Command].

Mr. Ian Gilmour:

Defence (Army).—List of Exceptions to the Army Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay and Allowances for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Command].

Defence (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces).—Copy of an Amendment (No. 28) to the Regulations for the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve 1967 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:


Mr. Secretary Walker:

Air Corporations.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Air Corporations (Dissolution) Order 1973 [by Act].

Companies.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Companies (Fees) Regulations 1973 [by Act].

Mines and Quarries.—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines and Quarries for 1972 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Rating and Valuation.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1973 [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:

Agriculture.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Farm and Horticulture Development Regulations 1973 [by Act].

Horticulture.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 20th November 1973, entitled the Horticulture Capital Grant Scheme 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1945) [by Act].

Horticulture.—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Horticulture Improvement (Amendment) Scheme 1973 [by Act].
Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


[No. 24.]

Friday, 30th November, 1973.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

Council Housing (Tenants’ Representation) Bill.—Mr. Dick Leonard, supported by Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. R. A. McCrindle, Mr. John Pardoe, and Mr. Laurie Pavitt, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment in each local authority area of housing advisory committees containing representatives of council tenants and other members, and for the co-option on to housing management committees of tenants’ representatives; to make similar provision for tenants resident in new towns; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 38].

Economic Expansion,—Resolved, That this House calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to continue to pursue policies which will ensure a high and sustained rate of growth.—(Mr. David Knox.)

Cabinet System of Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, having regard to the inability of successive Governments to conduct the affairs of this nation to the wellbeing of all citizens and to the satisfaction of members of political parties, and recognising that this inability is due in some measure to the failure of the present system of government to harness and properly employ the talents and abilities of all Members of Parliament, believe that the Cabinet system of government should be subjected to a close and detailed examination and that a Royal Commission should be set up with terms of reference which would include a consideration of the committee system of government practised by local authorities and of methods of government employed in other countries and especially in Commonwealth countries, where the British system has been adapted to the end of greater democratic participation by the selected representatives of the people and of more effective political influence upon the Executive—(Mr. Hugh Jenkins):—Debate arising; And it being Four o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 30th November 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Campbell:

Highlands and Islands Shipping Services,—Draft of an Undertaking between the Secretary of State for Scotland and David MacBrayne Limited [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Transport,—Statements of determinations of—
(1) the salary payable to the Chairman of the British Transport Docks Board, and payments by the Board in respect of the provision of a pension for the Chairman, and
(2) the salaries payable to the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and certain members of the British Railways Board
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:
Agriculture (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Ministry of Agriculture for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Command].

Mr. Joseph Godber:
Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders—
(2) dated 29th November 1973, entitled the Sea Fishing (Specified Northern Waters) Licensing Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2000), and
[by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

MEMORANDUM
Friday 30th November 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Harold Gurden Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matters of Education in Wales and Agriculture in Wales.

[No. 25.]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Channel Tunnel Bill (Standing Orders applicable thereto complied with),—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order made upon 22nd November, That in the case of the Channel Tunnel Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 3rd December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 53].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Historic Churches Preservation Bill,—Mr. Patrick Cormack presented a Bill to make further provision for the preservation of churches and other ecclesiastical buildings of historic and architectural importance and of the character of the area surrounding them ; And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 40].
Prevention of Diseases Due to Smoking Bill,—Mr. Laurie Pavitt, supported by Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Dr. Miller, Mr. John Parker, Mr. David Steel, Dr. Tom Stuttaford and Dr. Gerard Vaughan, presented a Bill to provide against the risks to health due to smoking: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 39].

Supply [3rd allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Public Accounts.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts in the last Session of Parliament and of the Treasury Minute and Northern Ireland Memorandum on those Reports (Command Papers Nos. 5451 and 5470).—(Mr. Edmund Dell.)

International Sugar Organisation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Sugar Organisation Bill:

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Business.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the International Sugar Organisation Bill may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

International Sugar Organisation Bill,—And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the International Sugar Organisation Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Michael Jopling 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 put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.4 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 3rd December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Aliens.—Copy of a Civil Service Department Minute, dated 30th November 1973, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during the year ended 31st March 1973, with a List giving particulars of certificates of employment issued under Section 1 of the Aliens' Employment Act 1955 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Representation of the People.—Copies of Rules, dated 12th November 1973, entitled—

(1) the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1910), and

(2) the Parish and Community Meetings (Polls) Rules 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1911) [by Act].

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Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:
European Communities,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1973 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Pym:
Local Government Financial Statistics (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Returns made to the Northern Ireland Ministry of Development of the Income and Expenditure of Local Authorities in Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1972 [by Command].

Mr. Joseph Godber:
Agriculture,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 20th November 1973, entitled the Farm Capital Grant Scheme 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1965) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Sea Fish Industry,—Account 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 grants under Section 45 of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 in the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 51].

White Fish Authority,—Account of the receipts and payments of grants under Section 44 of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 in the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 52].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection
Standing Committee E,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Bernard Weatherill (nominated in respect of the Biological Weapons Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Kenneth Clarke.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, that they had discharged from the Welsh Grand Committee Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas (nominated in respect of the matter of Education in Wales); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Timothy Raison.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 3rd December 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Merchant Shipping Bill to Standing Committee E.

[No. 26.]

Tuesday, 4th December, 1973.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Charlwood and Horley Bill,—Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Charlwood and Horley Bill have leave to make a Special Report, and to report the Minutes of the Speeches delivered before them by Counsel for the Bill and by Agents for Petitioners against the Bill.
Mr. Ray Mawby reported from the Select Committee on the Charlwood and Horley 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 Speeches delivered before them by Counsel for the Bill and by Agents for Petitioners against the Bill; And the Report was brought up and read, as follows:

Your Committee have to inform the House that though two Petitions against the Charlwood and Horley Bill were presented within the time laid down in the Order of the House of 13th November, and were not withdrawn before the meeting of the Committee, objection was taken to the locus standi of the petitioners before any consideration of the Bill could be entered upon; and Your Committee, having heard arguments on both sides, disallowed the locus standi of the petitioners.

As no opposition from persons whose private interests might have been affected by the provisions of the Bill remained to be heard, Your Committee are of the opinion that in the circumstances the issues raised by the Bill could more appropriately be considered by a Committee of the whole House.

They have therefore agreed to ask leave of the House to make this Special Report.

Report, together with Minutes of Speeches, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 55].

Charlwood and Horley Bill,—Mr. Ray Mawby reported from the Select Committee on the Charlwood and Horley Bill, That they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Committee to-morrow.

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Albert Booth reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords 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 a Memorandum submitted to them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-iv].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Albert Booth 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 (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 14-iv].

Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill,—Sir Ronald Russell reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to provide, as respects Scotland, for the imposition of limitations on newly created feudalities and other periodical payments from land; for the right to redeem feudalities and other such perpetual payments; for limitations on the residential use of property subject to long lease and other rights of occupancy; for the variation of standard securities in the event of residential use of the security subjects; for restrictions on certain rights of reversion, redemption and pre-emption; for the limitation of the right to raise an action of irritancy for non-payment of feuudity; for the abolition of the right to create leasehold casualties; for the recognition of interposed leases; for amendment of the law relating to registration of leases; for the abolition of the registration and recording of documents in the Office of Chancery; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 43].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 56].

Science and Technology,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Aldington to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Science and Technology.—(Mr. Airey Neave.)

Solicitors (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. David Lane, presented a Bill to prevent non-British subjects being prohibited from becoming or practising as solicitors; to amend the Solicitors Acts 1957 to 1965; to make further provision as to the administration of oaths and taking of affidavits, removal from and restoration to the roll of solicitors, the powers of the Law Society to intervene in a solicitor’s practice and the termination of a solicitor’s retainer; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 42].
Mines (Working Facilities and Support) (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Martin McLaren, supported by Mr. Alan Williams, presented a Bill to amend the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Act 1966: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th December and to be printed [Bill 41].

Unit Pricing Bill.—Ordered, That the Unit Pricing Bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Marcus Fox.)

Supply [4th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Industrial Relations Act 1971 and its consequences.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House condemns Her Majesty's Government for the increasing damage being done to industrial relations and to the legitimate activities of trades unions by the Industrial Relations Act 1971 and the machinery for its enforcement which, following upon earlier instances of industrial disruption and harm to the economy, has now resulted in the sequestration and seizure of union funds subscribed for political purposes and a regrettable involvement of the National Industrial Relations Court in matters of political controversy; and therefore calls for the total repeal of the Act.—(Mr. Reg Prentice);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. James A. Dunn: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Hamish Gray: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That Mr. Humphrey Atkins be discharged from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) and that Mr. Bernard Weatherill be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Michael Jopling.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 4th December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:
Post Office.—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th November 1973 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 57].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:
Science and Technology (Miscellaneous No. 27, 1973).—Copy of the Final Act of the International Conference on the conservation of wetlands and waterfowl, made at Ramaa, Iran, on 3rd February 1971, and the Convention on wetlands of international importance especially as waterfowl habitat, made at Paris on 12th July 1972 (The Convention is not in force) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Rippon:
Water Supply.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd November 1973, entitled the Manchester (Shap Aqueduct) Water Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:
Diseases of Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th November 1973, entitled the Importation of Pigs (No. 2) Order 1973 [by Act].
Sir John Eden:

Broadcasting.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Command].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Highlands and Islands Development Board.—Accounts of the Highlands and Islands Development Board for the year ended 31st March 1973, with the Balance Sheet as at that date ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 58].

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 4th December 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Consumer Credit Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matters of Education in Wales and Agriculture in Wales in the place of Mr. Harold Gurden.

[No. 27.]

Wednesday, 5th December, 1973:

The House met a half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next at Seven o'clock.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment and Home Office Sub-Committee on 5th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 184v].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, 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.

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 50].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 50].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 5th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 54-i].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments (First Standing Committee),—Captain Walter Elliott reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Civil Defence (Planning) Regulations 1973, the draft Civil Defence (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 and the draft Civil Defence (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1973, referred to a Committee on 28th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 59].

Statutory Instruments (Second Standing Committee),—Miss Joan Quennell reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) (No. 2) Order 1973, referred to a Committee on 28th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 60].

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Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered one of the matters referred to them on 28th November, namely Education in Wales, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 61].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Science and Technology.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Aldington to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Science and Technology, if his Lordship think fit.

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1946) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1947) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1948) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the draft Air Corporations (Dissolution) Order 1973 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the draft Farm and Horticulture Development Regulations 1973 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the Horticulture Capital Grant Scheme 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1945) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the draft Farm Capital Grant Scheme 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1965) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Protection of Shareholders Bill.—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams presented a Bill to require certain companies to appoint non-executive directors; to require such directors to make an annual statement to the shareholders; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 44].

Channel Tunnel Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Channel Tunnel Bill:

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

Mr. John Peyton acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, has consented to place Her interests, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “That” to the end of the Question and add the words “this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which provides for substantial public expenditure and guarantees at a time when such large-scale projects should be reconsidered, which contains provisions that will exacerbate the long-term nature of the energy crisis, and which will cause widespread environmental disruption to South-East England” —(Mr. Graham Tope), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Cyril Smith: 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Hall-Davis: 207.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 39 (Amendment on second or third reading):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Hall-Davis: 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. James Hamilton: 185.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to the committal of the Channel Tunnel Bill to a Select Committee and the Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with at this day’s Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Channel Tunnel Bill,—Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Eight Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Four by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That there shall stand referred to the Select Committee—

(a) any Petition against the Bill presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than 15th January 1974; and

(b) any Petition which has been presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office and in which the Petitioners complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill or of any matter which has arisen during the progress of the Bill before the said Committee,

being a Petition in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agent.

Ordered, That if no such Petition as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above 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 Select 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 it 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 that 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. John Peyton.)

Channel Tunnel [Money], Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Channel Tunnel [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to provide for the construction and operation of a railway tunnel system under the English Channel, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required for fulfilling guarantees given by the Treasury in relation to money borrowed for the purpose of providing finance for the construction and maintenance of the tunnel system subject to a limit of £1,000 million in so far as the sums are required for the repayment of principal, and the payment into that Fund of sums received in pursuance of arrangements with the French Government towards the fulfilment of guarantees so given;
(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of such sums as may be required for contributing, in accordance with those arrangements, towards the fulfilment of guarantees given by or on behalf of the French Government in relation to money borrowed for the purpose mentioned in paragraph (1) above subject to a limit of £500 million in so far as the payments are required for the repayment of principal;

(3) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums required to meet expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State—

(a) in fulfilling any obligations or exercising any rights which are or become his in pursuance of any agreement between the Secretary of State and other persons relating to the construction of the tunnel system;

(b) in making payments for land vested in or acquired by him under the said Act of the present Session or payments of compensation for loss in connection with the exercise by the Secretary of State of powers of acquiring land under that Act; or

(c) in carrying on the construction of the tunnel system in the event of the abandonment of the construction of that system by the other persons referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above;

(4) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment for land so acquired or otherwise by reason of the exercise of any statutory powers in connection with the construction of the tunnel system;

(5) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums received or recovered by the Secretary of State in connection with or arising out of the construction, maintenance or operation of the tunnel system or the acquisition of land for the construction, maintenance or operation of that system or the disposal of land so acquired;

(6) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of such sums as are necessary to enable the Secretary of State to make loans to the British Channel Tunnel Board constituted by the said Act of the present Session (hereafter referred to as “the Board”), and the payment into that Fund of sums paid to him by way of repayments of such loans or payment of interest thereon;

(7) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required for fulfilling any guarantee given by the Treasury in relation to money lent to the Board by persons other than the Secretary of State, and the payment into that Fund of sums received by the Treasury by way of repayment of sums issued in fulfilment of such guarantees or interest on the sums so issued;

(8) the payment by the Secretary of State into the Consolidated Fund of sums paid to him by the Board. (Mr. Keith Speed.)

Ways and Means,—Channel Tunnel,—Resolved, That any Act of the present Session providing for the construction and operation of a railway tunnel system under the English Channel may include—

(a) provision treating, for the purposes of liability to tax, the discharge of functions in relation to that system as the carrying on of a trade by the British Channel Tunnel Board constituted by that Act; and

(b) provision affecting the computation of tax on that Board.—(Mr. Keith Speed.)

Companies,—Resolved, That the Companies (Fees) Regulations 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved.—(Mr. Anthony Grant.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th November 1973, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1978) [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:


Sir John Eden:

Post Office Users’ National Council.—Copy of the Report of the Post Office Users’ National Council for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 19].

Mr. Attorney General:

Law Commissions.—Copy of the Fifth Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on Statute Law Revision [by Command].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Merchant Shipping Bill, viz.: Mr. Albert Booth, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. David James, Mr. Robert MacLennan, Mr. Stanley McMaster, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Ronald King Murray, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Laurence Reed, Mr. Michael Roberts, and Mr. Roger Stott.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Unit Pricing Bill, viz.: Miss Betty Boothroyd, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mrs. Peggy Fenners, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Joseph Harper, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Joseph Hiley, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Edward Milne, Mr. Ernie Money, Mr. Raffton Pounder, Mr. Roger Stott, and Mr. Alan Williams.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) Order 1973, the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey) Order 1973 and the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs Duties) Order 1973, viz.: Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Piers Dixon, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Green, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Peter Horder, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Le Marchant, Mr. Peter Rees, and Mr. Peter Trew.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Air Corporations (Dissolution) Order 1973, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Edward Bishop, Mr. Burden, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Tom Dalzell, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Michael Heseltine, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Brynnor John, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, and Mr. Roger White.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Farm and Horticulture Development Regulations 1973, the Horticulture Capital Grants Scheme 1973, the draft Horticulture Improvement (Amendment) Scheme 1973 and the Farm Capital Grant Scheme, viz.: Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. Alec Buchanan-Smith, Mr. David Clark, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Garrett, Miss Joan Hall, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Ralph Howel, Mr. Frank Marden, Mr. Angus Maude, Mr. Alfred Morris, and Mr. Anthony Stodart.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Valuation (Statutory Deductions) Order 1973 and the draft Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1973, viz.: Mr. James Allason, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Tom Bradly, Mr. Derek Coombs, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Michael Fidler, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Philip Holland, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Idris Owen, Mr. R. Graham Page, and Mr. John Spence.
MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1946), the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1947) and the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1948) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments; the draft Air Corporations (Dissolution) Order 1973 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments; the draft Farm and Horticulture Development Regulations 1973, the Horticulture Capital Grant Scheme 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1945), the draft Horticulture Improvement (Amendment) Scheme 1973 and the Farm Capital Grant Scheme 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1965) to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments; and the draft Valuation (Statutory Deductions) Order 1973 and the draft Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1973 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Miss Joan Quennell Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Biological Weapons Bill; Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Unit Pricing Bill; Captain Walter Elliot Chairman of First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1946), the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1947) and the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1948); Sir Ronald Russell Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Air Corporations (Dissolution) Order 1973; Mr. Harold Gurden Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Farm and Horticulture Development Regulations 1973, the Horticulture Capital Grant Scheme 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1945), the draft Horticulture Improvement (Amendment) Scheme 1973, and the Farm Capital Grant Scheme 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1965); and Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Valuation (Statutory Deductions) Order 1973, and the draft Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1973.


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Science and Technology.—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes, of the Evidence taken before the U.K. Computer Industry Sub-Committee on 6th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 63]-i.

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Corporation (No. 2) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Bill, without Amendment.

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

Royal Assent.—Mr. Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified Her Royal Assent to the following Acts agreed upon by both Houses:


Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn :—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1973, the Northern Ireland Proscribed Organisations (Amendment) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1880), a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Mills.)
Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Mr. Peter Mills);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 7th December, 1973:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Local Government Reorganisation (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Mills.)

