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A PROCLAMATION

For Dissolving the Present Parliament, and Declaring the Calling of Another

ELIZABETH R.

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

Given at Our Court at Balmoral, this twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventy-four and in the twenty-third year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN
Session 1974-75

The Parliament begun and held at the City of Westminster, on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of October, in the twenty-third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady ELIZABETH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith; and in the year of our Lord 1974.

On which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, pursuant to Proclamation (hereunto annexed), at half-past Two o'clock, David William Shuckburgh Lidderdale, Esquire, C.B., Clerk of the House of Commons, Richard Douglas Barlas, Esquire, C.B., O.B.E., and Charles Addison Somerville Snowden Gordon, Esquire, C.B., Clerks Assistant, attending in the House, and the other Clerks attending, according to their duty, Sir Denis Dobson, K.C.B., O.B.E., Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in Great Britain, delivered to the said David William Shuckburgh Lidderdale, Esquire, a Book, containing a List of the Names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament:

Several of the Members repaired to their Seats.

The Right Honourable George Russell Strauss took the Chair, pursuant to the Standing Order (Election of the Speaker).

Message to attend the Lords Commissioners,—A Message was received from the Lords Commissioners, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Members of the House of Commons,

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

Accordingly, the House went up to the House of Peers; and the Commission having been read for opening and holding the Parliament, the Lords Commissioners directed the House to proceed to the Election of a Speaker, and to present him to-morrow, at half-past Two o'clock, in the House of Peers, for the Royal Approbation.

And the House having returned;

Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu proposed to the House for their Speaker the Right Honourable Selwyn Lloyd, and moved, That the Right Honourable Selwyn Lloyd do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which Motion was seconded by Sir Derek Walker-Smith.

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

Resolved, That the Right Honourable Selwyn Lloyd do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Whereupon the Right Honourable George Russell Strauss left the Chair, and the Right Honourable Selwyn Lloyd was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu and Sir Derek Walker-Smith, and standing on the upper step, he expressed his respectful and humble acknowledgment to the House of the great honour which the House had been pleased to confer upon him and sat down in the Chair.
Then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was placed upon the Table.

Whereupon the Prime Minister, Mr. Edward Heath, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. George Strauss and Mr. Douglas Henderson congratulated Mr. Speaker Elect, and Mr. James Dunn moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker Elect thereupon put the Question, which being agreed to, the House adjourned accordingly at half-past Three o'clock, until to-morrow, and Mr. Speaker Elect went away without the Mace before him.

[Adjourned at 3.30 p.m.]

[No. 2.]

Wednesday, 23rd October, 1974.

PRAYERS.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock; and Mr. Speaker-elect having taken the Chair;

Message to attend the Lords Commissioners.—A Message was received from the Lords Commissioners, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker-elect,

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

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

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

The House having returned;

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker takes the Oath,—Thereupon Mr. Speaker first alone, standing upon the upper step of the Chair, took and subscribed the Oath.

Members take the Oath or make Affirmation,—Then the following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law;—

The Right Honourable James Harold Wilson, O.B.E., for Huyton.

The Right Honourable Edward Richard George Heath, M.B.E., for Bexley, Sidcup.

The Right Honourable Edward Watson Short, for Newcastle upon Tyne Central.

The Right Honourable Leonard James Collaghan, for Cardiff South East.

The Right Honourable Denis Winston Healey, M.B.E., for Leeds East.

The Right Honourable Eric Graham Varley, for Chesterfield.

The Right Honourable Robert Joseph Mellish, for Southwark, Bermondsey.

The Right Honourable Roy Mason, for Barnsley.

The Right Honourable Thomas Frederick Peart, for Workington.

The Right Honourable Reginald Ernest Prentice, for Newham North East.

The Right Honourable Shirley Vivien Teresa Brittain, Mrs. Williams, for Hertford and Stevenage.
The Right Honourable Michael Mackintosh Foot, for Ebbw Vale.
The Right Honourable Charles Anthony Raven Crosland, for Grimsby.
The Right Honourable William Ross, M.B.E., for Kilmarnock.
The Right Honourable John Morris, Q.C., for Aberavon.
The Right Honourable John Ernest Silkin, for Lewisham, Deptford.
The Right Honourable Sir Keith Sinjohn Joseph, Baronet, for Leeds North East.
The Right Honourable Peter Edward Walker, M.B.E., for Worcester.
The Right Honourable Aubrey Geoffrey Frederick Rippon, Q.C., for Hexham.
The Right Honourable Sir Richard Edward Geoffrey Howe, Q.C., for East Surrey.
The Right Honourable John Jeremy Thorpe, for North Devon.
The Right Honourable Charles Patrick Fieulne Jenkin, for Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford.
Norman Antony Francis St. John-Stevens, Esquire, for Chelmsford.
The Right Honourable Margaret Hilda, Mrs. Thatcher, for Barnet, Finchley.
Henry Paul Guinness Channon, Esquire, for Southend West.
Michael Ray Dibdin Heseltine, Esquire, for Henley.
Alick Laidlaw Buchanan-Smith, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable Alick Laidlaw Buchanan-Smith, for North Angus and Mearns.
The Right Honourable Humphrey Edward Atkins, for Spelthorne.
The Right Honourable Harold Julian Amery, for Brighton, Pavilion.
The Right Honourable Ronald King Murray, Q.C., for Edinburgh, Leith.
The Right Honourable Maurice Victor Macmillan, for Farnham.
Eric Samuel Heger, Esquire, for Liverpool, Walton.
James Anthony Dunn, Esquire, for Liverpool, Kirkdale.
James Hamilton, Esquire, for Bothwell.
Brian Kevin O’Malley, Esquire, for Rotherham.
Alfred Morris, Esquire, for Manchester, Wythenshawe.
Peter Kingsley Archer, Esquire, Q.C., for Wirral West.
Brynmor Thomas John, Esquire, for Pontypridd.
John Douglas Grant, Esquire, for Islington Central.
The Right Honourable David Hedley Emwals, for Norwich North.
Joel Barnett, Esquire, for Heywood and Royton.
Dr. Shirley Catherine Wynne Summerskill, commonly called the Honourable Shirley Catherine Wynne Summerskill, for Halifax.
Robert Edward Sheldon, Esquire, for Ashton-under-Lyne.
Gerald Teasdale Fowler, Esquire, for The Wrekin.
Walter Harrison, Esquire, for Wakefield.
John Denis Fraser, Esquire, for Lambeth, Norwood.
Roy Sydney George Hattersley, Esquire, for Birmingham, Sparkbrook.
Alexander Eadie, Esquire, B.E.M., for Midlothian.
Robert Hughes, Esquire, for Aberdeen North.
Edward Stanley Bishop, Esquire, for Newark.
Hugh Dunbar Brown, Esquire, for Glasgow, Provan.
Trevor Alec Jones, Esquire, for Rhondda.
Gordon James Oakes, Esquire, for Wrexham.
Terence Langley Higgins, Esquire, for Worthing.
Christopher Samuel Tugendhat, Esquire, for The City of London and Westminster South.
The Right Honourable John Wyne William Peyton, for Yeovil.
Donald Richard Coleman, Esquire, for Neath.
Walter Hamlet Johnson, Esquire, for Derby South.
Reginald Yarnitz Freeson, Esquire, for Brent East.
John Smith, Esquire, for North Lanarkshire.
Joseph Harper, Esquire, for Pontefract and Castleford.
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Robert Crofton Brown, Esquire, for Newcastle upon Tyne West.
Gerald Bernard Kaufman, Esquire, for Manchester, Ardwick.
Harry Ewing, Esquire, for Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth.
Stanley Clinton Davis, Esquire, for Hackney Central.
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James Gregor Mackenzie, Esquire, for Rutherglen.
John Donkin Dormand, Esquire, for Easington.
Eric Petro Deakins, Esquire, for Waltham Forest, Walthamstow.
The Right Honourable George Thomas, for Cardiff West.
The Right Honourable George Russell Strauss, for Lambeth, Vauxhall.
The Right Honourable Hugh Charles Patrick Joseph Fraser, M.B.E., for Stafford and Stone.
The Right Honourable Richard Frederick Wood, for Bridlington.
Hugh Alexis Louis Rossi, Esquire, for Haringey, Hornsey.
David Arthur Russell Howell, Esquire, for Guildford.
Peter Michael Kirk, Esquire, for Saffron Walden.
The Right Honourable Robert Michael Maitland Stewart, C.H., for Hammersmith, Fulham.
The Right Honourable Arthur George Bottomley, Esquire, O.B.E., for Teesside, Middlesbrough.
The Right Honourable Frederick Thomas Willey, for Sunderland North.
The Right Honourable Cledwyn Hughes, for Anglesey.
The Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Stanley de Freitas, K.C.M.G., for Kettering.