Civil Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the Civil Defence (Planning) Regulations 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved—(Mr. Bernard Weatherill):—It was agreed to.

Civil Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the Civil Defence (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved—(Mr. Bernard Weatherill):—It was agreed to.

Civil Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the Civil Defence (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved—(Mr. Bernard Weatherill):—It was agreed to.

Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments), That the International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) (No. 2) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Mr. Bernard Weatherill):—It was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past One o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.24 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 6th December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Patrick Jenkin:

Civil Estimates (Vote on Account), 1974-75.—Estimate showing the several services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1975 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 44].

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Electoral Law.—Copy of the third Interim Report of Mr. Speaker's Conference on Electoral Law [by Command].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

European Communities (Miscellaneous No. 36, 1973).—Copy of a Protocol, made at Brussels on 29th January 1973, laying down certain provisions concerning the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Spain following the accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 115, 1973).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Bogotá on 28th May 1973, concerning a Development Loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Colombia for the provision of financial assistance to the Colombian National Postal Administration (United Kingdom/Colombia Loan No. 2 1973) [by Command].
Treaty Series (No. 124, 1973)—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 1st December 1972, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland, with respect to veterinary surgeons [by Command].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Mr. Secretary Rippon:
Local Government,—Copies of Orders, dated 4th December 1973, entitled—
(1) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 1) Order 1973, and
(2) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1973 [by Act].

Local Government Finance,—Reports by the Secretary of State for the Environment, under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1966, on—
(1) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 1) Order 1973, and
(2) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 47 and 48].

Mr. Secretary Pym:
Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Ministries (Northern Ireland) Order 1973,
(2) the Northern Ireland Constitution (Devolution) Order 1973, and
(3) the Northern Ireland (Modification of Enactments—No. 1) Order 1973 [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:
River Authorities,—Copies of the Reports, for the year ended 31st March 1973, of—
(1) the Cornwall River Authority,
(2) the South-West Wales River Authority, and
(3) the Wye River Authority [by Act].

[No. 29.]

Friday, 7th December, 1973.
The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

Tonga (Gift of a Table).—Sir John Gilmour acquainted the House, That the Members who had been given leave of absence on 19th July last in the last Session of Parliament to present, on behalf of the House, a Table to the Legislative Assembly of the Kingdom of Tonga, had presented the said Table and that the Legislative Assembly had come to the following Resolution:

That we, the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga, accept with sincere gratitude this magnificent Speaker’s Table, and in so doing, reaffirm the close ties that have existed, and indeed continue to exist, between Tonga and the United Kingdom.

Mining Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls attention to the need for a settlement of the pay dispute in the mining industry on terms acceptable to those who produce a fuel indispensable to Great Britain’s energy requirements, and to the need, in the interests of the industry and the nation, for an energy policy, both short-term and long-term, balancing indigenous and imported fuels in a manner most beneficial to the balance of payments, full employment, the restraint of inflation, and economic growth—(Mr. Dennis Skinner);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, after the word "industry", to insert the words "within the provisions of the Pay Code approved by Parliament and ".--(Mr. Adam Butler.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;
And it being Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

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

{Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 7th December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Civil Aviation,—Statement of determination of the salary payable to a part-time member of the British Airports Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:
Harbours,—Statement of determination of the salaries payable to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Director-General, and a part-time member of the National Ports Council [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th December 1973, entitled the Motorways Traffic (Speed Limit) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2059) [by Act].


Mr. James Prior:
Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 7th December 1973, entitled—

(1) the Fuel Control (Modification of Enactments) (Speed Limits) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2051), and

(2) the Fuel Control (Modification of Enactments) (Speed Limits) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2052)

[by Act].


Mr. Joseph Godber:

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instruments had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation [pursuant to Standing Order No. 121 (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments)]:—
The Fuel Control (Modification of Enactments) (Speed Limits) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2051), and

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Monday, 10th December, 1973.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Zetland County Council Bill,—A Motion being made, That the Zetland County Council Bill be now read the third time;
Mr. Secretary Campbell, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.
And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Trade,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House statistics relating to Overseas Trade of the United Kingdom for each month during the year 1974.—(Mr. Secretary Walker.)

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 10th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64].

International Organisations (Land) Bill,—Ordered, That the International Organisations (Land) Bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

Increase in Food Prices,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House, appalled at the continued and unprecedented escalation in food prices, which bears most heavily on old age pensioners and others on low incomes, condemning the Government for failing to cut the rise in prices, at a stroke, but instead allowing food prices to increase by 44.8 per cent. since June 1970, and, noting that many food items have been taxed through the imposition of tariffs and levies, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to take immediate effective action to prevent further food price increases, including a demand that the EEC Council of Ministers agree forthwith to a fundamental alteration in the Common Agricultural Policy and to deferment of tariff increase due to take effect in 1974, to subsidies for certain basic and essential foods and price controls on a wide range of articles which affect the price of food; and at the same time welcomes the understanding between the Labour Party and the Trades Union Congress on prices, believing that this offers the best hope of stabilising food prices and preventing hyper-inflation.—(Mr. David Stoddart);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. James Wellbeloved: 142.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Hall-Davis: 195.
So the Question was negatived.

Landscaping of New Palace Yard,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House approves the Sixth Report from the House of Commons (Services) Committee in the last Session of Parliament on the Landscaping of New Palace Yard (House of Commons Paper No. 424)—(Mr. Reginald Eyre);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Ray Mawby: 35.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Roger Moate: 42.
So the Question was negatived.
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Hamish Gray):

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 10th December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:


Mr. Secretary Carr:


Mr. Secretary Campbell:


Mrs. Secretary Thatcher:


Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:

Industrial Training.—Copies of Orders, dated 27th November 1973, entitled—

(1) the Industrial Training (Electricity Supply Board) (Revocation) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2005), and


[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th December 1973, entitled the Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2070) [by Act].

Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th December 1973, entitled the Fuel and Electricity (Heating) (Control) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2068) [by Act].


Customs and Excise.—Copies of Regulations, dated 7th December 1973, entitled—

(1) the Commonwealth Preference (Standstill Area) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2069),

(2) the Origin of Goods (Petroleum Products) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2071), and

(3) the Origin of Goods (Republic of Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2067)

[by Act].
Import Duties.—Copies of Orders, dated 7th December 1973, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper, Paperboard and Printed Products) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2065), and
(2) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (Phosphorous and Wood Pulp) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2066)
[by Act].


Mr. Secretary Rippon:


Mr. Secretary Pym:

Explosives.—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 19th November 1973, entitled the Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1973, No. 463), and
[by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 10th December 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. George Wallace Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1946), the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1947) and the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1948) in place of Captain Walter Elliot.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Arthur Latham reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed to him to make to the House and had directed him to report certain Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-v].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Arthur Latham reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 11th December, together with certain Memoranda laid before them.

Minutes of Evidence and Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-vi].
Science and Technology,—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 11th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 73-l].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Ronald King Murray 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 (Fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 14-v].

Biological Weapons Bill,—Miss Joan Quennell reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Biological Weapons Bill, and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 75].

Local Government Bill,—Mr. Woodhouse reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Local Government Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to make further provision, in relation to England and Wales, with respect to the payment of grants to local authorities, rating and valuation, borrowing by local authorities, and the classification of highways; to extend the powers of the Countryside Commission to give financial assistance; to provide for the establishment of Commissions for the investigation of administrative action taken by or on behalf of local and other authorities; to restrict certain grants under the Transport Act 1968; to provide for the removal or relaxation of certain statutory controls affecting local government activities; to make provision in relation to the collection of sums by local authorities on behalf of water authorities; to amend section 259(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 and to make certain minor amendments consequential on that Act; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 49].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 74].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the North Wales Hydro Electric Power Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Northern Ireland Constitution (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Pym, supported by Mr. James Prior, Mr. David Howell, Mr. van Straubenzee, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Peter Mills, presented a Bill to provide that the number of persons who may hold appointments under section 8 of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 shall be increased to fifteen of whom not more than eleven may be members of the Northern Ireland Executive appointed in accordance with this Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 45].

Education and Vocational Training Equality Bill,—Mr. Giles Radice, supported by Mr. James Johnson, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mrs. Doris Fisher, Miss Bootry, Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. John Horan, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, and Mr. John Smith, presented a Bill to ensure equal access for women and men to all forms of industrial training and day and block release facilities and to all educational institutions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 46].

Container and Packaging Control Bill,—Mr. Patrick Cormack, supported by Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. Ernie Money, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Edward M. Taylor, Mr. Norman Lamon, Mr. David Clark, Mr. Peter Hardy, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, and Mr. Frank Judd, presented a Bill to give the Secretary of State powers to regulate the types of material used in packaging and to specify that they should be capable of being re-used or re-cycled: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 8th February and to be printed [Bill 47].

Rights of Women,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it unlawful to deny facilities of insurance, loan, mortgage, finance, hire purchase or other forms of credit to any person solely on grounds of sex; to provide for the continuity of employment of women with rights of re-instatement after confinement; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Frank Tomney, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Giles Radice, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mrs. Doris Fisher, Mrs. Barbara Castle, and Miss Betty Boothroyd do prepare and bring it in.
Rights of Women Bill,—Mr. Robert C. Brown accordingly presented a Bill to make it unlawful to deny facilities of insurance, loan, mortgage, finance, hire purchase or other forms of credit to any person solely on grounds of sex; to provide for continuity of employment of women with rights of re-instatement after confinement; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 48].

Supply [5th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

National Health Service Reorganisation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House expresses its grave concern at the way in which the reorganisation of the National Health Service is currently taking place; regrets that the composition of the authorities is primarily appointed rather than elected; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to postpone the coming into operation of the new service pending a full-scale inquiry—[Mr. John Silkin];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Jack Dormand; 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins; 285.

So the Question was negatived.

Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and ordered to be considered to-morrow.

Grenada.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Grenada Termination of Association Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 2nd November, be approved—[Lord Balniel];

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted Business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Grenada Termination of Association Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved.

Highlands and Islands Shipping Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Undertaking between the Secretary of State for Scotland and David MacBrayne Limited, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved—[Mr. George Younger];

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning:

**Wednesday, 12th December, 1973:**

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That the Undertaking between the Secretary of State for Scotland and David MacBrayne Limited, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved.

Agriculture.—Resolved, That the Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved.—[Mr. Anthony Stodart].

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. David Walder].

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to One o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.37 a.m.]

**APPENDIX**

**Tuesday 11th December 1973**

**Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:**

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Air Corporations.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th October 1973, on a loan to be made to the British Overseas Airways Corporation by the Bankers Trust Company and the Export Import Bank of the United States [by Act]; to be printed [No. 69].
Civil Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Revenue and Store Accounts—

(1) Classes I-V, and
(2) Classes VI-XI

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 67 and 68].

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 10th December 1973, entitled—

(1) the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue, including Hydrocarbon Oil Duties) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2085), and
(2) the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue, including Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Turkey) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2086)

[by Act].

Defence Accounts,—Accounts of the Defence Services for the year ended 31st March 1973 comprising—

(1) Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Defence Services, Class XII,
(2) Production Accounts of the Navy Department and Balance Sheets as at 31st March 1973, and
(3) Operating Account of the Royal Ordnance Factories and Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1973;

with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon and upon other Defence Services Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 70].

National Health Service,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th November 1973 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act];

to be printed [No. 71].

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Local Government,—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th November 1973, entitled—

(1) the Fire Services (Retirement of Senior Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2023), and
(2) the Police (Retirement of Senior Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2024)

[by Act].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:


Mr. Secretary Walker:

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1973, entitled the Electricity (Lighting) (Control) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2080) [by Act].

Pipe-lines,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th November 1973, entitled the Iver, Buckinghamshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:


Mr. Joseph Godber:


The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure),—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 Borough of Dover (Part of St. Martin’s Burial Ground) Appropriation Order 1973 [by Act].

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Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission for the period 15th June 1972 to 30th October 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 34].


Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the First Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for Session 1973-74 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 42].

Wednesday, 12th December, 1973.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from London and other places for legislation to prohibit discrimination on grounds of sex and for the establishment of a public body to supervise the enforcement of such legislation was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. David Waddington reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Legal Aid Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill and had 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.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 82].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 82].

Nationalised Industries,—Sir John Hall reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, 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 B of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries in Session 1971-72 and part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries in the last Session of Parliament, and referred to the Committee on 8th November, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 65].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to be printed [No. 65].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 12th December to be printed [No. 65].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II)
Wimboldsley, Cheshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973 (Petition of General Objection) (Joint Committee).—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Three Members to serve on the Joint Committee on the Wimboldsley, Cheshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973 (Petition of General Objection), viz.: Mr. John Cordle, Mr. Roger Moate, and Mr. Thomas Oswald.

Wimboldsley, Cheshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973 (Petition of General Objection).—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House has appointed Three Members to serve on the Joint Committee to consider the Petition of General Objection to the Wimboldsley, Cheshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973, which stands referred to a Joint Committee.

Unit Pricing Bill.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Unit Pricing Bill, That they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed her to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:

That the Committee recommend that the Unit Pricing Bill ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 76].

Statutory Instruments (First Standing Committee).—Mr. George Wallace reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1946), the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1947) and the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1948), referred to a Committee on 5th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 77].

Statutory Instruments (Second Standing Committee).—Sir Ronald Russell reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Air Corporations (Dissolution) Order 1973, referred to a Committee on 5th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78].

Statutory Instruments (Third Standing Committee).—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Farm and Horticulture Development Regulations 1973, the Horticulture Capital Grant Scheme 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1945), the draft Horticulture Improvement (Amendment) Scheme 1973, and the Farm Capital Grant Scheme (S.I., 1973, No. 1965), referred to a Committee on 5th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 79].

Statutory Instruments (Fourth Standing Committee).—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Valuation (Statutory Deductions) Order 1973 and the draft Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1973, referred to a Committee on 5th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 80].

Emergency Powers (Proclamation).—Mr. Secretary Carr acquainted the House, That he had a Message from Her Majesty to this House signed by Her Majesty's own hand:—And he read it in the same to the House; and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered): and is as follows:

The Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, having enacted that if it appears to Her Majesty that there have occurred or are about to occur events of such a nature as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel or light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, Her Majesty may, by Proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists: and Her Majesty having on the thirteenth day of November 1973 made, in pursuance thereof, a Proclamation declaring that the industrial disputes affecting persons employed in the coal mines and in the electricity supply industry did, in her opinion, constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920 as so amended, which Proclamation does not remain in force for more than one month: and the continuance of the said industrial disputes, the present industrial dispute affecting persons employed on the railways and the reduction in oil supplies reaching Great Britain having, in Her Majesty's opinion, constituted such a state of emergency as aforesaid:

Her Majesty has deemed it proper, by Proclamation dated the twelfth day of December 1973 and made in pursuance of the said Act of 1920, as so amended, to declare that a state of emergency exists.

Ordered, That Her Majesty's said Most Gracious Message be considered to-morrow.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Spouses of United Kingdom Citizens (Equal Treatment) Bill.—Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, supported by Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Giles Radice and Mr. James Johnson, presented a Bill to amend the Immigration Acts
so that non-British men marrying British women shall have the same rights with respect to settlement and citizenship as non-British women marrying British men: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st February and to be printed [Bill 50].

Occupational Pensions (Equality of Treatment for Women).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it unlawful to provide occupational pensions to male workers on terms, including the scale of contributions, the vesting period and the date of entitlement, in any way different from those offered to female workers: And that Mr. Michael Cocks, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. Michael English, Mr. William Rodgers, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. David Clark and Mr. Caerwyn Roderick do prepare and bring it in.

Occupational Pensions (Equality of Treatment for Women) Bill.—Mr. Michael Cocks accordingly presented a Bill to make it unlawful to provide occupational pensions to male workers on terms, including the scale of contributions, the vesting period and the date of entitlement, in any way different from those offered to female workers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 51].

Supply [6th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Defence Estimate, 1974-75.

Vote on Account.

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £1,508,716,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Defence as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 11, for the year ending on 31st March 1975.

Defence.—Resolved, That the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th October; be approved.—(Mr. Ian Gilmour.)

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Local Government (Successor Parishes) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1939), dated 16th November 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th November, be annulled—(Mr. David Clark):—It was negatived.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 12th December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes—

(1) dated 20th November 1973, and
(2) dated 23rd November 1973
relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 81 and 83].

Mrs. Secretary Thatcher:


Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Copy of Statements by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales concerning the separation of younger patients from older patients in hospital [by Act]; to be printed [No. 32].
Mr. Secretary Walker:

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copies of Orders, dated 11th December 1973, entitled—

(1) the Electricity (Advertising, Display, etc.) (Control) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2091),
(2) the Electricity (Heating) (Control) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2092), and
(3) the Motor Fuel (Restriction of Acquisition) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2087)

Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies),—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry for the year ended 31st March 1973, as to Orders under the Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) Act 1969 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 49].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:


Mr. James Prior:

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th December 1973, entitled the Fuel and Electricity (Control) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2090) [by Act].


Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1973, entitled the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2036) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the International Organisations (Land) Bill, viz.: Mr. Benyon, Mr. Derek Coombs, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mrs. Doris Fisher, Mr. Reginald Freeson, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Neil McBride, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Idris Owen, Mr. Laurance Reed, Mr. Geoffrey Rhodes, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Tebbit, and Mr. James White.

[No. 33.]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, 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 the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee in the last Session of Parliament, and referred to the Committee on 5th November, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 85].

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Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Deedes reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 13th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 72-i].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 13th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 73-ii].

Standing Orders (Public Business)—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business, as amended, be printed [No. 87].