The Right Honourable Sir Arthur James Irvine, Q.C., for Liverpool, Edge Hill.
The Right Honourable Sydney Irving, for Dartford.
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Ernest Alan Fitch, Esquire, for Wigan.
Norman Findlay Buchan, Esquire, for West Renfrewshire.
The Right Honourable Margaret Betty Harvie Anderson, O.B.E., T.D., for East Renfrewshire.
The Right Honourable Rodney Graham Page, M.B.E., for Crosby.
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Sir Donald Kaberry, Baronet, T.D., for Leeds North West.
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Nicholas Ridley, Esquire, commonly called The Honourable Nicholas Ridley, for Cirencester and Tewkesbury.
Harry Neil Marten, Esquire, for Banbury.
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Bruce Bernard Weatherill, Esquire, for Croydon North East.
Albert Roberts, Esquire, for Normanton.
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William John Molloy, Esquire, for Ealing North.
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Hugh John Dykes, Esquire, for Harrow East.
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Cecil Edward Parkinson, Esquire, for South Hertfordshire.
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Sir Anthony John Charles Meyer, Baronet, for West Flint.
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Alan James Beith, Esquire, for Berwick upon Tweed.
The Right Honourable Francis Leslie Pym, M.C., for Cambridgeshire
Albert Edward Patrick Duffy, Esquire, for Sheffield, Attercliffe.
Geoffrey Edge, Esquire, for Aldridge-Brownhills.
John Michael Hubert Lee, Esquire, for Birmingham, Handsworth.
Alastair Brian Walden, Esquire, for Birmingham, Ladywood.
John Frederick Ovenden, Esquire, for Gravesend.
Russell Whiston Kerr, Esquire, for Hounslow, Feltham and Heston.
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Audrey, Mrs. Wise, for Coventry South West.
Vera Joan Maynard, for Sheffield, Brightside.
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Dr. Gerard Folliott Vaughan, for Reading South.
Michael John Mates, Esquire, for Petersfield.
Edward Leadbitter, Esquire, for Hartlepool.
Robert Gordon Cooke, Esquire, for Bristol West.
Philip Carter Goodhart, Esquire, for Bromley, Beckenham.
Thomas Russell Fairgrieve, Esquire, for West Aberdeenshire.
John Paul Stanley, Esquire, for Tonbridge and Malling.
Roger Edward Sims, Esquire, for Bromley, Chislehurst.
Alfred George Fletcher Hall-Davis, Esquire, for Morecambe and Lonsdale.
James Esmond Bulmer, Esquire, for Kidderminster.
Spencer Le Marchant, Esquire, for High Peak.
Alan Lee Williams, Esquire, O.B.E., for Havering, Hornchurch.
The Right Honourable John Thomson Stonehouse, for Walsall North.
The Right Honourable Sir John Benedict Eden, Baronet, for Bournemouth West.
Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Esquire, for East Grinstead.
Robert Arthur McCrindle, Esquire, for Brentwood and Ongar.
Nicholas Paul Scott, Esquire, M.B.E., for Kensington and Chelsea, Chelsea.
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David Charles Penhaligon, Esquire, for Truro.
William Thomas Williams, Esquire, q.c., for Warrington.
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Nicholas Hardwick Fairbairn, Esquire, q.c., for Kinross and West Perthshire.
Kenneth Wilfred Baker, Esquire, for City of Westminster, St. Marylebone.
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Albert Edward Booth, Esquire, for Barrow in Furness.
Greville Ewan Janner, Esquire, q.c., commonly called The Honourable Greville Ewan Janner, for Leicester West.
John Anthony Grant, Esquire, for Harrow Central.
John Michael Gorst, Esquire, for Barnet, Hendon North.
William David Madel, Esquire, for South Bedfordshire.
George Kenneth Hutson Younger, Esquire, T.D., commonly called The Honourable George Kenneth Hutson Younger, for Ayr.
Michael Hugh Meacher, Esquire, for Oldham West.
Gavin Steel Strang, Esquire, for Edinburgh East.
John Leonard Hunt, Esquire, for Bromley, Ravensbourne.
John Marcus Fox, Esquire, M.B.E., for Shipley.
William Fergus Montgomery, Esquire, for Altrincham and Sale.
Robert Adrian Hicks, Esquire, for Bodmin.
Arthur Charles Latham, Esquire, for City of Westminster, Paddington.
Peter Allan Renshaw Baker, Esquire, for Blackpool South.
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Robert Ernest Bean, Esquire, for Rochester and Chatham.

Arthur John Page, Esquire, for Harrow West.

Thomas Michael Jopling, Esquire, for Westmorland.

William Watson Small, Esquire, for Glasgow, Garscadden.

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Robert Parry, Esquire, for Liverpool, Scotland Exchange.

Julian Michael Gorden Critchley, Esquire, for Aldershot.

John Edward Michael Moore, Esquire, for Croydon Central.

John Rankin Rathbone, Esquire, for Lewes.

Julian Michael Shersby, Esquire, for Hillingdon, Uxbridge.

Ronald McMillan Bell, Esquire, Q.C., for Beaconsfield.

Cyril David Townsend, Esquire, for Bexley, Bexleyheath.

James Henry Molyneaux, Esquire, for South Antrim.

David Bower Mitchell, Esquire, for Basingstoke.

Adam Courtauld Butler, Esquire, commonly called The Honourable Adam Courtauld Butler, for Bosworth.

John William Frederic Nott, Esquire, for St. Ives.

Marcus Richard Kimball, Esquire, for Gainsborough.

Daniel Jones, Esquire, B.E.M., for Burnley.

Arthur Davidson, Esquire, for Accrington.

Harold Walker, Esquire, for Doncaster.

Christopher Price, Esquire, for Lewisham West.

Walter Ian Rooker, Esquire, Q.C., for Southport.

Bryant Godman Irvine, Esquire, for Rye.

John Deane Spence, Esquire, for Thirsk and Malton.

John Desmond Cronin, Esquire, for Loughborough.

Frederick Frank Arthur Burden, Esquire, for Gillingham.

Denis Herbert Howell, Esquire, for Birmingham, Small Heath.

William Rupert Rees-Davies, Esquire, Q.C., for Thanet West.

Jeffrey William Rooker, Esquire, for Birmingham, Perry Bar.

Alfred Bates, Esquire, for Bebington and Ellesmere Port.

Bryan Magee, Esquire, for Waltham Forest, Leyton.

George Burnaby Drayson, Esquire, for Skipton.

Sir Stephen James McAdden, C.B.E., for Southend East.

John Ambrose Cope, Esquire, for South Gloucestershire.

Andrew Bowden, Esquire, M.B.E., for Brighton, Kemptown.

Peter Maudslay Hordern, Esquire, for Horsham and Crawley.

Kenneth Harry Clarke, Esquire, for Rushcliffe.

Bernard John Hayhoe, Esquire, for Hounslow, Brentford and Isleworth.

Toby Francis Henry Jessel, Esquire, for Richmond upon Thames, Twickenham.

John Holbrook Osborn, Esquire, for Sheffield, Hallam.

Neil George Carmichael, Esquire, for Glasgow, Kelvingrove.

Ian Reginald Edward Gow, Esquire, for Eastbourne.

Arthur Montague Frank Palmer, Esquire, for Bristol North East.

Neville Guthrie Trotter, Esquire, for Tynemouth.

Keith Monin Stainton, Esquire, for Sudbury and Woodbridge.

John Giles Dunkerley Shaw, Esquire, for Pudsey.