Northern Ireland Constitution (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Constitution (Amendment) Bill ;

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

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Northern Ireland Constitution (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

Northern Ireland Constitution (Amendment) Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Northern Ireland Constitution (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Hamish Gray : 79.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John E. Maginnis, The Reverend Ian Paisley : 6.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—
The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Northern Ireland Constitution (Devolution) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Pym) ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Kenneth Clarke : 79.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John E. Maginnis, The Reverend Ian Paisley : 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Northern Ireland Constitution (Devolution) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Pym.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland (Modification of Enactments—No. 1) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Pym.)
Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Ministries (Northern Ireland) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.—(Mr. van Straubenzee.)

Unit Pricing Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unit Pricing Bill:
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to Standing Order No. 66 [Second Reading Committees]), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committee of Bills).

Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to the Standing Order [Statutory Instruments]), That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1940), a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved.—(Mr. Hamish Gray):—It was agreed to.

Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to the Standing Order [Statutory Instruments]), That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1947), a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved.—(Mr. Hamish Gray):—It was agreed to.

Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to the Standing Order [Statutory Instruments]), That the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs Duties) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1948), a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved.—(Mr. Hamish Gray):—It was agreed to.

Air Corporations.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to the Standing Order [Statutory Instruments]), That the Air Corporations (Dissolution) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved.—(Mr. Hamish Gray):—It was agreed to.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to the Standing Order [Statutory Instruments]), That the Farm and Horticulture Development Regulations 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved.—(Mr. Hamish Gray):—It was agreed to.

Horticulture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to the Standing Order [Statutory Instruments]), That the Horticulture Capital Grant Scheme 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1945), a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved.—(Mr. Hamish Gray):—It was agreed to.

Horticulture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to the Standing Order [Statutory Instruments]), That the Horticulture Improvement (Amendment) Scheme 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd December, be approved.—(Mr. Hamish Gray):—It was agreed to.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to the Standing Order [Statutory Instruments]), That the Farm Capital Grant Scheme 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1965), a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd December, be approved.—(Mr. Hamish Gray):—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to the Standing Order [Statutory Instruments]), That the Transport Boards (Adjustment of Paymental Order 1973), a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved.—(Mr. Hamish Gray):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Hamish Gray);
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 14th December, 1973:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.25 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Thursday 13th December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:
Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund.—Copy of Supplementary Statements showing details of the transactions on the Consolidated Fund in the year ended 31st March 1973; the assets and liabilities of the Consolidated Fund and of the National Loans Fund at the beginning and the end of the year; and the contingent liabilities of the Consolidated Fund [by Act]; to be printed [No. 39].

Royal Hospital, Chelsea.—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 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 84].

Mr. Secretary Carr:
Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.—Copy of the Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1972 [by Command].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:
Antarctica (Miscellaneous No. 41, 1973).—Copy of the Recommendations of the Seventh Consultative Meeting held at Wellington from 30th October 1972 to 10th November 1972 relating to the Antarctic Treaty [by Command].

European Communities (Miscellaneous No. 42, 1973).—Copy of a Statement on the European Identity (political co-operation by the Member States of the European Communities) approved by the Foreign Ministers of the Nine Member States of the European Communities [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 128, 1973).—Copy of a Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, made at Brussels on 22nd January 1973, meeting in the Council, establishing supervision of imports of certain products originating in Austria [by Command].


Mr. Ian Gilmour:
Defence (Royal Navy).—List of Exceptions to the Queen’s Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay and Allowances during the year ended 31st March 1973, which have been sanctioned by the Secretary of State for Defence with the approval of the Minister for the Civil Service, pursuant to the Order in Council dated 9th December 1881 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Mines and Quarries.—Copy of the Report on the extensive fall of roof which occurred at Seafield Colliery, Kirkcaldy, Fife, on 10th May 1973 [by Command].


Fair Trading.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th December 1973, entitled the Restriction of Merger (Revocation) (No. 5) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2104) [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:
Sugar.—Statement of the remuneration, allowances, and payments towards the provision of pensions that are or will be payable to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and part-time members of the Sugar Board [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund.—Accounts of payments into and out of the Consolidated Fund and the National Loans Fund in the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 38].

Petroleum (Production).—Copy of the Account of the monies received and expended by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in respect of licences to search for and get petroleum, for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 86].

Supreme Court of Judicature.—Copy of the Rules, dated 27th November 1973, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 2) 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2046) [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

Thursday 13th December 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Sir Ronald Russell Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the International Organisations (Land) Bill and Captain Walter Elliot an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill.

(No. 34.)

Friday, 14th December, 1973.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with Standing Order 81 relating to Private Business (Division of Bills between this House and the House of Lords), he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:

- Barclays Bank International,
- British Airports Authority (Longford River),
- Brookwood Cemetery,
- Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance,
- Crouch Harbour,
- Crude Oil Terminals (Humber),
- Eastbourne Harbour,
- Great Northern London Cemetery,
- Portland Deepwater Quays,
- Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour),
- River Wear Barrage,
- Torquay Market,
- United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution,
- Weymouth and Portland Water Sports,
- Wrightson NMA Limited.

and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons, viz.:

- Ashdown Forest,
- British Railways,
- British Transport Docks,
- British Waterways,
- Burmah-Total Refineries Trust,
- Clifton Suspension Bridge,
- Greater London Council (General Powers),
- London Transport,
- Merseyside Metropolitan Railway,
- Morpeth Common,
- Old London Road, Hythe, Burial Ground,
- Spanish and Portuguese Jews' (Golders Green) Burial Ground,
- Thurrock District Council,
- University of Bristol,
- Workington Harbour.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Animal Welfare,—Resolved, That this House strongly re-affirms its responsibility for the promotion of animal welfare; expresses its deep concern at evidence of ill-treatment and cruelty to animals within the United Kingdom; draws attention to the urgent need to strengthen the state veterinary service; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to take serious account of proposals for animal welfare measures when drawing up its own legislative programme.—(Miss Janet Fookes.)

Equal Pay Act,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, regretting the slow progress towards the implementation of the Equal Pay Act and the Government's refusal to activate Section 9 of the Act, calls upon the Government to remove the restrictions to future progress which have been imposed by the Government's Incomes Policy, Stage Three.—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill.)—Debate arising.

And it being Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Mines (Working Facilities and Support) (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) (Amendment) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th January.

Expenditure.—Ordered, That Mr. Ray Mawby be discharged from the Expenditure Committee and that Mr. Timothy Sainsbury be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Clegg.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 14th December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Copies of Orders,—
1. dated 13th December 1973, entitled the Electricity (Industrial and Commercial Use) (Control) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2120), and
2. dated 14th December 1973, entitled the Motor Fuel (Maximum Retail Prices) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2119) [by Act].

Counter-Inflation.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th December 1973, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (No. 4) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2118) [by Act].

[No. 35.]


The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

North Wales Hydro Electric Power Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the North Wales Hydro Electric Power Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d’Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment and Home Office Sub-Committee on 11th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 18-v].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the International Sugar Organisation Bill, without Amendment.

Wimboldsley, Cheshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973 (Petition of General Objection).—The Lords have appointed a Committee of Three Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Wimboldsley, Cheshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973 (Petition of General Objection) pursuant to the Commons’ Message of 13th December; and they propose that the Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room No. 3 on Tuesday 29th January at half-past Ten o’clock.
Wimboldsley, Cheshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973 (Petition of General Objection).—
Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message this day as relates to the Wimboldsley, Cheshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973 (Petition of General Objection) be now considered.

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Members appointed to serve on the said Committee do meet the Lords appointed to serve thereon as proposed by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Campbell, supported by Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, presented a Bill to confer new rights on crofters and cottars to acquire subjects tenanted or occupied by them; to confer rights on crofters to share in the value of land resumed by landlords; to make further provision as to financial assistance for crofters, cottars and certain owner-occupiers of crofts; to amend the law with respect to common grazings; to extend the powers of the Scottish Land Court; to make provision for pensions and compensation for members of the Crofters Commission; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 53.]

Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 16 and 18 to 31) 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.

The Lord Advocate, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales' interest, in respect of the Principality and Stewartry of Scotland, is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Biological Weapons Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Biological Weapons Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 12, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(1) This Act shall bind the Crown."—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Import Duties.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Import Duties (General) (No. 8) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1845), dated 5th November 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be annulled (Mr. Peter Shore);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. Joseph Harper: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins: 294.

So the Question was negatived.

European Communities.—Resolved, That the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1973, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd December, be approved.—(Mr. Anthony Royle.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.19 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 17th December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Public Expenditure,—Copy of a Statement on Public Expenditure to 1977-78 [by Command].

Mr. Patrick Jenkin:

Civil: Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1973-74,—Estimates of further sums required: to be voted for the Service of the year ending 31st March 1974 for Civil Departments [by Command]; to be printed [No. 46].

Defence Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1973-74,—Estimates of further sums required: to be voted for the Service of the year ending 31st March 1974 for Defence Services [by Command]; to be printed [No. 45].

Mr. Terence E. Higgins:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Command].

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th December 1973, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 5) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2072), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 5) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2073) [by Act].

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th December 1973, entitled the Open cast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 5) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2074) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Prisons and Borstals,—Copy of Statistical Tables supplementary to the Report on the work of the Prison Department for 1972 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Campbell:

Tourism,—Statement of a determination of the salary payable to the Chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:

Wages Councils,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th December 1973, entitled the Flax and Hemp Wages Council (Great Britain) (Variation) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2062) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th December 1973, entitled the National Health Service (Constitution of Area Health Authorities) (Amendment) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2077) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Hire Purchase,—Copies of Orders, dated 14th December 1973, entitled—
(1) the Control of Hiring Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2130), and
(2) the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2129) [by Act].

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Accounts of the Wool Industries Research Association for the year ended 30th September 1973 [by Act].

Mr. James Prior:

The Chairman of Ways and Means:
Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).—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 County of Northumberland (Cramlington) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973 [by Act].

MEMORANDA

Monday 17th December 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Unit Pricing Bill to Standing Committee A.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker has certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

Tuesday, 18th December, 1973.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment and Home Office Sub-Committee on 18th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 18-vii].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 18th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 73-iii].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Albert Booth 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 a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed (No. 14-vii).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to slaughterhouses and knackers' yards and the slaughter of animals; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords]].

Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords],—The Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 55].

Companies Bill,—Mr. Secretary Walker, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Whitelaw, Mr. Secretary Carr, Mr. Secretary Campbell, Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas, Sir Geoffrey Howe, and Mr. Anthony Grant, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to companies and to dealing in securities; and, in connection therewith, to amend the law of bankruptcy and the law relating to the registration of business names: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 52].

Anti-Harassment,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law against harassment of occupiers: And that Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Nell Kimock, Mr. David Weitzman, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. James Wellbeloved, Mr. William Price, and Mr. Robert Hughes do prepare and bring it in.

Anti-Harassment Bill,—Mr. A. W. Stallard accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law against harassment of occupiers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 21st January and to be printed [Bill 54].
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins);

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.


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

The Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, having enacted that if it appears to Her Majesty that there have occurred or are about to occur events of such a nature as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel or light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, Her Majesty may, by Proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists; and Her Majesty having on the thirteenth day of November 1973 made, in pursuance thereof, a Proclamation declaring that the industrial disputes affecting persons employed in the coal mines and in the electricity supply industry did, in her opinion, constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920 as so amended, which Proclamation does not remain in force for more than one month: and the continuance of the said industrial disputes, the present industrial dispute affecting persons employed on the railways and the reduction in oil supplies reaching Great Britain having, in Her Majesty's opinion, constituted such a state of emergency as aforesaid:

Her Majesty has deemed it proper, by Proclamation dated the twelfth day of December 1973 and made in pursuance of the said Act of 1920, as so amended, to declare that a state of emergency exists.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, thanking Her Majesty for Her Most Gracious Message communicating to this House that Her Majesty deems it proper by Proclamation, made in pursuance of the Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, and dated 12th December 1973, to declare that a state of emergency exists.—(Mr. Secretary Carr.)

Address to 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.

Emergency Powers.—Resolved, That the Regulations made by Her Majesty in Council under the Emergency Powers Act 1920 by Order dated 12th December 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th December, shall continue in force, subject however to the provisions of section 2(4) of the said Act.—(Mr. Secretary Carr.)

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the Day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then six minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

(Adjourned at 11.54 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 18th December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Channel Tunnel,—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th November 1973 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Channel Tunnel Company Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 91].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statement of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on 4th December 1973 on loans raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 88].

Water,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 5th December 1973 on loans raised by—

(1) the Anglian Water Authority, and

(2) the Thames Water Authority

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 89 and 90].
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Mr. Secretary Carr:

Betting andGaming.—Report containing statistical information relating to bookmakers'permits, betting agency permits and betting office licences in England, Wales and Scotland for the year ended 31st May 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 66].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:


Overseas Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 18th December 1973, entitled the Sudan Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1973 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Campbell:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th December 1973, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Family Benefits) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2078) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1973, entitled the Medicines (Exemption from Licences) (Foods and Cosmetics) Amendment Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2079) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report of the Civil Aviation Authority for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Act].

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th December 1973, entitled the Electricity (Industrial and Commercial Use) (Control) (Amendment) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2137) [by Act].

Tourism,—Statement of the appointment of, and salary payable to, a member of the English Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1973, entitled the London Borough of Barnet (Whetstone Congregational Chapel Site) Appropriation Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Pym:

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copies of Orders, dated 17th December 1973, entitled—

(1) the Electricity (Industrial and Commercial Use) (Control) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2133),

(2) the Electricity (Lighting) (Control) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2131), and

(3) the Fuel and Electricity (Heating) (Control) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2132)

[by Act].

Mr. James Prior:


Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

PRAYERS.

Private Bill Petitions,—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

- Ashdown Forest.
- Barclays Bank International.
- British Airports Authority (Longford River).
- British Railways.
- British Transport Docks.
- British Waterways.
- Brookwood Cemetery.
- Burmah-Total Refineries Trust.
- Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance.
- Clifton Suspension Bridge.
- Crouch Harbour.
- Crude Oil Terminals (Humber).
- Eastbourne Harbour.
- Greater London Council (General Powers).
- Great Northern London Cemetery.
- London Transport.
- Merseyside Metropolitan Railway.
- Morpeth Common.
- Old London Road, Hythe, Burial Ground.
- Portland Deepwater Quays.
- Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour).
- River Wear Barrage.
- Spanish and Portuguese Jews' (Golders Green) Burial Ground.
- Thurrock District Council.
- Torquay Market.
- United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution.
- University of Bristol.
- Weymouth and Portland Water Sports.
- Wrightson NMA Limited.
- Workington Harbour.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 19th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-iii].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 19th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 73-iv].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Sea Bed Engineering Sub-Committee on 19th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

International Organisations (Land) Bill,—Sir Ronald Russell reported from the Second Reading Committee on the International Organisations (Land) Bill, That they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:

That the Committee recommend that the International Organisations (Land) Bill ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 92].
Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland Constitution (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Clyde Port Authority (Hunterston Ore Terminal) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to establish a public authority to conduct the business of Her Majesty's Land Registry, to make provision as to the functions of that authority and of the Chief Land Registrar, and for purposes connected with those matters; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Land Registry Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the safety of members of the public at sports stadia and other sports grounds; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords]].

Land Registry Bill [Lords],—The Land Registry Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 57].

Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords],—The Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 58].

Status of Degrees,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the granting of education degrees: And that Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Roy Hattersley, Miss Joan Lester, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mr. Michael Cocks, and Mr. Frank Hatton do prepare and bring it in.

Status of Degrees Bill,—Mr. Thomas Cox accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the granting of education degrees: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 8th March and to be printed [Bill 56].

Royal Assent,—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified Her Royal Assent to the following Acts agreed upon by both Houses:


Supply [7th allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. James Hamilton: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins: 309.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill and the Charwood and Horley Bill may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Charwood and Horley (re-committed) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Charwood and Horley (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Transfer of parts of new parishes of Charwood and Horley to Surrey):

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Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 9, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

"(2) The said boundary shall start at a point on the western boundary of the new parish of Charlwood north-east of Oaklands Park, and then run in an easterly direction to Russ Hill and Westfield Place in a southerly and then an easterly and then northerly direction round the southern and eastern perimeter of Gatwick Airport until it reaches the line of the proposed link road from the M23 motorway and then easterly along that line to its junction with the eastern boundary of the new parish of Horley".—(Mr. Gordon Oakes.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Hall-Davis, Mr. David Walder: 23.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. James Wellbeloved: 0.

And it appearing on the report of the Division that forty Members were not present, the Chairman declared that the Question was not decided, and the Business under consideration stood over until the next Sitting of the House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hall-Davis reported, That it had appeared upon a Division in the Committee that forty Members were not present.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Committee stood over until the next Sitting of the House.

Channel Tunnel Bill,—Ordered, That Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Giles Radice, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan be members of the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Bill.—(Mr. Bernard Weatherill.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Hall-Davis.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Two o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.44 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 19th December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Nott:

Inland Revenue,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Command].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Remuneration of Doctors and Dentists,—Copy of the Second Supplement to the Third Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1973, entitled the Electricity (Industrial and Commercial Use) (Control) (Second Amendment) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2146) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Transport,—Statement of the appointment of, and the salaries payable to, part-time members of the National Freight Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Pym:

Fish Industry,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 11th December 1973, entitled the Assistance to Fisheries Co-operatives Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1973, No. 499) [by Act].
Mr. Joseph Godber:

Sea Fisheries.—Copies of Orders, dated 7th December 1973, entitled—
(1) the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1973, and
(2) the Sea Fishing (North-West Atlantic) Licensing Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No.
2084) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 10th December 1973; entitled the Fishing
Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1973 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Supreme Court (Accounts).—Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure of the High Court and
Court of Appeal for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 62].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection,
That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in
respect of the Unit Pricing Bill, viz: Mr. Jeffrey Archer, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr.
Patrick Cormack, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Geoffrey
Finsberg, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Joseph Hiley, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Michael Jopling,
Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. John Stokes, Mr. Roger Stott, and Mr. Alan
Williams.

Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they
had nominated Ten Members to serve on the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the
Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill, viz: Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Sir Eric
Buller, Mr. Churchill, Sir Frederick Corfield, Mr. Nigel Fisher, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr.
Percy Grieve, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Peter Hordern, and Mr. Molyneaux.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 19th December 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Com-
mittees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Com-
mittee A in respect of the Unit Pricing Bill and Sir Myer Galpern Chairman of the Scottish
Grand Committee in respect of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 38]


The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered
to be printed (see Appendix).

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d’Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee,
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 (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 96].

Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill.—Mr. George Wallace reported from
Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Statutory Corporations (Finan-
cial Provisions) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 97].

Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill.—Sir Ronald Russell, supported by Mr. Burden,
Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Edward Milne, Mr. Harold Garden, Sir John Hall,
Dr. Shirley Summerskill and Mr. John Fardoe, presented a Bill to amend the Pet
Animals Act 1951: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a
second time upon Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 59].
Sir Thomas George Barnett Cocks, K.C.B., O.B.E.,—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey to Sir Thomas George Barnett Cocks, K.C.B., O.B.E., on his retirement from the Office of Clerk of this House, the expression of Members' deep appreciation of the distinguished services which he has rendered to this House in the conduct of its business during the last forty-three years, and their gratitude for his unique contribution in disseminating British practices and procedures.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Adjournment (Christmas).—Resolved. That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday 15th January 1974.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 1) Order 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Mr. R. Graham Page);—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Ways and Means and the Charlwood and Horley Bill may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Clegg.)

Local Government.—The Question being again proposed, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 1) Order 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 1) Order 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.

Local Government.—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.-(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Ways and Means.—Independent Broadcasting Authority.—Resolved, That it is expedient to make further provision as to the payments to be made to the Independent Broadcasting Authority by television programme contractors, including provision authorising or requiring the Authority to contract with programme contractors for payments to the Authority and provision for the whole or any part of those payments to be paid, directly or indirectly, into the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or the Exchequer of Northern Ireland, and to provide for other matters supplementary thereto.—(Sir John Eden.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to make further provision as to the payments to be made to the Independent Broadcasting Authority by television programme contractors; and for purposes connected therewith: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Sir John Eden, and Mr. Patrick Jenkin do prepare and bring it in.

Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill,—Sir John Eden accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision as to the payments to be made to the Independent Broadcasting Authority by television programme contractors; 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 [Bill 60].

International Organisations (Land) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Organisations (Land) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 66 (Second Reading Committees), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Commitittal of Bills).

Charlwood and Horley (re-committed) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Charlwood and Horley (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.
Clause No. 2 (Supplementary).

Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 3, line 14, after the word “ appropriate ” to insert the words “ including a poll of the inhabitants ”.—(Mr. Ted Leadbitter.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 3, line 14, after the word “ instrument ” to insert the words “ and subject to approval by affirmative resolution of this House ”.—(Mr. Ted Leadbitter.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed, in page 3, line 16, to leave out the words “or altering.”—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed, in page 4, line 4, to leave out subsection (7) and insert the words—

“(7) All resolutions passed before 1st July 1974 shall be binding on the Council.”—(Mr. Michael Cocks)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 11.29 p.m.

APPENDIX


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Gas,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th November 1973 on a loan raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 98].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1973, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 3) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2152) [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 14th December 1973, entitled the Value Added Tax (Refund of Tax) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2121),

(2) an Order, dated 19th December 1973, entitled the Value Added Tax (Finance and Insurance) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2150),

(3) an Order, dated 19th December 1973, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2151), and

(4) Regulations, dated 14th December 1973, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2123) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Carr:


Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

Treaty Series (No. 123, 1973),—Copy of the Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 1973 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 126, 1973),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Quito on 2nd October 1973 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador, concerning a Development Loan by the Government of the United Kingdom to the Government of Ecuador for hydro-electric equipment (United Kingdom/Ecuador Loan (No. 21 1973) [by Command].

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Mr Secretary Campbell:

Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th December 1973, entitled the Tuberculosis (Scotland) Amendment Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2101) [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December 1973, entitled the Legal Aid (Scotland) (General) Amendment Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2125) [by Act].

Mr. Ian Gilmour:

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of an Order, dated 11th December 1973, providing for amendments to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th October 1973, entitled the City of Bath (Berewyke) Appropriation Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Pym:

Fish Industry.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 14th December 1973, entitled the Assistance of Fish Farming Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1973, No. 500) [by Act].

Weights and Measures.— Copies of Orders, dated 18th December 1973, entitled—

(1) the Weights and Measures (Pasta) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1973, No. 502), and

(2) the Weights and Measures (Salt) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1973, No. 503)

[by Act].

Mr. James Prior:


Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Industrial Organisation and Development.—Accounts of the sums recovered by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under Orders made under Section 9 of the Industrial Organisation and Development Act 1947 and of their disposal, for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, viz.:—

(1) Wool Textile Industry (Export Promotion Levy) Account,

(2) Wool Textile Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account,

(3) Cutlery and Stainless Steel Flatware Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account,

(4) Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account, and

(5) Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account

[by Act]; to be printed [No. 95].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 20th December 1973

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Merchant Shipping Bill.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 27th November and 11th December to be printed [No. 100-i].

Ownership of Flats Bill,—Mr. Nicholas Scott presented a Bill to provide for the tenants of blocks of flats to form co-ownership housing associations; for a duty to be placed upon landlords whether municipal or private to sell the freeholds of blocks of flats to such associations and upon the Housing Corporation to finance such sales; and for purposes connected with those matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 61].

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 15th January pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[Adjourned at 4.22 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 21st December 1973

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Campbell:


Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copies of Orders, dated 21st December 1973, entitled—
(1) the Electrical (Industrial and Commercial Use) (Control) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2172), and
(2) the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2188) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1973, entitled the Import Duty Reliefs (Revocation) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2174) [by Act].

Trade Descriptions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th December 1973, entitled the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2124) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Local Government,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on the use of Valuers in the Public Service [by Command].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th December 1973, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Compulsory Insurance) (No. 2) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2143) [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1973, entitled the Fishing Nets (North-East Atlantic) (Variation) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2167) [by Act].
Notice given by Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 122 (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances).

Whereas Her Majesty's Government have represented to me, Selwyn Lloyd, Speaker of the House of Commons, that the public interest requires the House to meet at an earlier time than the fifteenth day of January 1974, and I am satisfied that the public interest does so require:

Now, therefore, I hereby give notice, pursuant to the Standing Order (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances) that the House shall meet on Wednesday the ninth day of January 1974, at half-past Two o'clock.

Given under my hand this 7th day of January 1974.

SELWYN LLOYD,
Speaker.

[No. 40.]

Wednesday, 9th January, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Emergency Powers (Proclamation).—Mr. Secretary Carr acquainted the House, that he had a Message from Her Majesty to this House signed by Her Majesty's own hand:—And he presented the same to the House; and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered); and is as follows:

The Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, having enacted that if it appears to Her Majesty that there have occurred or are about to occur events of such a nature as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel or light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, Her Majesty may, by Proclamation declare that a state of emergency exists: and Her Majesty having on the twelfth day of December, 1973 made, in pursuance thereof, a Proclamation declaring that the industrial disputes then affecting (among others) persons employed in the coal mines and on the railways and the reduction of oil supplies reaching Great Britain did, in her opinion, constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920 as so amended, which Proclamation does not remain in force for more than one month: and the continuance of the industrial disputes affecting those persons and the continued reduction in those oil supplies having, in Her Majesty's opinion, constituted such a state of emergency as aforesaid:

Her Majesty has deemed it proper, by Proclamation dated the ninth day of January 1974 and made in pursuance of the said Act of 1920, as so amended, to declare that a state of emergency exists.

Ordered, That Her Majesty's said Most Gracious Message be considered to-morrow.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Adjournment (Winter).—Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Tuesday next.—(The Prime Minister.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(The Prime Minister):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. John Golding: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins: 302.

So the Question was negatived.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.40 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

1. Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (Presentation of Command Papers), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Treaty Series (No. 1, 1974),—Copies of Notes exchanged at Brussels on 22nd July 1972 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Austria, on duty-free quotas for imports into the United Kingdom of paper products from Austria.


Treaty Series (No. 3, 1974),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Brussels on 22nd July and 22nd August 1972 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Switzerland, on duty-free quotas for imports into the United Kingdom of paper products from Switzerland.

2. Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

27th December 1973
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1973, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 9) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2169) [by Act].

28th December 1973
Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 19th December 1973, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (Cyprus) (Reductions) (No. 3) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2179),
(2) the Import Duties (Egypt) (Reductions) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2178),
(3) the Import Duties (Certain Mediterranean Countries) (Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2208), and
(4) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2210) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1973, entitled the Import Duties (Turkey) (Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2209) [by Act].

National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st December 1973, entitled the Isles of Scilly (National Health Service Administration) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2192) [by Act].

31st December 1973
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1973, entitled the Import Duties (Developing Countries) (No. 3) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2218) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 28th December 1973, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 4) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2219), and
(2) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 5) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2220) [by Act].

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th December 1973, entitled the National Health Service (Community Health Councils) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2217) [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 29th December 1973, entitled the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2224), and

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 29th December 1973, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2225), and
(2) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 2) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2226) [by Act].
2nd January 1974

Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th December 1973, entitled the Electricity (Industrial and Commercial Use) (Control) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2211) [by Act].

4th January 1974


7th January 1974

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th January 1974, entitled the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 25) [by Act].

3. Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Wednesday 9th January 1974:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Duchy of Cornwall,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1973 [by Act].

Duchy of Lancaster,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended 29th September 1973, with a separate Account of the Capital of the Duchy to the same date [by Act].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th September 1973 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 103].

Mr. Secretary Campbell:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Local Financial Returns for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1971 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Reports on the Census of Production for 1971 relating to—

(1) Biscuits, and

(2) Mineral Oil Refining

[by Act].

Pilotage,—Copy of Returns from Pilotage Authorities for 1972 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Transport,—Statements of the salaries payable upon appointment to—

(1) two full-time members of the British Transport Docks Board, and

(2) a part-time member of the National Freight Corporation

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas:

Tourism,—Statement of a determination of the salary of the Chairman of the Wales Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. James Prior:


Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the aforementioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation [pursuant to Standing Order No. 121 (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments)]:—


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Peter Emery (nominated in respect of the Unit Pricing Bill); and had appointed in substitution Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Peter Emery (nominated in respect of the Consumer Credit Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Shersby.
Thursday, 10th January, 1974:

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix D).

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 20th November, the Minutes of the Evidence taken on 27th November, and part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken on 4th and 6th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 99-i to 99-iv].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Harper: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the consideration of Her Majesty's Message yesterday may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Prior.)


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

The Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, having enacted that if it appears to Her Majesty that there have occurred or are about to occur events of such a nature as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel or light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial portion of the community, of the essentials of life, Her Majesty may, by Proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists: and Her Majesty having on the twelfth day of December 1973 made, in pursuance thereof, a Proclamation declaring that the industrial disputes then affecting (among other persons) employed in the coal mines and on the railways and the reduction of oil supplies reaching Great Britain did, in her opinion, constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920, as so amended, which Proclamation does not remain in force for more than one month: and the continuance of the industrial disputes affecting those persons and the continued reduction in those oil supplies having, in Her Majesty's opinion, constituted such a state of emergency as aforesaid:

Her Majesty has deemed it proper, by Proclamation dated the ninth day of January 1974 and made in pursuance of the Emergency Powers Act 1920, as so amended, to declare that a state of emergency exists.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty thanking Her Majesty for Her Most Gracious Message communicating to this House that Her Majesty deems it proper by Proclamation, made in pursuance of the Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, and dated 9th January 1974, to declare that a state of emergency exists.—(Mr. Secretary Carr.)

Address to 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.

Emergency Powers,—Resolved, That the Regulations made by Her Majesty in Council under the Emergency Powers Act 1920 by Order, dated 9th January 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th January, shall continue in force after the expiration of the period mentioned in section 2(2) of the said Act, subject however to the provisions of section 2(4) thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Carr.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Eleven o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday next pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 10th January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Campbell:

National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th December 1973, entitled the National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) (Scotland) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2212) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:

Expenditure.—Copy of Government Observations on the Fourth, Sixth and Seventh Reports of the Expenditure Committee, Session 1972-73 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Clean Air.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1973, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2166) [by Act].

Mr. James Prior:


Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Plant Health.—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd January 1974, entitled

(1) the Importation of Forest Trees (Prohibition) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1), and

(2) the Importation of Wood (Prohibition) (Great Britain) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2) [by Act].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Copy of Rules, dated 14th December 1973, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1973, No. 515) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Cecil Parkinson and Mr. Edward M. Taylor (nominated in respect of the Consumer Credit Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Stewart-Smith and Mr. John Wilkinson.

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, that they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Cecil Parkinson (nominated in respect of the Merchant Shipping Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Toby Jessel.

[No. 42.]

Tuesday, 15th January, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Substituted Bills) (Standing Orders 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 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:

Orkney County Council (Substituted Bill).

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 11th and 18th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 99-v to 99-vii].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to road traffic, operators' licences and drivers' hours, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Road Traffic Bill [Lords]].

Road Traffic Bill [Lords].—The Road Traffic Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 64].

Business of the House (Supply).—Ordered, That this day, as soon as the House has entered upon the Business of Supply, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith the Questions which under the provisions of paragraph (11) of Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply) he is directed to put at Ten o'clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith (pursuant to the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments). That the Local Government Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 196) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments—(Mr. James Prior):—It was agreed to.

Town and Country Planning (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Town and Country Planning Acts: And that Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Wellbeloved, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. W. T. Williams, Mr. Neil McBride, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. S. C. Silkin, and Mr. John Silkin do prepare and bring it in.

Town and Country Planning Amendment Bill.—Mr. William Molloy accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Town and Country Planning Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 63].

Supply [8th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Questions which he was directed to put at Ten o'clock by paragraph (11) of Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply).

Civil Estimates, 1974-75, Vote on Account.

The Question being put, That a sum, not exceeding £6,724,384,300, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for the Civil Departments, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 44, for the year ending on 31st March 1975:—It was agreed to.

Civil and Defence Supplementary Estimates, 1973-74.

The Question being put, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £883,885,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1974, for expenditure on Civil and Defence Services as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 46 and 45:—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions and upon the Resolution of 12th December relating to the Defence Estimates, 1974-75, Vote on Account; And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Tom Boardman, Mr. Terence L. Higgins and Mr. John Nott do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund Bill.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 1974 and 1975: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 62].

Supply.—The House, according to Order, again proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Expenditure.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Fourth, Sixth and Seventh Reports from the Expenditure Committee in the last Session of Parliament.—(Mrs. Renée Short.)
Expenditure.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the role of the Expenditure Committee, with particular reference to staff, broadcasting of proceedings, reporting by Sub-committees, and other matters contained in the Second Special Report of Session 1970-71, the Sixth Special Report of Session 1971-72, the Second and Fourth Special Reports of the last Session of Parliament and in the Minutes of the Evidence taken on 9th April 1973. —(Sir Henry d’Avigdor-Goldsmid.)

Charlwood and Horley Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the Charlwood and Horley Bill;

And it being Ten o’clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Business.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Charlwood and Horley Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Robert Hicks.)

Charlwood and Horley Bill,—And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Charlwood and Horley Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

International Organisations (Land) [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to International Organisations (Land) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable the Secretary of State and the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland to acquire land for the service in the United Kingdom of international organisations and institutions, and their offices and agencies, it is expedient to authorise—

1. the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment which is attributable to the provisions of the said Act; and

2. the payment into the Consolidated Fund of all sums received by the Secretary of State by virtue of the said Act of the present Session under the Commissioners of Works Act 1852. —(Mr. Cecil Parkinson.)

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr. John Biggs-Davison and Mrs. Sally Oppenheim be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and that Sir John Rodgers be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Bernard Weatherill.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That Mr. Edward Gardner be discharged from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords on Statutory Instruments and that Mr. Idris Owen be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Bernard Weatherill.)

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke be discharged from the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills and that Mr. Ivor Stanbrook be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Bernard Weatherill.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.49 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on 11th January 1974 pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

- Representation of the People,—Copy of Rules, dated 18th December 1973, entitled the Elections (Welsh Forms) (No. 2) Rules 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2184) [by Act].

- National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th January 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Staff Transfer Schemes) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 35) [by Act].


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Tuesday 15th January 1974:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

- Forestry,—Accounts of the Forestry Commission Forestry Enterprise for the year ended 31st March 1973, with the Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 109].
Water Authorities.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th December 1973 on loans raised by the Wessex Water Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 108].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

Kenya (No. 1, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Nairobi on 31st July 1973, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Kenya for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains (The Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:


Social Security.—Copies of Regulations—

(1) dated 2nd January 1974, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Insurable and Excepted Employments) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 8), and

(2) dated 3rd January 1974, entitled the National Insurance (Classification) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 10) [by Act].