The Right Honourable Sir Derek Colclough Walker-Smith, Baronet, T.D., Q.C., for East Hertfordshire.
Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn till to-morrow at half-past Two o'clock. (Mr. Joseph Harper.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.15 p.m.]
James Sillars, Esquire, for South Ayrshire.
David John Denzil Davies, Esquire, for Llanelli.
Brian Charles John Sedgemore, Esquire, for Luton West.
Maureen Morfydd, Mrs. Colquhoun, for Northampton North.
Harold Boardman, Esquire, for Leigh.
The Right Honourable Douglas Patrick Thomas Jay, for Wandsworth, Battersea North.
Julian Errington Ridsdale, Esquire, for Harwich.
Edward Macmillan Taylor, Esquire, for Glasgow, Cathcart.
Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Esquire, for North West Norfolk.
Richard Body, Esquire, for Holland with Boston.
Kenneth Robin Warren, Esquire, for Hastings.
Peter Temple-Morris, Esquire, for Leominster.
Mark Carlisle, Esquire, Q.C., for Runcorn.
Frederick John Silvester, Esquire, for Manchester, Withington.
Dr. Keith Hampson, for Ripon.
Alexander Macpherson Fletcher, Esquire, for Edinburgh North.
Paul Lancelot Hawkins, Esquire, T.D., for South West Norfolk.
Sally, Mrs. Oppenheim, for Gloucester.
Hilary Duppa Miller, Esquire, for Bromsgrove and Redditch.
Robert Anthony Bevis Durant, Esquire, for Reading North.
William David Mudd, Esquire, for Falmouth and Camborne.
Peter Derek Fry, Esquire, for Wellingborough.
Nicholas William Budgen, Esquire, for Wolverhampton South West.
James Theodore Lester, Esquire, for Beeston.
Hector Seymour Peter Monro, Esquire, for Dumfries.
Betty Boothroyd, for West Bromwich West.
Nicolas Guy Barnett, Esquire, for Greenwich.
Bryan Davies, Esquire, for Enfield North.
John Rhodes Horam, Esquire, for Gateshead West.
John Golding, Esquire, for Newcastle-under-Lyme.
Bernard Harold Ian Halley Stewart, Esquire, for Hitchin.
John Roddick Russell MacGregor, Esquire, O.B.E., for South Norfolk.
Peter Mc Lay Mills, Esquire, for West Devon.
David Lance Crouch, Esquire, for Canterbury.
Charles Andrew Morrison, Esquire, commonly called The Honourable Charles Andrew Morrison, for Devizes.
Charles Fletcher Fletcher-Cooke, Esquire, Q.C., for Darwen.
David Ernest Campbell Price, Esquire, for Eastleigh.
Ronald Timothy Renton, Esquire, for Mid-Sussex.
Bruce Leslie Home Douglas-Mann, Esquire, for Merton, Mitcham and Morden.
David Ian Marquand, Esquire, for Ashfield.
The Right Honourable Edmund Emanuel Dell, for Birkenhead.
The Right Honourable John Enoch Powell, M.B.E., for South Down.
The Right Honourable Sir Peter Anthony Grayson Rawlinson, Q.C., for Epsom and Ewell.
Edward Lucas Gardner, Esquire, Q.C., for South Fylde.
David William Stennis Stuart Lane, Esquire, for Cambridge.
Daniel Edmund Awdry, Esquire, T.D., for Chippenham.
Rhodes Boyson, Esquire, for Brent North.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn till Monday next.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.4 p.m.]
John Dennis Concannon, Esquire, for Mansfield.
The Right Honourable Barbara Anne, Mrs. Castle, for Blackburn.
The Right Honourable Norman Harold Lever, for Manchester Central.
The Right Honourable Judith Constance Mary, Mrs. Hart, for Lanark.
The Right Honourable Stanley Orme, for Salford West.
John William Gilbert, Esquire, for Dudley East.
John Ellis, Esquire, for Brigg and Scunthorpe.
Royston John Hughes, Esquire, for Newport.
William Wilson, Esquire, for Coventry South East.
Kenneth Lomas, Esquire, for Huddersfield West.
Dr. Maurice Solomon Miller, for East Kilbride.
Tam Dalyell, Esquire, for West Lothian.
Caerwyn Elfion Roderick, Esquire, for Brecon and Radnor.
John Francis Hodges Roper, Esquire, for Farnworth.
Robert Thomas Ellis, Esquire, for Wrexham.
Josephine Richardson, for Barking.
John Evans, Esquire, for Newton.