Social Security.—Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the preliminary draft of the National Insurance (Classification) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 10) (described on its publication as the National Insurance (Classification) Amendment Regulations 1973) preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury [by Act]; to be printed [No. 101].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Local Employment.—Accounts of the financial results, for the year ended 31st March 1973, of certain activities of the Department of Trade and Industry and the activities of the Industrial Estates Corporations in the execution of the Local Employment Act; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 105].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1972, entitled the Norfolk County Council (Fakenham Western By-Pass) Compulsory Purchase Order 1972, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:

Diseases of Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 9th January 1974, entitled the Importation of Pigs (No. 1) Order 1974 [by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).—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 Manchester (Shap Aqueduct) Water Order 1973,
(2) the Iver, Buckinghamshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973,
(3) the London Borough of Barnet (Whetstone Congregational Chapel Site) Appropriation Order 1973, and
(4) the City of Bath (Berewyke) Appropriation Order 1973 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 15th January 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker has allocated the International Organisations (Land) Bill to Standing Committee F.
Wednesday, 16th January, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment and Home Office Sub-Committee on 16th January. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 18-vii].

Selection.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Unit Pricing Bill.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Unit Pricing Bill, and made Amendments thereunto; Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 66]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 110].

Land Registry Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Land Registry Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Caravan Sites Act 1968 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the further regulation of caravan sites; for the security of tenure of owners of mobile homes; for the control of purchasing transactions between caravan owners and site operators; and for purposes connected with those matters: And that Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Michael Cocks, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Dick Leonard, Mr. Edward Milne, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. John Purdoe, and Mr. John Roper do prepare and bring it in.

Caravan Sites Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Phillip Whitehead accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the further regulation of caravan sites, for the security of tenure of owners of mobile homes; for the control of purchasing transactions between caravan owners and site operators; and for purposes connected with those matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st March and to be printed [Bill 65].

Consolidated Fund Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill;

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

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

Thursday, 17th January, 1974:

Mr. Bernard Weatherill 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.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Hall-Davis, Mr. Adam Butler : 101.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. S. Clinton Davis : 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Committee this day.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past Ten o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 10.2 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Immigration,—Statement of Change in Immigration Rules for Control on Entry of European Economic Community and other non-Commonwealth Nationals [by Act]; to be printed [No. 102].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:


Mr. Secretary Walker:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Introductory Notes to the Report on the Census of Production for 1971 [by Act].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the International Organisations (Land) Bill, viz.: Mr. James Allason, Mr. Benyon, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Reginald Freeson, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Idris Owen, Mr. Laurence Reed, Mr. A. W. Stallard, and Mr. Tebbit.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Land Registry Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. James Allason, Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Peter Archer, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Michael Fidler, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Green, Mr. Joseph Harper, Sir Elwyn Jones, Mrs. Monks, Mr. Idris Owen, Mr. S. C. Silkin, and Mr. Solicitor-General.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Local Government Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 1973, viz.: Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Cant, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. William Hamling, Mr. Philip Holland, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. J. R. Kinsey, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Charles Pannell, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. John Spence, Dr. Tom Stuttaford, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.

Channel Tunnel (Select Committee).—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Four Members to serve on the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Bill, viz.: Mr. Ronald Bray, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Geoffrey Rhodes and Mr. Frank Taylor.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 16th January 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Local Government Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1996) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the International Organisations (Land) Bill, Sir Ronald Russell Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Land Registry Bill [Lords] and Mr. J. C. Jennings Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Local Government Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1996).
Thursday, 17th January, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Orkney County Council.—A Bill to authorise the county council of the county of Orkney to exercise harbour jurisdiction and powers in respect of development, including powers to license the construction of works and dredging, in certain areas of and adjacent to the county, and in connection therewith to acquire lands compulsorily; and for other purposes, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Albert Booth reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords 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 (Sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-vii].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 17th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 73-v].

Timing of General Elections Bill.—Mr. Edward Lyons, supported by Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Dick Leonard, Mr. Arthur Davidson, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead, presented a Bill to restrict the holding of General Elections within three months before the expiry of a current electoral register: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 68].

Consolidated Fund Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 93 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read the third time:— It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed

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

Companies Bill.—The Companies Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Companies [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Companies [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to companies and to dealing in securities and, in connection therewith, to amend the law of bankruptcy and the law relating to the registration of business names, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of that Act.—(Mr. Robert Hicks).
Ways and Means,—Companies,—Resolved, That any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to companies may—

(1) require the payment of fees to the registrar of companies in respect of matters specified by regulations made under that Act;

(2) provide for the payment into the Consolidated Fund of fees payable to the registrar of companies in pursuance of that Act.—(Mr. Robert Hicks.)

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 17th January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of Government Observations on the Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for Session 1972-73 [by Command].

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 12th December 1973, on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 112 and 113].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th December 1973, on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 114].

Mr. Secretary Carr:


Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

Treaty Series (No. 4, 1974),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Lima on 28th September 1973, concerning an Interest-Free Development Loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Peru for the Purchase of Road Construction Equipment (the United Kingdom/Peru Loan Agreement (No. 1) 1973) [by Command].


Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

National Health Service,—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd January 1974, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Nottingham University Hospital Designation) Amendment Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 6), and

(2) the Prescription Pricing Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 9) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Local Government Finance,—Copy of a Statement on the Rate Support Grant for 1974-75 [by Command].

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Public Health.—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd January 1974, entitled—
(1) the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the County Borough of Bolton) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 4), and
(2) the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the County Borough of Lincoln) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 5)
[by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
National Land Fund,—Account of the National Land Fund for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 111].
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Second Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1973-74, being the Annual Report for 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 106].

Friday, 18th January, 1974.
The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords].—The Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Safety of Sports Grounds [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Safety of Sports Grounds [Money]:

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for the safety of members of the public at sports stadia and other sports grounds it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State under that Act and of any increase attributable to that Act in his expenses under any other Act.—(Mr. Hall-Davis.)

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

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Hall-Davis):—Debate arising;
And the Question having been proposed at Four o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Friday 18th January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:

Industrial Training.—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 19th December 1973, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Knitting, Lace and Net) Order 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 2170), and
(2) dated 8th January 1974, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Iron and Steel) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 31)
[by Act].
Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th January 1974, entitled the Butter Subsidy Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 54) [by Act].

National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th January 1974, entitled the National Health Service Functions (Directions to Authorities) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 24) [by Act].

Public Health.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th January 1974, entitled the Nursing Homes (Registration and Records) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 22) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Protection of Wrecks.—Copies of Orders, dated 12th January 1974, entitled

(1) the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 55),
(2) the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 56),
(3) the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 3) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 57), and
(4) the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 4) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 58)
[by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:

Diseases of Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 11th January 1974, entitled the Importation of Cattle Order (No. 1) 1974 [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th January 1974, entitled the Yealm Fishery (Variation) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 27) [by Act].

[No. 46.]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Overseas Development.—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report further Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on 12th and 19th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Selection.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Supply [9th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

The Divided Nation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising that an international energy crisis has come on top of an acute national crisis, condemns Her Majesty's Government for its economic mismanagement which has led to the largest balance of payments deficit in our history, to massive inflation which the Government has done little to check, and to deepening divisions in our society; and believes that policies of social justice and much greater equality of wealth and incomes are essential to provide the basis on which the country can unite to overcome its economic difficulties—(Mr. Michael Foot):—Debate arising;

Mr. Walter Harrison 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 agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Jack Dormand: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins: 290.

So the Question was negatived.
Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 39, to leave out the words “financial loss” and insert the words “loss of revenue”—(Mr. Joel Barnett),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 1, to leave out Clause 4.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Sea Fisheries.—Resolved, That the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved.—(Mr. Anthony Stodart.)

Sea Fisheries.—Resolved, That the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1973, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved.—(Mr. Anthony Stodart.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Hall-Davis.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes past Three o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 3.8 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 21st January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

International Development Association,—Copy of the Report of the Executive Directors to the Board of Governors of the International Development Association, dated 30th October 1973, concerning the fourth replenishment of International Development Association resources [by Command].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 on Economic Activity, Part I, Analysis based on 100 per cent. of Census returns [by Act].

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th January 1974, entitled the Local Government (Children) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 39) [by Act].

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th January 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Venereal Diseases) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 29) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Monopolies and Restrictive Practices,—Report of the Monopolies Commission on the supply of plasterboard [by Act]; to be printed [No. 94].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Forestry (Grant in Aid),—Account of the sums paid into and the sums paid out of the Forestry Fund in the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from the Second Reading Committee Mr. Frank Allaun and Mr. Edmund Dell (nominated in respect of the Land Registry Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann and Mr. Mark Hughes.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 21st January 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Companies Bill to Standing Committee A and the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.

[No. 47]

Tuesday, 22nd January, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Ashdown Forest Bill.—A Bill to alter the constitution of, and to incorporate, the Conservators of Ashdown Forest; to alter the arrangements for meeting the expenses of the Conservators; to amend or repeal enactments relating to the Conservators and the forest and to confer further powers upon the Conservators; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Railways Bill.—A Bill to empower the British Railways Board and the South East Lancashire and North East Cheshire Passenger Transport Executive to construct works and to acquire lands; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands; to confer further powers on the Board, the Executive and Cleveland Potash Limited; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Transport Docks Bill.—A Bill to empower the British Transport Docks Board to construct works and to acquire lands; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands; to confer further powers on the Board; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Waterways Bill.—A Bill to empower the British Waterways Board to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Board; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Burmah-Total Refineries Trust Bill.—A Bill to empower Burmah-Total Refineries Trust Limited to construct works and to acquire lands; to make provision for the deregistration of certain land registered under the Commons Registration Act 1965; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Clifton Suspension Bridge Bill.—A Bill to alter the constitution of the Trustees of the Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust; to confer powers on the Trustees in relation to the tolls which they are authorised to charge; to make provision as to the investment of moneys of the Trust and for the repeal and amendment of certain provisions of the Clifton Suspension Bridge Act 1952; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—A Bill to confer further powers upon the Greater London Council and other authorities; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

London Transport Bill.—A Bill to empower the London Transport Executive to construct works and to acquire lands; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands and the completion of certain works; to confer further powers on the Executive; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill,—A Bill to empower the Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive and the British Railways Board to construct works and to acquire lands; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Morpeth Common Bill,—A Bill to provide for the preservation and for restricting the user of certain land in the borough of Morpeth in the county of Northumberland known as Morpeth Common; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Old London Road, Hythe Burial Ground Bill,—A Bill to authorise the use of part of the site of the former burial ground adjoining Old London Road, Hythe, in the district of Shepway for building or otherwise; and for the purposes incidental thereto, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Spanish and Portuguese Jews' (Golders Green) Burial Ground Bill,—A Bill to authorise the use for other purposes of a portion of the burial ground of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation of London situate at Golders Green in the London borough of Barnet; and for purposes incidental thereto, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Thurrock District Council Bill,—A Bill to confer powers on the Thurrock District Council for the control of the brown tail moth; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

University of Bristol Bill,—A Bill to amend the University of Bristol Act 1960; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Workington Harbour Bill,—A Bill to transfer to the Cumbria County Council the undertaking of the Workington Harbour and Dock Company Limited; to empower the County Council to manage Workington Harbour; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Albert Booth reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords 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 (Seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-viii].

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure 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 (Third Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 120.]

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, 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 (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 115].

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, 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 (Fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 116].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Albert Booth 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 (Seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 14-vii].

Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill,—Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 69].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 118].
International Organisations (Land) Bill.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the International Organisations (Land) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 70].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 119].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision for the prevention and control of rabies, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Rabies Bill [Lords]].

Rabies Bill [Lords].—The Rabies Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 75].

Ownership of Flats Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 22nd February, the Ownership of Flats Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Rights of Patients.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to clarify the rights of patients to privacy when receiving hospital treatment under the National Health Service, and in regard to medical experiments on human beings: And that Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. Charles Loughlin, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Frederick Willey, and Mr. Dick Leonard do prepare and bring it in.

Rights of Patients Bill.—Mrs. Joyce Butler accordingly presented a Bill to clarify the rights of patients to privacy when receiving hospital treatment under the National Health Service, and in regard to medical experiments on human beings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 71].

Solicitors (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the Day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (Amendment) Bill:

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

Royal Assent.—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified Her Royal Assent to the following Act agreed upon by both Houses:


Solicitors (Amendment) Bill.—The Question being put, That the Solicitors (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Marcus Fox : 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Wellbeloved, Mr. Michael English : 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Commitalt of Bills).

Solicitors (Amendment) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Solicitors (Amendment) [Money]:

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to prevent non-British subjects being prohibited from becoming or practising as solicitors; to amend the Solicitors Acts 1957 to 1965; to make further provision as to the administration of oaths and taking of affidavits, removal from and restoration to the roll of solicitors, the powers of the Law Society to intervene in a solicitor's practice and the termination of a solicitor's retainer; and for connected purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of such fees and allowances for the lay members of the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal constituted under the said Act as the Lord Chancellor may, with the approval of the Minister for the Civil Service, determine.—(Mr. Marcus Fox.)

Local Government Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Government Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Recovery by local authorities of establishment charges)—(Mr. Hugh Rossi)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Extension of power of local authorities to make advances)—(Mr. Hugh Rossi)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Rating surcharge on unused office, &c., property)—(Mr. R. Graham Page)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (c) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3A) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) above, the rating authority may with the consent of the Secretary of State after the first 12 months of the period of non-use levy by greater multiples of the normal rates than those specified above while the period of non-use lasts."—(Mr. Gordon Oakes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Cocks, Mr. Donald Coleman: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Hall-Davis: 166.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Local Government Bill may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Local Government Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Local Government Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (d) proposed to the proposed Clause (Rating surcharge on unused office, &c., property), in line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

"(1) whether or not the owner has made attempts to obtain planning consent to use the building for housing purposes as an alternative to commercial development and, if successful, has advertised the housing accommodation for sale or rent."—(Mr. Gordon Oakes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Cocks, Mr. Donald Coleman: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Hall-Davis: 163.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power of rating authority to use alternative sources of local finance)—(Mr. Denis Howell)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Cocks, Mr. Donald Coleman: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Michael Jopling: 137.

Another Clause (Valuation not to be increased because of installation of central heating)—(Mr. Denis Howell)—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.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered to-morrow.

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 23rd January, 1974:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.5 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 22nd January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

Food (Miscellaneous No. 1, 1974),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Geneva on 23rd March 1973, further extending the International Olive Oil Agreement 1963, with amendments (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 12, 1974),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Oslo on 9th August 1973 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, amending Article III of the Treaty of 26th June 1873 for the mutual surrender of fugitive criminals, as continued in force by the Agreement of 18th February 1907 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 9th November 1972, entitled the Urban District Council of Farnham (Weybourne Recreation Ground) Appropriation Order 1972, and

(2) dated 4th January 1974, entitled the M18 Motorway (Armithorpe—Hatfield Section) Compulsory Purchase Order (CNE No. 1) 1974,

with Certificates by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 24th October 1973, entitled the Warkworth Harbour Revision Order 1973, and

(2) dated 28th November 1973, entitled the Harwich Harbour Revision Order 1973,

with Certificates by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Patrick Jenkin:

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st January 1974, entitled the Electricity (Industrial and Commercial Use) (Control) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 78) [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:

River Authorities,—Copies of the Reports for the year ended 31st March 1973 of—

(1) the Bristol Avon River Authority, and

(2) the Cumberland River Authority

[by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 22nd January 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Solicitors (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee F.

[No. 48.]

Wednesday, 23rd January, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Leicester and other places, for amendment of the National Insurance Act 1972 and the procedures of the Attendance Allowance Board, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d’Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 22nd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 99-viii].

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d’Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment and Home Office Sub-Committee on 23rd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 18-viii].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 23rd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 73-vii].

Selection.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Land Registry Bill [Lords].—Sir Ronald Russell reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Land Registry Bill [Lords], That they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows: That the Committee recommend that the Land Registry Bill [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 122].

Statutory Instruments (First Standing Committee).—Mr. J. C. Jennings reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Local Government Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 1973 (S.I., 1973, No. 1996), referred to a Committee on 15th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 121].

Pensions (Increase) Bill.—The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Carr, Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, Mr. Secretary Rippon, Mrs. Secretary Thatcher, Mr. Secretary Campbell, Mr. Richard Wood, and Mr. Kenneth Baker, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to provide for increases of certain official pensions and to amend the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971; 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 printed [Bill 72].

Housing and Planning Bill.—Mr. Secretary Rippon, supported by Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, Mr. Secretary Campbell, Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. Tom Boardman, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to extend the functions of the Housing Corporation and provide for the registration of, and the giving of financial assistance to, certain housing associations; to make provision for housing action areas and to make further provision in relation to general improvement areas; to provide for the making of grants towards the improvement, repair and provision of housing accommodation and for the compulsory improvement of such accommodation; to make provision concerning unoccupied office premises; to make further provision in relation to the development of land; to amend the law relating to expenditure by local authorities and other bodies in connection with the provision and improvement of housing accommodation and of hostels; to raise the rateable value limits under the Leasehold Reform Act 1967; to amend the Housing Finance Act 1972; to amend the law relating to the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants; 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 [Bill 73].

Attendance Allowance (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the rules relating to attendance allowances and the procedure of the Attendance Allowance Board: And that Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Michael Fidler, Mr. Grimond, Dr. Miller, Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Mitchell, Mr. Ernie Money, and Sir John Peel do prepare and bring it in.

Attendance Allowance (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to amend the rules relating to attendance allowances and the procedure of the Attendance Allowance Board: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 76].
Local Government Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Local Government Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Transitional grant of certain new authorities)—(Mr. Gordon Oakes) brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ernest Perry : 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 173.