Lewis Carter-Jones, Esquire, for Eccles.
Walter Ernest Padley, Esquire, for Ogmore.
Simon Mahon, Esquire, for Bootle.
The Right Honourable John Emerson Harding Davies, M.B.E., for Knutsford.
Trevor Herbert Harry Skeet, Esquire, for Bedford.
Geoffrey Finsberg, Esquire, M.B.E., for Camden, Hampstead.
John Howard Cordle, Esquire, for Bournemouth East.
James Hector Northey Gray, Esquire, for Ross and Cromarty.
Patrick Michael Ernest David McNair-Wilson, Esquire, for New Forest.
Robert John Maxwell-Hyslop, Esquire, for Tiverton.
Philip Welsby Holland, Esquire, for Carlton.
Mary Elaine, Mrs. Kellett-Bowman, for Lancaster.
Richard Scurrah Wainwright, Esquire, for Colne Valley.
Albert Arthur Jones, Esquire, for Daventry.
The Right Honourable Ian Hedworth John Little Gilmour, for Chesham and Amer-
sham.
Roger Nicholas Edwards, Esquire, for Pembroke.
Ieuan Wyn Pritchard Roberts, Esquire, for Conway.
The Right Honourable Reginald Maudling, for Barnet, Chipping Barnet.
Robert Thomas Boscawen, Esquire, M.C., commonly called The Honourable Robert
Thomas Boscawen, for Wells.
Dr. Reginald Frederick Brittain Bennett, V.R.D., for Fareham.
Peter Wynford Innes Rees, Esquire, Q.C., for Dover and Deal.
Anthony David Steen, Esquire, for Liverpool, Wavertree.
Alan Michael Clark Hutchison, Esquire, for Edinburgh South.
Alan Kenneth McKenzie Clark, Esquire, commonly called The Honourable Alan
Kenneth McKenzie Clark, for Plymouth, Sutton.
Francis McElhone, Esquire, for Glasgow, Queens Park.
Joseph Percival William Mallalieu, Esquire, for Huddersfield East.
Thomas Edward Graham, Esquire, for Enfield, Edmonton.
John Anderson Cunningham, Esquire, for Whitehaven.
Joseph Kevin McNamara, Esquire, for Kingston upon Hull Central.
Kenneth Marks, Esquire, for Manchester, Gorton.
Frank Oswald Hooley, Esquire, for Sheffield, Heeley.
Andrew Francis Bennett, Esquire, for Stockport North.
The Right Honourable Roy Harris Jenkins, for Birmingham, Stechford.
Michael Stuart Thomas, Esquire, for Newcastle upon Tyne East.
Giles Heneage Radice, Esquire, for Chester-le-Street.
William Mark Hughes, Esquire, for Durham.
Robert Edward Woof, Esquire, for Blaydon.
Sir Robert William Elliott, for Newcastle upon Tyne North.
Patrick Henry Bligh Wall, Esquire, M.C., V.R.D., for Haltemprice.
Iain Somerled MacDonald MacCormick, Esquire, for Argyll.
Hamish Watt, Esquire, for Banff.
Margaret Anne, Mrs. Bain, for East Dunbartonshire.
Andrew Welsh, Esquire, for South Angus.
George Henry Thompson, Esquire, for Galloway.
The Right Honourable Anthony Neil Wedgwood Benn, for Bristol South East.
Peter Lewis Rost, Esquire, for South-East Derbyshire.
William Michael Hardy Spicer, Esquire, for South Worcestershire.
Norman Alexander Miscampbell, Esquire, Q.C., for Blackpool North.
Peter John Viggers, Esquire, for Gosport.
Timothy Alan Davan Sainsbury, Esquire, commonly called The Honourable Timothy Alan Davan Sainsbury, for Hove.
Colin Ryley Shepherd, Esquire, for Hereford.
Jonathan William Patrick Aitken, Esquire, for Thanet East.
Charles Graham Irving, Esquire, for Cheltenham.
Hugh McCartney, Esquire, for Central Dunbartonshire.
John Hoyle Cockcroft, Esquire, for Nantwich.
David Evan Trant Luard, Esquire, for Oxford.
Roland Dunstan Moyle, Esquire, for Lewisham East.
James Tinn, Esquire, for Teesside, Redcar.
Winston Spencer Churchill, Esquire, for Stretford.
Jack Ashley, Esquire, for Stoke-on-Trent South.
Sir Edward Joseph Brown, M.B.E., for Bath.
Clement Raphael Freud, Esquire, for Isle of Ely.
Cranley Gordon Douglas Onslow, Esquire, for Woking.
Norman Stewart Hughston Lamont, Esquire, for Kingston upon Thames.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn till to-morrow at twenty-five minutes past Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.34 p.m.]
Tuesday, 29th October, 1974.