Another Clause (Officers and servants of Passenger Transport Executives not to be disqualified from serving as elected representatives on certain authorities)—(Mr. Gordon Oakes) brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Rating of Crown property)—(Mr. Gordon Oakes) brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 33, at the end, to insert the words

" (5) The owner of an unoccupied and non-residential hereditament may apply to the Courts for a remission of up to three-quarters of the rates payable to the rating authority if it can be proved that every effort has been made to find an occupier for the hereditament and that hardship would be suffered ".—(Mr. Ronald Bray.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 6 to 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 68) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 24, at the end, to insert the words

"(c) is of the opinion that the local authority is excessively staffed in relation to its size, functions, delegated responsibilities and agencies ".—(Mr. Ronald Bray.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 1 to 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 70) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 21, at the end, to insert the words

" (f) any structure within the hereditament provided or adapted exclusively to assist a disabled person ".—(Mr. Gordon Oakes)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Joseph Harper : 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Marcus Fox : 156.

Other Amendments (Nos. 11, 59 and 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 37, at the end, to insert the words

"(e) any rent scrutiny board, rent assessment panel or rent tribunal ".—(Mr. Kenneth Marks.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. Joseph Harper : 125.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. David Walder : 144.
Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

" (e) any New Town Development Corporation and the Commission for the New Towns ".—(Mr. Gordon Oakes.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 17 to 19, 67, and 20 to 22) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 61) proposed to the Bill, in page 42, line 49, at the end, to insert the words—

" (ee) Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1966 (grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure on public open spaces) to local authorities other than Parish and Community Councils ".—(Mr. Gordon Oakes.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 24 to 36) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed to the Bill, in page 50, line 32, to leave out from the word " Act " to the end of line 34 and insert the words " including the carrying out of works of building, construction or maintenance, and the procurement of goods and services necessary to discharge those functions ".—(Mr. James Allason),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 55) proposed to the Bill, in page 53, to leave out lines 5 to 10.—(Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 39 and 40) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 65, line 41, at the beginning, to insert the words—

" 10. At the end of section 195(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 there shall be added the words ' save that the provision of temporary accommodation for persons who are in urgent need thereof, being need arising in circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen or in such other circumstances as the authority may in any particular case determine and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing such circumstances shall include need arising from loss of accommodation as a result of fire, flood, or eviction, shall be the duty of the authority of the district, or an authority in Greater London where the person is at that time ' ".—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Local Government Bill may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour:—(Mr. Hall-Davis.)

Local Government Bill,—Question again proposed, That the proposed Amendment (No. 41) be made to the Local Government Bill:—Debate resumed;

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ernest Perry: 111.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Marcus Fox: 131.

Other Amendments (Nos. 42 to 48, 73, and 50 to 53) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Local Government Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. R. Graham Page, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Jopling):—Debate arising:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning;
Thursday, 24th January, 1974:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Wednesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seven minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.7 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 23rd January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Bank Notes.—Copies of Treasury Minutes—
(1) dated 30th November 1973,
(2) dated 4th December 1973,
(3) dated 7th December 1973,
(4) dated 10th December 1973,
(5) dated 13th December 1973,
(6) dated 14th December 1973,
(7) dated 17th December 1973,
(8) dated 18th December 1973,
(9) dated 19th December 1973,
(10) dated 21st December 1973,
(11) dated 24th December 1973,
(12) dated 28th December 1973,
(13) dated 31st December 1973,
(14) dated 2nd January 1974,
(15) dated 3rd January 1974, and
(16) dated 7th January 1974
relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 123 to 138].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 12th December 1973 on loans raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 139].

Water Authorities.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th December 1973 on loans raised by the Yorkshire Water Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 140].

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Representation of the People.—Copy of Rules, dated 21st January 1974, entitled the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (Amendment) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 84) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:

Pay Board.—Copy of the Report of the Pay Board on the problems of pay relativities [by Command].

Mr Secretary Walker:

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd January 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 96) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Mr. Speaker's Conference on Electoral Law.—Minutes of the Evidence taken before Mr Speaker's Conference on Electoral Law on 23rd January; to be printed [No. 12-i].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Companies Bill, viz.: Mr. Austen Albu, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Piers Dixon, Mr. Ben Ford, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Joseph Harper, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Harold Lever, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Edward Milne, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Neville Sandelson, and Mr. Michael Shaw.

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Concannon, Mr. Tom Dalyell, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Michael Jepling, Mr. David Lane, Mr. Ernle Money, Mr. Hector Moreno, and Mr. Nigel Spearing.

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Solicitors (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Michael Cocks, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Victor Goodhew, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Douglas Houghton, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. S. C. Silkin, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, and Mr. James Wellbeloved.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 23rd January 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Harold Gurden Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Companies Bill and Captain Walter Elliot Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords].

[No. 49.]

Thursday, 24th January, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Orkney County Council Bill,—The Orkney County Council Bill was read a second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Deedes reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 24th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 72:ii].

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill,—Sir Myer Galpern reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Crofting Reform (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.

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 141].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to legal aid and legal advice and assistance ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Legal Aid Bill [Lords].
Legal Aid Bill [Lords].—The Legal Aid Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 78].

Timing of General Elections Bill.—The Order for reading a second time to-morrow the Timing of General Elections Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Health and Safety at Work, etc. Bill.—Mr. Secretary Whitelaw, supported by Mr. Secretary Carr, Mr. Secretary Rippon, Mr. Secretary Campbell, Mr. Secretary Peter Thomas, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, and Mr. Nicholas Scott, presented a Bill to make further provision for securing the health, safety and welfare of persons at work, for protecting others against risks to health or safety in connection with the activities of persons at work, for controlling the keeping and use and preventing the unlawful acquisition, possession and use of dangerous substances, and for controlling certain emissions into the atmosphere; to make further provision with respect to the employment medical advisory service; to amend the law relating to building regulations, and the Building (Scotland) Act 1959; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 74].

Private Detectives (Control) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Michael Fidler, supported by Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Deedes, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Greville Janner, and Mr. R. C. Mitchell, presented a Bill to provide for the licensing and control of private detectives: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 77].

European Community Secondary Legislation.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Second Report from the Select Committee on European Community Secondary Legislation in the last Session of Parliament.-(Mr. James Prior.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.-(Mr. Adam Butler.)

Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords].—The Slaughterhouses Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.-(Mr. Adam Butler.)

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 48 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Land Registry Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Registry Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 66 (Second reading committees), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Land Registry [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Land Registry [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a public authority to conduct the business of Her Majesty's Land Registry, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of sums required for making loans to that authority;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required for fulfilling guarantees given by the Treasury in respect of sums borrowed by that authority;

(3) the payment into the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund of sums falling to be paid into that Fund in pursuance of any provision of that Act;

(4) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses incurred by any Government department in consequence of any provision of that Act;

(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(Mr. Solicitor-General.)

Expenditure,—Ordered, That Mr. Michael Meacher be discharged from the Expenditure Committee and that Mr. David Reed be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Bernard Weatherill.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 24th January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:


Treaty Series (No. 8, 1974),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Freetown on 1st December 1972 and 2nd October 1973 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Sierra Leone, amending the Air Services Agreement signed at Freetown on 5th April 1962 [by Command].


Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th January 1974, entitled the National Health Service Functions (Administration Arrangements) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 36) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Tenth Report of the Expenditure Committee, Session 1972-73, relating to house improvement grants [by Command].

Mr. James Prior:

Dentists,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations 1974 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th January 1974, entitled the Judicial Pensions (Widows' and Children's Benefits) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 44) [by Act].
Friday, 25th January, 1974.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix I).

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Privilege,—Complaint having been made yesterday by Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Member for Bristol, South-East, of a letter from Messrs. Lovell, White & King, solicitors, acting for Aims of Industry, stating that they had been instructed to commence proceedings for defamation following a speech made by him in the House on the Second Reading of the Companies Bill and which, with earlier letters, he submitted, constituted a breach of the Privileges of this House:

The said letters were delivered in and read as follows:

1st November 1973

The Rt. Hon. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, M.P.,

Dear Sir,

Aims of Industry

Western Daily Press—4th October 1973

We are instructed by our above-named clients with reference to the report which appeared in the Western Daily Press of 4th October 1973 under the heading "Our enemies by Benn" which is said to be written by Gerrard Raven.

The article, of which our clients complain, contains the following passages:—

"It would be like the U.S. Watergate Affair, whose lessons could help the Labour movement.

Speaking to a jubilant Blackpool meeting organised by the Left-wing Tribune group, Mr. Benn said:

'President Nixon was ready to draw enormous sums of money from large corporations and then, by using whatever methods seemed best, without regard to moral scruples, to ensure he was returned to the White House.

That is the lesson of Watergate we have to hammer, and hammer again, as Aims of Industry and these massive campaigns get going'.

We have advised our clients that the passage which we have quoted is defamatory of them in that its meaning, both express and implied, is that they conduct the campaigns without regard to moral scruples and by illegal methods such as those used in the Watergate break-in and the subsequent "cover-up". We would be grateful if you would confirm that you have been reported correctly.

This is not the first occasion on which you have seen fit to comment about our clients at the same time as making references to Watergate. On the 2nd October 1973 in the BBC 1 Television programme similar references were made by you albeit in a less direct context.

Our clients have been advised by us that they enjoy a cause of action against you in slander and libel and in libel against the Western Daily Press and Mr. Gerrard Raven. Because the matter has come to their attention at a relatively late stage, they have instructed us not to institute proceedings forthwith but to seek your comments, meanwhile reserving all their rights.

If any further defamation of our clients is made by you however, we must make it quite clear that we are instructed to commence proceedings and to seek damages.

Yours faithfully,

Lovell, White & King.
6th December 1973

The Rt. Hon. *Anthony Wedgwood Benn*, M.P.

Dear Sir,

**Aims of Industry**

*Western Daily Press*—4th October 1973

We would respectfully refer to our letter of 1st November 1973 and must inform you that unless we have your comments within the next seven days, our clients will have no alternative but to consider instituting proceedings.

Yours faithfully,

Lovell, White & King.

21st January 1974

The Rt. Hon. *A. Wedgwood Benn*, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

**Aims of Industry**

*Western Daily Press*

We thank you for your letter of 11th December. It would assist us greatly if you quoted our reference.

We have now considered this letter with our clients and they have instructed us to commence proceedings. Will you please nominate solicitors to accept service on your behalf, thereby avoiding the necessity for personal service.

Yours faithfully,

Lovell, White & King.

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Ordered, That the matter of the Complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.
—(Mr. James Prior.)

Town and Country Amenities Bill.—The Town and Country Amenities Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Rehabilitation of Offenders Bill.—The Rehabilitation of Offenders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Rights of Women Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rights of Women Bill;

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

And it being Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

**Ordered,** That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Occupational Pensions (Equality of Treatment for Women) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupational Pensions (Equality of Treatment for Women) Bill;

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

Mines (Working Facilities and Support) (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) (Amendment) Bill;

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

Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill;

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

Adjournment.—**Resolved,** That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. John Stradling Thomas.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Friday 25th January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
National Health Service.—Copies of Orders, dated 14th January 1974, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Amendment of Trust Instruments) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 63), and
(2) the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Regulations 1973 Amendment Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 53)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:
Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th January 1974, entitled—
(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 64), and
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 65)
[by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:
Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th January 1974, entitled the Milk (Special Designation) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 62) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Agriculture.—Copies of Orders, dated 14th January 1974, entitled—
(1) the Agricultural Land Tribunals (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 67), and
(2) the Agricultural Land Tribunals (Areas) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 66)
[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. David Crouch (nominated in respect of the Companies Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Keith Stainton.

Channel Tunnel Bill (Select Committee).—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had discharged Mr. Ronald Bray from the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Bill and had added Mr. R. Bonner Pink.

[No. 51.]

Monday, 28th January, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Mr. Speaker's Illness and Absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting, and of the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Whereupon Mr. E. L. Mallalieu, the first Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The first Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix B).

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Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 28th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 143].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Standing Orders (Public Business),—The Order made on 13th December for printing the Standing Orders relating to Public Business, as amended, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Standing Order (Statutory Instruments) made on 20th November be printed [No. 142].

Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 1st March.

Anti-Harassment Bill,—Ordered, That the Anti-Harassment Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day's Sitting, Mr. Speaker shall put any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion relating to Cuts in Expenditure on Education not later than Seven o'clock.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Supply [10th allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Cuts in Expenditure on Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the cuts in the education service which will result from the Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement on 17th December last—(Mr. Roy Hattersley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "endorses the Government's decision for the reasons given in the statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 17th December to reduce during 1974-75 the demands on resources for the education programme, whilst substantially preserving the Government's essential educational priorities"—(Mrs. Secretary Thatcher);—instead thereof.

The Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Joseph Harper: 269.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being after Seven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings on the Motion.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Joseph Harper: 270.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House endorses the Government's decision for the reasons given in the statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 17th December to reduce during 1974-75 the demands on resources for the education programme, while substantially preserving the Government's essential educational priorities.

Cuts in Health and Welfare Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the savage cuts in the much needed expenditure on the Health Service and the social services; and demands that proper priority be given to these services—(Mr. John Silkin);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "endorses the Government's decision for the reasons given in the statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 17th December to reduce during 1974-75 the demands on resources for the health and personal social services programme, without altering the substance of that programme"—(Secretary Sir Keith Joseph);—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 279.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 278.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House endorses the Government's decision for the reasons given in the statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 17th December to reduce during 1974-75 the demands on resources for the health and personal social services programme, without altering the substance of that programme.

Value Added Tax,—Resolved, That the Value Added Tax (General) (No. 2) Order 1973, (S.I., 1973, No. 2151), a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th December, be approved.—(Mr. Terence L. Higgins.)

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put (pursuant to Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland)), That the Bill be committed to a Scottish Standing Committee—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith):—It was agreed to.

Crofting Reform (Scotland) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Crofting Reform (Scotland) [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confer new rights on crofters and cottars to acquire subjects tenanted or occupied by them; to confer rights on crofters to share in the value of land resumed by landlords; to make further provision as to financial assistance for crofters, cottars and certain owner-occupiers of crofts; to amend the law with respect to common grazings; to extend the powers of the Scottish Land Court; to make provision for pensions and compensation for members of the Crofters Commission; and for connected purposes, it is expedient to authorise—

1. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act in the expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under—
   (a) section 3(10) of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act 1911;
   (b) section 22(2) or 31(1) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1955;
   (c) Schedule 1 to the said Act of 1955 in the payment of pensions or compensation to members of the Crofters Commission;

2. The payment into the Consolidated Fund of all sums received by the Secretary of State by virtue of the said Act of the present Session—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith);

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

Tuesday, 29th January, 1974:

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr. David Price be added to the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Mr. Michael Jopling.)

Race Relations and Immigration,—Ordered, That Mr. Barney Hayhoe be discharged from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration and that Mr. John Cordle be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Michael Jopling.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.34 a.m.]
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Carr:
Charities.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Charities (Newton Poor’s Land) Order 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:
Pay Board.—Copy of the Report of the Pay Board for the period 1st September 1973 to 30th November 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 104].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
Nurses and Midwives.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Central Midwives Board (Constitution) Order 1974 [by Act].

Pensions.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th January 1974, entitled the War Pensions Committees (Amendment) Order 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Patents.—Copy of Rules, dated 21st January 1974, entitled the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 87) [by Act].

Price Commission.—Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st September to 30th November 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 93].

Mr. Patrick Jenkin:
Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th January 1974, entitled the Electricity (Industrial and Commercial Use) (Control) (Second Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 117) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Alan Haselhurst (nominated in respect of the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords]) and had appointed in substitution Dr. Glyn.

MEMORANDA

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Land Registry Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B and the Town and Country Amenities Bill and the Rehabilitation of Offenders Bill to Standing Committee C.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Captain Walter Elliot Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Solicitors (Amendment) Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords] in the place of Captain Walter Elliot.
Tuesday, 29th January, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Mr. Speaker's Illness,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting.

Whereupon Sir Robert Grant-Ferris, Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords],—A Motion being made, That the Harwich Harbour Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

Mrs. Secretary Thatcher, 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 in concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

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

British Transport Docks Bill,—The British Transport Docks Bill was read a second time and committed.

British Waterways Bill,—The British Waterways Bill was read a second time and committed.

Burmah-Total Refineries Trust Bill,—Ordered, That the Burmah-Total Refineries Trust Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Clifton Suspension Bridge Bill,—Ordered, That the Clifton Suspension Bridge Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill,—The Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill was read a second time and committed.

Morpeth Common Bill,—The Morpeth Common Bill was read a second time and committed.

Old London Road, Hythe Burial Ground Bill,—The Old London Road, Hythe Burial Ground Bill was read a second time and committed.

Spanish and Portuguese Jews' (Golders Green) Burial Ground Bill,—Ordered, That the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' (Golders Green) Burial Ground Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Thurrock District Council Bill,—The Thurrock District Council Bill was read a second time and committed.

University of Bristol Bill,—Ordered, That the University of Bristol Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Workington Harbour Bill,—The Workington Harbour Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Urban District Council of Bishop's Stortford for the retention of an acute general hospital and the maternity unit in Bishop's Stortford, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Wimboldsley, Cheshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973 (Petition of General Objection),—Mr. Thomas Oswald reported from the Joint Committee to whom a Petition of Leslie Nicholas and Anthony Nicholas of General Objection against the Wimboldsley, Cheshire, Compulsory Rights Order 1973 was referred, That they had considered the said Petition; and had directed him to report the Order without Amendment to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Order and Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.
Science and Technology.—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, 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 (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 145].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Sea Bed Engineering Sub-Committee on 29th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-iii].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to control dumping in the sea; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Dumping at Sea Bill [Lords].

Dumping at Sea Bill [Lords],—The Dumping at Sea Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 80].

Container and Packaging Control Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 8th February, the Container and Packaging Control Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 1st March.

Public Acquisition of Land,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the acquisition by local authorities of land to be used for housing, for other building and for other purposes: And that Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. Reginald Freeson, Mr. Frederick Willey, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Arthur Blinkinsop, Mr. Charles Loughlin, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mrs. Renée Short, and Mr. Stanley Orme do prepare and bring it in.

Public Acquisition of Land Bill,—Mr. Frank Allaun accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the acquisition by local authorities of land to be used for housing, for other building and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 12th July and to be printed [Bill 79].

Public Expenditure,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the White Paper on Public Expenditure to 1977-78 (Command Paper No. 5519) (Mr. Tom Boardman);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "pays tribute to the work of the Expenditure Committee and its Sub-committees, but condemns the White Paper on Public Expenditure to 1977-78 (Command Paper No. 5519) in conjunction with the statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 17th December 1973 for failing to meet the needs of the serious economic crisis facing the nation; and particularly deplores the concentration on cuts in public services whilst failing to reverse the taxation and industrial policies that have done so much to create the present emergency"—(Mr. Joel Barnett), instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Walter Harrison: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Paul Hawkins: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of the White Paper on Public Expenditure to 1977-78 (Command Paper No. 5519).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Pensions (Increase) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(The Prime Minister.)

Pensions (Increase) Bill,—The Pensions (Increase) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.

Pensions (Increase) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendations having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Pensions (Increase) [Money]:
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for
increases of certain official pensions, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of
money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by government departments,
and of any increase in the sums payable under any other enactment out of money so
provided, where the expenditure or increase results from provisions included in the
Act with respect to pensions other than Service pensions for the purpose of—

(a) increasing the rates of pensions in respect of service ending after 31st December
1972 and before 6th November 1975; or
(b) enabling a Minister of the Crown at his discretion to alter provisions of the Act
by regulations; or
(c) raising the age specified in section 3(3)(b) and (6) of the Pensions (Increase) Act
1971 from 16 to 17 years; or
(d) authorising increases under the said Act of 1971 of widow's pensions for
pensioners under the age of 40;

and for the purposes of this Resolution "pension" has the same meaning as in the said
Act of 1971. (Mr. Kenneth Baker.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes to Twelve
o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.49 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 29th January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Iron and Steel.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th December
1973 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be-
printed [No. 144].

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

Sudan (No. 1, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Khartoum on 15th November
1973, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government
of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, concerning public officers' pensions (The
Public Officers' Pensions (Sudan) Agreement 1973) (The Agreement is not in force)
[by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 10, 1974).—Copy of a Convention, made at Montreal on 23rd
September 1971, for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of civil
aviation [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 11, 1974).—Copy of Notes exchanged at Amman on 4th and 10th
September 1973 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the
Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, concerning an interest-free develop-
ment loan by Her Majesty's Government to the Government of Jordan for afforestation,
electricity and phosphates projects [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Protection of Aircraft.—Report of the number of notices served under Section 8, and
the number of directions given under Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Protection of
Aircraft Act 1973 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry during the period
25th July to 31st December 1973 [by Act].

Mr. James Prior:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes, made on 7th November
1973—

(1) by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the
College, and

(2) by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Oxford, amending the Statutes
of the College

[by Act].
MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 29th January 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee.

[No. 53.]

Wednesday, 30th January, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Mr. Speaker's Illness.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. Speaker from this day's Sitting.

Whereupon Sir Robert Grant-Ferris, Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Ashdown Forest Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ashdown Forest Bill;

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

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

Burmah-Total Oil Refineries Trust Bill.—The Order of the day being read; for the Second Reading of the Burmah-Total Oil Refineries Trust Bill;

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

Clifton Suspension Bridge Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clifton Suspension Bridge Bill;

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

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

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

London Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Transport Bill;

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

Spanish and Portuguese Jews' (Golders Green) Burial Ground Bill.—The Spanish and Portuguese Jews' (Golders Green) Burial Ground Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

University of Bristol Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of Bristol Bill;

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

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment and Home Office Sub-Committee on 30th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 18-ix].

Science and Technology.—Ordered, That the Select Committee on Science and Technology have leave to report to the House the Memoranda laid before the Energy Resources Sub-Committee.
Science and Technology.—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, that they had directed him to report the Memoranda laid before the Energy Resources Sub-Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 73-vi].

Selection.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the public broadcasting, by sound and television, of the proceedings of Parliament—(Mr. Dick Leonard);

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. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. David Price: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Pannell, Mr. Neil Marten: 189.

So the Question was negatived.

Road Traffic Bill [Lords].—The Road Traffic Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Road Traffic [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Road Traffic [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to road traffic, operators’ licences and drivers’ hours, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to the said Act; and

(2) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of such money under any other Act.—(Mr. Keith Speed.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Unit Pricing Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s Sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Walder.)

Unit Pricing Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Unit Pricing Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Channel Tunnel Bill.—Ordered, That Dr. Gerard Vaughan be discharged from the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Bill and that Mr. J. R. Kinsey be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Hicks.)

Expenditure.—Ordered, That Dr. Gerard Vaughan be discharged from the Expenditure Committee and that Mr. Robert Boscawen be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Hicks.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit seven minutes to Eleven o’clock adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 30th January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Bank Notes.—Copies of Treasury Minutes—
(1) dated 9th January 1974, and
(2) dated 10th January 1974
relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 146 and 147].
Mr. Secretary Campbell:
Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders, dated 17th January 1974, entitled—
(1) the Herring (North Sea Fishing) Licensing Order (S.I., 1974, No. 75), and
(2) the Herring (North Sea) Restrictions on Landing Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 74)
(by Act).

Mr. Patrick Jenkin:
Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th January 1974, entitled
the Electricity (Industrial and Commercial Use) (Control) (Third Amendment) Order
1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 137) [by Act].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That
they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of
the Land Registry Bill (Lords), viz. : Mr. James Allason, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr.
Daniel Awdry, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Donald Coleman, Sir Geoffrey
de Freitas, Mr. Green, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Mark Hughes, Sir Elwyn Jones, Mr.
Alexander Lyon, Mrs. Monks, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Idris Owen, and Mr. Solicitor
General.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had
nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Town
and Country Amenities Bill, viz. : Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr.
Robert Cooke, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Costain, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mr. Eldon
Griffiths, Mr. William Hamilton, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Gordon
Oakes, Mr. John Parker, Sir John Rodgers, Mr. Sandys, Dame Joan Vickers, and Mr.
Jerry Wiggin.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had
nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the
Rehabilitation of Offenders Bill, viz. : Mr. Peter Archer, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr.
Crowder, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. John Foster, Mr. Hugh Fraser,
Mr. Percy Greve, Mr. William Hamling, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. McCrindle, Mr.
Kenneth Marks, Mr. Ernle Money, Mr. Rees-Davies, Dame Joan Vickers, and Mr.
David Weitzman.

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That
they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee
in respect of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill, viz. : Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr.
Ian Campbell, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr.
James Hamilton, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Ian MacArthur, Mr.
Robert Maclean, Mr. Michael Noble, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Donald
Stewart, Mr. Gavin Strang, and Mr. Patrick Wolrige-Gordon.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 30th January 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Commit-
tees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Miss Joan Quennell Chairman of Standing Committee
C in respect of the Town and Country Amenities Bill and Mr. John Brewis an additional
Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Merchant Shipping Bill.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered
to be printed (see Appendix I).

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Deedes reported from the Select Committee on
Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes
of the Evidence taken before them on 30th and 31st January.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 72-iii and 72-iv].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill,—The Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committee of Bills).

Independent Broadcasting Authority [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Independent Broadcasting Authority [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision as to the payments to be made to the Independent Broadcasting Authority by television programme contractors, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of amounts falling to be paid to programme contractors by way of adjusting overpayments made by those contractors.  
(Sir John Eden.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 31st January 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home:

Shipping (Miscellaneous No. 2, 1974),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 13th July 1973, on space requirements for special trade passenger ships 1973 (with Final Act and Resolutions) (the Protocol has not been accepted by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th July 1973, entitled the Borough of Todmorden (Todmorden Cricket Ground) Appropriation Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. James Prior:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th January 1974, entitled the Air Navigation (Sixth Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 111) [by Act].


Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th January 1974, entitled the Fugitive Offenders (Designated Commonwealth Countries) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 110) [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:

River Authorities,—Copies of the Reports of—

1 the Avon and Dorset River Authority for the year ended 31st March 1971, and
2 the Usk River Authority for the year ended 31st March 1973
[by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:


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Closure claimed. Assent withheld.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Harold Gorden reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Austen Albu (nominated in respect of the Companies Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. James Lamond.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 31st January 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of standing committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill.

Friday, 1st February, 1974.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

Mr. Speaker’s Illness.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. Speaker from this day’s sitting.

Whereupon Mr. E. L. Mallalieu, the First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means took the chair.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Youth and Community Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Youth and Community Bill;

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

Mr. David Steel rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr. Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question:—Debate resumed.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Scottish and Welsh Parliaments Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish and Welsh Parliaments Bill;

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

Mr. Patrick Jenkin acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Counsellors of State, acting on Her Majesty’s behalf during Her absence from the United Kingdom, to acquaint the House that they, on behalf of Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, were content to place Her Prerogative, so far as it is affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

And the Question being proposed:—Debate arising;

And it being Four o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered. That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 17th May.

Hare Coursing Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hare Coursing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 3rd May.
Historic Churches Preservation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Historic Churches Preservation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th February.

Rights of Women Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 25th January, That the Rights of Women Bill be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Occupational Pensions (Equality of Treatment for Women) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupational Pensions (Equality of Treatment for Women) Bill;

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

Mines (Working Facilities and Support) (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) (Amendment) Bill;

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

Anti-Harassment Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anti-Harassment Bill;

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

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

And the Question having been proposed after Four o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 1st February 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Poisons,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 18th January 1974, entitled the Poisons List Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 80), and

(2) Rules, dated 18th January 1974, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 81)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Campbell:

Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th January 1974, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 83) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th January 1974, entitled the Water Authorities (Retirement of Chief Officers) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 73) [by Act].


Transport,—Statements of determinations of the pensions payable to—

(1) certain members of the British Railways Board, and

(2) a member of the National Freight Corporation

[by Act].

Sir John Eden:

Post Office,—Statement of the pension payable on retirement to a member of the Post Office [by Act].

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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education and Arts Sub-Committee on 4th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 156].

Selection.—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Rabies Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Rabies Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. John Stradling Thomas.)

Evidence.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Eleventh Report of the Criminal Law Revision Committee on Evidence (Command Paper No. 4991).—(Mr. Mark Carlisle.)

Legal Aid Bill [Lords].—The Legal Aid Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 43 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Hall-Davis.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 4th February 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd January 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Hospital Trust Property) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 103) [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:

Agriculture,—Statement of Exchequer Payments in Aid of Schemes for Agriculture in Northern Ireland for the year ending 31st March 1974 [by Act].
The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).—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 Norfolk County Council (Fakenham Western By-Pass) Compulsory Purchase Order 1972 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Channel Tunnel Bill (Select Committee).—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Toby Jessel from the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Bill and had added Mr. Anthony Kershaw.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 4th February 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill to Standing Committee B, the Youth and Community Bill to Standing Committee C and the Road Traffic Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee F.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (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, referred after the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz:—

Workington Harbour Bill.

Bill committed.

Ashdown Forest Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ashdown Forest Bill;

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

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

Burmah-Total Refineries Trust Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burmah-Total Refineries Trust Bill;

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

Clifton Suspension Bridge Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clifton Suspension Bridge Bill;

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

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

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

London Transport Bill.—The London Transport Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.
University of Bristol Bill.—The University of Bristol Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Orkney County Council Bill.—Ordered, That any Committee to which the Orkney County Council Bill may be referred by the Committee of Selection have power to adjourn from place to place.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Putney and other places, for an inquiry into responsibility for the control of Putney and Wimbledon Commons, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Albert Booth reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords 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 a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13–ix].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Albert Booth 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 (Eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 14–viii].

Consumer Credit Bill,—Mr. Carol Johnson reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Consumer Credit Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 82].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 158].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Horticulture (Special Payments) Bill, without Amendment.

Sunday Entertainments,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Sunday Observance Act 1780—(Mr. John Parker);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Dick Leonard: 87.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Donald Stewart: 103.

So the Question was negatived.

Housing and Planning Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing and Planning Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and add the words "this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fails to deal adequately with the fundamental causes of the steadily worsening housing situation"—(Mr. Anthony Crosland), instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Ernest Perry: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. David Walder: 212.

So the Question was negatived.

And the main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 39 (Amendment on second or third reading):—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Housing and Planning [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing and Planning [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the functions of the Housing Corporation and to provide for the registration of, and the giving of financial assistance to, certain housing associations, to make provision for housing action areas, and to make further provision in relation to general improvement areas, to provide for the making of grants towards the improvement, repair and provision of housing accommodation and for the compulsory improvement of such accommodation, to make provision concerning unoccupied office premises, to amend the law relating to expenditure by local authorities and other bodies in connection with the provision and improvement of housing accommodation and of hostels and to amend the Housing Finance Act 1972, it is expedient to authorise—

1. the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required for the payment, in pursuance of the said Act,—
   (a) of grants to registered housing associations,
   (b) of grants to housing authorities in Scotland in respect of expenditure on housing projects relating to hostels,
   (c) of contributions to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by them in making certain grants and in giving assistance towards the carrying out of works to the exterior of buildings,
   (d) of contributions to local authorities and certain other bodies having housing functions in respect of expenses incurred by them in providing and improving dwellings in circumstances where a grant might be paid under the said Act to a private individual, and
   (e) of salaries and other remuneration to members of the Housing Associations Registration Advisory Committee;

2. the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to the said Act and of any other outgoings of the Secretary of State attributable to provisions of the said Act relating to unoccupied office premises;

3. any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament or out of the National Loans Fund under any other Act;

4. the issue out of the National Loans Funds of any sums necessary to enable the Secretary of State to make—
   (a) loans under any provision of the said Act to the Housing Corporation, and
   (b) payments to the Housing Corporation of any sums necessary to enable the Corporation to meet any obligation arising by virtue of a guarantee given by them under any provision of the said Act;

5. the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantee given by them under any provision of the said Act in respect of sums borrowed by the Housing Corporation; and

6. the payment into any Public Fund of any sums falling to be so paid by virtue of the said Act.—(Mr. Reginald Eyre)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Hall-Davis.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 5th February 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Police,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Thames Valley Police (Amalgamation) Order 1974 [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th August 1973, entitled the Clowne Rural (Fox Green, Creswell) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].


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Wednesday, 6th February, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—A Paper was presented (see Appendix I).

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Employment and Social Services Sub-Committee on 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 157-i].

Expenditure,—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment and Home Office Sub-Committee on 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 18-xl].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Airey Neave reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Sea Bed Engineering Sub-Committee on 5th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-iv].

Selection,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Town and Country Amenities Bill,—Miss Quennell reported from Standing Committee C, that they had gone through the Town and Country Amenities Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 15th February; and to be printed [Bill 84].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 159].

Transplant of Human Organs,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the transplant of human organs: And that Mr. Tam Dalyell, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Richard Crossman, Mr. Douglas Houghton, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. Robert Maclellan, Dr. Miller, Mr. Brian O'Malley, Dr. David Owen, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, and Miss Mervyn Pike do prepare and bring it in.

Transplant of Human Organs Bill,—Mr. Tam Dalyell accordingly presented a Bill to facilitate the transplant of human organs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 83].

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

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

Expenditure,—Ordered, That Mr. Ron Lewis be discharged from the Expenditure Committee and that Dr. Miller be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.1 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 6th February 1974

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Attorney General:

Spanish and Portuguese Jews' (Golders Green) Burial Ground Bill,—Report of the Attorney General on the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' (Golders Green) Burial Ground Bill [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill, viz.: Mr. Jeffrey Archer, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. David Crouch, Sir John Eden, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. John Golding, Mr. John Grant, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Mr. Charles R. Morris, Mr. John Nott, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Dennis Skinner, and Mr. John Stradling Thomas.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Youth and Community Bill, viz.: Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Mr. Barry Jones, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Lamont, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Miss Joan Lester, Sir Gilbert Longden, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. David Weitzman, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty-Six Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Housing and Planning Bill, viz.: Mr. James Allason, Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Benyon, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Reginald Freeson, Mr. David Gibson-Watt, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Hall-Davis, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Dick Leonard, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Idris Owen, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Ted Rowlands, Mr. Julius Silverman, Sir George Sinclair, and Mr. Edward M. Taylor.

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Road Traffic Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Michael Cocks, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Leslie Hockfield, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. John Osborn, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. David Stoddart, Dame Joan Vickers, Mr. James White, and Mr. Roger White.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Harold Gurden reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Rabies Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Burden, Mr. David Clark, Mr. Drayson, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Miss Joan Hall, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. John Holte, Mr. Clive Hughes, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 6th February 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Housing and Planning Bill to Standing Committee D.
Thursday, 7th February, 1974.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (See Appendix).

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, 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 (Sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 167].

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, 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 (Seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 168].

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, 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 (Eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 169].

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 29th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 99-ix].

Expenditure.—Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report so much of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee, the Employment and Social Services Sub-Committee, the Environment and Home Office Sub-Committee and the General Sub-Committee as had not previously been reported.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) have leave to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee on 16th January.

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. James Prior reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee on 16th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings on 22nd and 29th January be printed [No. 100-ii].

Nationalised Industries.—Sir John Hall reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries in the last Session of Parliament, referred to the Committee on 8th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Public Accounts.—Mr. Edmund Dell reported from the Committee of Public Accounts that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 28th and 30th January and on 4th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Deedes reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 171-i].
Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords].—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 86].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 162].

Expenditure.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Expenditure Committee be printed [No. 170].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration be printed [No. 163].

Science and Technology.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Science and Technology be printed [No. 160].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 13-x].

Companies Bill,—Minutes of Proceedings of Standing Committee A on the Companies Bill to be laid before the House.—(Mr. Harold Garden.)

Merchant Shipping Bill,—Minutes of Proceedings of Standing Committee E on the Merchant Shipping Bill to be laid before the House.—(Sir Stephen McAdden.)

Standing Orders (Public Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business, as amended, be printed [No. 161].

Emergency Powers (Proclamation).—Mr. Secretary Carr acquainted the House, That he had a Message sent on behalf of The Queen to this House, signed on Her Majesty's behalf by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon:—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 follows:

The Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, having enacted that if it appears to Her Majesty that there have occurred or are about to occur events of such a nature as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel or light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial proportion of the community, of the essentials of life, Her Majesty may, by Proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists:

And Her Majesty having on the ninth day of January 1974 made, in pursuance thereof, a Proclamation declaring that the industrial disputes affecting persons employed in the coal mines and on the railways and the reduction of oil supplies reaching Great Britain did, in Her opinion, constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920 as so amended, which Proclamation does not remain in force for more than one month:

We, Counsellors of State, to whom have been delegated certain Royal Functions as specified in Letters Patent dated the twenty-fourth day of January 1974, being of the opinion that the continuance of the said industrial disputes and the continued reduction in those oil supplies constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920 as so amended, have, in pursuance thereof, made on Her Majesty's behalf a Proclamation dated the seventh day of February 1974 declaring that a state of emergency exists.

Ordered, That the Most Gracious Message sent on behalf of The Queen be considered to-morrow.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Supply,—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Business of Supply; Resolved, That this House will to-morrow consider the Business of Supply.

Business of the House (Appropriation Bill).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament; that, notwithstanding the practice of the House relating to the interval between the various stages of bills of aids and supplies, more than one stage of any Bill brought in pursuant to this Order may be proceeded with at this day's sitting; and that so soon as any such Bill has been read a second time the House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Terence L. Higgins.)
Ordered, That the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Tom Boardman, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, and Mr. John Nott, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Appropriation Bill.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins accordingly presented a Bill to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed [Bill 67].

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee, pursuant to the Order of the House this day.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedules A and B agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 93 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

Representation of the People,—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to increase the limits on candidates' election expenses at elections to the Parliament of the United Kingdom, and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Secretary Carr, Mr. James Prior, Mr. Secretary Campbell, Mr. Secretary Pym, and Mr. Mark Carlisle, do prepare and bring it in.

Representation of the People Bill,—Mr. Mark Carlisle accordingly presented a Bill to increase the limits on candidates' election expenses at elections to the Parliament of the United Kingdom, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed [Bill 85].

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Michael Jopling and Mr. Adam Butler were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Pensions (Increase) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pensions (Increase) Bill.
(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past Eight o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.22 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 7th February 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 7th February 1974, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Department of Employment [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order dated 31st January 1974, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Morocco) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 143) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 5th February 1974, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 1) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 166), and
(2) dated 30th January 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 132) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Carr:

Electoral Law,—Copy of the Fourth Interim Report of Mr. Speaker's Conference on Electoral Law [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Campbell:

Representation of the People,—Copy of Rules, dated 21st January 1974, entitled the Scottish Local Elections Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 82) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Social Security,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th February 1974, entitled the Social Security Act 1973 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 164) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Local Government,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 6th February 1974, entitled the Charter Trustees Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 176),

(2) dated 6th February 1974, entitled the Local Government (Differential Precepting and Rating) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 177),

(3) dated 30th January 1974, entitled the Local Government (Road Traffic and Highways) (Transitional Provisions) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 142), and

(4) dated 31st January 1974, entitled the Local Government (Staff Transfer Schemes and Community Councils) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 147)

(by Act).


Pensions,—Copy of Rules, dated 5th February 1974, entitled the Superannuation (Southampton University (School of Navigation) and Southampton City Council) Interchange Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 162) [by Act].

Roads,—Copy of the Report on Roads in England for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 152].

Water Resources,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th January 1974, entitled the Devon River Authority (River Haddeo Discharge) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 124) [by Act].

Mr. James Prior:

Emergency Powers,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th February 1974, entitled the Emergency (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 175) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Dangerous Drugs,—Copy of Rules, dated 22nd January 1974, entitled the Misuse of Drugs Tribunal (England and Wales) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 85) [by Act].

Insolvency Services,—Copy of the Companies Liquidation Accounts and the Insolvency Services Investment Account for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 172].

National Loans Fund,—Copy of Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 173].


Radiological Protection,—Statement of Account of the National Radiological Protection Board for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 174].


The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

PRIVATE Bills (Suspension).—Ordered, That—

(1) the Promoters of every Private Bill which has originated in this House, and the title of which is included in the Schedule to this Order, shall have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereon in order to proceed with that Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session;

(2) the Agent for the Promoters of any such Bill intending to suspend any further proceeding thereon shall give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office not later than Five o'clock this day of their intention to suspend further proceeding thereon or, if the Bill having passed this House, is then pending in the House of Lords, of their intention to proceed with the same Bill in this House in the next Session; provided that all fees due upon any such Bill up to that date be paid:

(3) an alphabetical list of all such Bills, with a statement of the stage at which they have been suspended, shall be prepared by the Clerks in the Private Bill Office and printed:

(4) every such Bill shall be presented to the House not later than the third day on which the House sits after the next meeting of Parliament;

(5) there shall be deposited with every Bill so presented a declaration signed by the Agent for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill with respect to which proceedings have been suspended at the last stage of its proceeding in this House in the present Session;

(6) every Bill so presented shall be laid by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the Table of the House on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the causes of Her Majesty's calling the Parliament have been declared thereunto;

(7) every Bill so laid on the Table shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time (if the Bill has been read a second time before its suspension) and if such Bill has been reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means in the present Session, it shall be ordered to be read the third time;

(8) all Petitions against any Bill presented in the present Session which stood referred to the Committee on the Bill shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session;

(9) any Standing Orders complied with in respect of any Bill originating in the House of Lords, upon which the proceedings have been suspended in that House, shall be deemed to have been complied with in respect of such Bill if the same is brought from the House of Lords in the next Session, and any notices published or given and any deposits made in respect of such Bill for the present Session shall be held to have been published, given and made, respectively for the Bill so brought from the House of Lords in the next Session;

(10) no further Fees shall be charged in respect of any proceeding on a Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.

SCHEDULE

Ashdown Forest Bill
British Railways Bill
British Transport Docks Bill
British Waterways Bill
Burmah-Total Refineries Trust Bill
Clifton Suspension Bridge Bill
Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill
London Transport Bill
Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill
Morpeth Common Bill
Old London Road, Hythe, Burial Ground Bill
Orkney County Council Bill
Spanish and Portuguese Jews' (Golders Green) Burial Ground Bill
Thurrock District Council Bill
University of Bristol Bill
Workington Harbour Bill
Zetland County Council Bill.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Public Bills (Suspension of Standing Orders Relating to Private Business),—Ordered, That—

(1) all Standing Orders complied with in respect of any Public Bill presented during the present Session shall be held to have been complied with in respect of any Bill presented in the next Session which is the same in every respect as the Bill which was presented in the present Session; and where the Examiner has reported that the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of any such Bill, he shall report only whether any further Standing Orders are applicable;

(2) Any Petitions against the Bill presented in pursuance of any Order of the House of the present Session and not withdrawn shall stand referred to any Select Committee to whom the Bill may be committed in the next Session;

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. John Peyton.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. James Prior reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 22nd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, 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 (Second Special Report [Inquiry not completed].

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 107].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 107].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 24th, 26th, 28th and 30th January and 2nd, 5th and 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 54-iv].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Mr. Michael Stewart reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 16th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edmund Dell reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 23rd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Pensions (Increase) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Representation of the People Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Biological Weapons Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Charlwood and Horley Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Appropriation Bill, without Amendment.

Race Relations and Immigration—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration be printed [No. 177].
Business of the House,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of the Order relative to Business of the House made on 31st October, Government business shall have precedence at this day's sitting.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Emergency Powers.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Most Gracious Message sent on behalf of the Queen to this House yesterday relating to the Proclamation by Counsellors of State on Her Majesty's behalf under the Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964.

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

The Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, having enacted that if it appears to Her Majesty that there have occurred or are about to occur events of such a nature as to be calculated, by interfering with the supply and distribution of food, water, fuel or light, or with the means of locomotion, to deprive the community, or any substantial proportion of the community, of the essentials of life, Her Majesty may, by Proclamation, declare that a state of emergency exists:

And Her Majesty having on the ninth day of January 1974 made, in pursuance thereof, a Proclamation declaring that the industrial disputes affecting persons employed in the coal mines and on the railways and the reduction of oil supplies reaching Great Britain did, in Her opinion, constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920 as so amended, which Proclamation does not remain in force for more than one month:

We, Counsellors of State, to whom have been delegated certain Royal Functions as specified in Letters Patent dated the twenty-fourth day of January 1974, being of the opinion that the continuance of the said industrial disputes and the continued reduction in those oil supplies constitute a state of emergency within the meaning of the said Act of 1920 as so amended, have, in pursuance thereof, made on Her Majesty's behalf a Proclamation dated the seventh day of February 1974 declaring that a state of emergency exists.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, thanking Her Majesty for the Most Gracious Message sent on Her behalf and communicating to this House that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, to whom had been delegated certain Royal functions as specified in Letters Patent dated the 24th day of January 1974, had deemed it proper by Proclamation made on Her Majesty's behalf and in pursuance of the Emergency Powers Act 1920, as amended by the Emergency Powers Act 1964, and dated 7th February 1974, to declare that a state of emergency exists.—(Mr. Mark Carlisle.)

Address to 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.

Emergency Powers.—Resolved, That the Regulations made by Order in Council under the Emergency Powers Act 1920 and dated 7th February 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th February, shall continue in force after the expiration of the period mentioned in section 2(2) of the said Act, subject however to the provisions of section 2(4) thereof.—(Mr. Mark Carlisle.)

European Parliament,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Orders relative to membership of the European Parliament, made on 19th December and 3rd April in the last Session of Parliament, be Standing Orders of the House.—(Mr. John Davies);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. David Walder: 63.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Arthur Lewis: 19.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Orders relative to membership of the European Parliament, made on 19th December and 3rd April in the last Session of Parliament, be Standing Orders of the House.

Dentists.—Resolved, That the Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved.—(Mr. Michael Allison.)

Message to attend the Lords Commissioners,—A Message from the Lords Commissioners was delivered by the 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 for proroguing the
present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to several Acts, and for proroguing this present Parliament.

The Royal Assent was given to the following Acts:—


And afterwards Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of Her Majesty's Commands), as follows:

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

My husband and I had the pleasure of visiting New Zealand, where we attended the Commonwealth Games. I also had the pleasure of visiting the Cook Islands.

My husband and I were pleased to welcome to this country the President of Zaire and Madame Mobutu.

My Ministers welcome Grenada as a new partner in the Commonwealth.

My Government have continued to make a strong contribution to the work of the European Economic Community. The meeting of Heads of State or Government at Copenhagen in December was the first of a planned series of meetings which will give a continuing impetus to the Community's progress.

Agreement has been reached between Member States on the content of a Social Action Programme designed to benefit very many people in the Community. Discussions on a Regional Development Fund are still in progress.

The Community has reached agreement on the measures to be included in a second stage of progress towards Economic and Monetary Union.

In this 25th year of the North Atlantic Alliance My Government have continued to work to strengthen the Alliance in discharging its vital role in the preservation of peace and security.

My Government have attached major importance to the development of closer understanding between East and West. They have played a full part in working for the success of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and in the opening stages of the negotiations for force reductions in Central Europe.

My Government have continued to attach the highest importance to the relations of the United Kingdom and of the European Community with the United States. Fruitful co-operation with Japan has continued to develop. My Ministers have had useful contacts with their counterparts in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, They have also had useful meetings with Ministers of governments of a number of East European countries. Relations with China have continued to develop favourably.

My Government have welcomed the opening of negotiations in Geneva on the disengagement of forces in the Middle East as a first step towards the establishment of a just and assured peace.

My Ministers have continued to play an active part in the development of a reformed international monetary system.

My Government have welcomed the proposal of the President of the United States for a conference of oil importing countries, to be followed by a conference with the oil producing countries.

My Government have concluded an interim agreement on fisheries with the Government of Iceland.
In Northern Ireland an Executive of the Assembly has entered into office and, in accordance with the constitutional arrangements, powers have been devolved upon the Assembly. After successful discussions between My Government, the Northern Ireland Executive and the Government of the Republic of Ireland, work has begun directed towards the development of mutual co-operation.

My Armed Forces and the Royal Ulster Constabulary continue to make their contribution towards the restoration of peace in Northern Ireland. They merit the highest praise.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:
I thank you for the provision which you have made for the public services.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:
My Government have continued to pursue policies to counter the threat which inflation poses to the prosperity of the nation and to the maintenance of a fair and orderly society. They have sought to bring about settlement of industrial disputes in ways consistent with these objectives.

Measures have been announced to increase taxation on higher incomes and to reduce public expenditure, to help to meet the changed situation created by the higher prices of oil and the restricted supply of sources of energy.

My Ministers have acted promptly to minimise the disruption of industry and commerce due to shortages of energy. Legislation has been passed to provide additional powers of control over fuel and electricity.

Proposals have been announced for increases in the taxation of profits from land and property development and for ensuring that empty office blocks are brought into occupation.

Legislation has been introduced to give additional help to the voluntary housing movement and to improve living conditions in the worst housing areas.

A Bill has been introduced extending controls over waste disposal, water pollution, air pollution and noise. Measures have been tabled to control dumping at sea and to make provision concerning oil pollution by ships.

A Bill has been brought forward making better provision for the health and safety of workers and the public.

Legislation has been introduced providing for important reforms in company law.

As part of My Government's programme to ensure improved protection for consumers, measures have been laid before you to reform and extend the law relating to credit and to provide for unit pricing.

A Bill has been introduced to provide for the licensing of sports grounds in the interests of the safety of spectators.

Legislation has been brought forward to promote road safety, to improve the control of traffic and promote greater flexibility in the provision of rural road transport.

An Act has been passed to provide initial finance for the Channel Tunnel and a further Bill has been introduced to provide for its construction and operation.

Legislation has been passed to reform certain aspects of local government finance in England and Wales and to establish machinery for investigating complaints of maladministration in local government.

Legislation has been brought forward on the reform of crofting and parts of the law relating to land tenure in Scotland.

A measure has been introduced to strengthen the laws against indecent public advertisement and display; and to extend the controls over cinematograph exhibitions.

Legislation has been passed to mitigate the effect on the pension entitlement of certain civil servants and other public service employees of the Counter-Inflation (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:
I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:—

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission which has been now read we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Tuesday the twelfth day of this instant February, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the twelfth day of this instant February.
APPENDIX
Friday 8th February 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Terence L. Higgins:
Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 4th February 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 161), and
(2) dated 5th February 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Morocco) (Reductions) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 167)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Carr:
Representation of the People,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th February 1974, entitled the Representation of the People Regulations 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Campbell:
Crofters, Cottars and Small Landholders (Scotland),—Copy of a Scheme, dated 18th January 1974, entitled the Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 118) [by Act].
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th January 1974, entitled the Central Institutions (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 102) [by Act].
National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th February 1974, entitled the National Health Service Reorganisation (Retirement of Senior Officers) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 182) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Whitelaw:
Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 24th January 1974, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Air Transport and Travel) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 105), and
[by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
Children and Young Persons,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th February 1974, entitled the Children and Young Persons (Planning Areas) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 163) [by Act].
National Health Service,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 5th February 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Vehicles) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 168),
(2) dated 7th February 1974, entitled the Health Authorities and Local Authorities Joint Consultative Committees Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 190),
(3) dated 7th February 1974, entitled the Central Health Services Council (Variation of Constitution) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 186), and
(4) dated 8th February 1974, entitled the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 188)
[by Act].

National Health Service,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 4th February 1974, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 160),
(2) dated 6th February 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Medical Examinations—Educationally Sub-normal Children) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 183),
(3) dated 7th February 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Central Health Services Council and Standing Advisory Committees) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 187),
(4) dated 8th February 1974, entitled the National Health Service Reorganisation (Retirement of Senior Officers) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 189), and
(5) dated 8th February 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Family Practice Committee—Supply of Goods) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 191)
[by Act].

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Monopolies and Mergers,—Report of the Department of Trade and Industry on the operation of the Monopolies and Mergers Acts 1948 and 1965, for the period 1st January to 31st October 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 175].
Mr. Secretary Rippon:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th February 1974, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Rents) (England and Wales) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 184) [by Act].

Town and Country Planning,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th February 1974, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 185) [by Act].

Mr. Joseph Godber:

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders),—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of his proceedings during the year ended 31st January 1974 under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 23rd January 1974, entitled the Demersal Fish (Northwest Atlantic) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 107),
(2) dated 23rd January 1974, entitled the Hake (Regulation of Landing) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 106), and
(3) dated 7th February 1974, entitled the Fishing Nets (Northwest Atlantic) (Variation) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 192) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:


Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Companies Bill,—Minutes of Proceedings of Standing Committee A on the Companies Bill [pursuant to Order yesterday]; to be printed [No. 164].

Merchant Shipping Bill,—Minutes of Proceedings of Standing Committee E on the Merchant Shipping Bill [pursuant to Order yesterday]; to be printed [No. 165].

Medical Research Council,—Account of the Medical Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

National Insurance,—Accounts of the National Insurance Fund, the National Insurance (Reserve) Fund and the Industrial Injuries Fund for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 178].
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