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 twenty minutes past Two o'clock.

Members take the Oath or make Affirmation.—The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:—

Evelyn Mansfield King, Esquire, for South Dorset.
James Sidney Rawdon Scott-Hopkins, Esquire, for West Derbyshire.
Sir Herbert Raymond Gower, for Barry.
Pete; Normar Fowler, Esquire, for Sutton Coldfield.
The Right Honourable Joseph Grimond, T.D., for Orkney and Zetland.
James Alexander Lamond, Esquire, for Oldham East.
Malcolm Leslie Rifkind, Esquire, for Edinburgh, Pentlands.
Cyril Smith, Esquire, M.B.E., for Rochdale.
Joseph Jabez Dean, Esquire, for Leeds West.
Colin Barry Phipps, Esquire, for Dudley West.
David Lambie, Esquire, for Central Ayrshire.
Edwin Wainwright, Esquire, B.E.M., for Dearne Valley.
Geoffrey Edwin Pattie, Esquire, for Chertsey and Walton.
Gwynfor Richard Evans, Esquire, for Carmarthen.
Dafydd Wigley, Esquire, for Caernarvon.
Dafydd Elis Thomas, Esquire, for Merioneth.
Donald James Stewart, Esquire, for Western Isles.
Robert Gordon Wilson, Esquire, for Dundee East.
George Douglas Crawford, Esquire, for Perth and East Perthshire.
George Newlands Reid, Esquire, for Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire.
Winifred Margaret, Mrs. Ewing, for Moray and Nairn.
Ralph Frederick Howel, Esquire, for North Norfolk.
The Right Honourable James Michael Leathes Prior, for Lowestoft.
James Alexander Kilmadder, Esquire, for North Down.
Norman Beresford Tebbit, Esquire, for Waltham Forest, Chingford.
Dennis Walters, Esquire, M.B.E., for Westbury.

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, has 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 wilfully 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 thereunto, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of David William Shuckburgh Lidderdale, Esquire, C.B., the Clerk of this House.

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

Food and Drugs.—The Order made on 11th July 1974, in the last Parliament, that the Miscellaneous Additives in Food Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1121) do lie upon the Table was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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

Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of Ways and Means.—Ordered, That Mr. George Thomas be Chairman of Ways and Means, that Mr. Oscar Murton be First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and that Sir Myer Gulpern be Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—(The Prime Minister.)

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 with pleasure to our visits to Bermuda, Barbados, Bahamas, Mexico, Hong Kong, Japan; and to the meeting of Commonwealth heads of government in Jamaica.

My Government will give their full support to international efforts to solve the world-wide problem of inflation and will play a full part in international discussions to solve the problems created by higher oil prices. They will continue the policy of strengthening the United Nations, its agencies and other international institutions dedicated to the peaceful settlement of disputes, the promotion of human rights, the rule of law and the improvement of the quality of life. In the effort needed to deal with world problems, they attach high importance to the Commonwealth association.

My Government will energetically continue their renegotiation of the terms of the United Kingdom's membership of the European Economic Community. Within twelve months the British people will be given the opportunity to decide whether, in the light of the outcome of the negotiations, this country should retain its membership.

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My Ministers will continue to support the search for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East and to work for a satisfactory solution to the problems of Cyprus.

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My Government will oppose racial discrimination at home and abroad. In Rhodesia they will agree to no settlement which is not supported by the African people of that country.

My Government will continue to give full support to the maintenance of the North Atlantic Alliance. They will regard the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation as an instrument of détente as well as of defence. In consultation with our allies and in the light of a searching review of our defence commitments and forces they will ensure the maintenance of a modern and effective defence system while reducing its cost as a proportion of our national resources.

My Ministers will support the policy of détente between East and West. They will continue to play a full part in international efforts to achieve general disarmament and to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. They will participate fully in the negotiations for force reductions in Central Europe and in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

My Ministers will continue to work for a political solution in Northern Ireland. The proposed Constitutional Convention will provide a means by which those elected to it can consider what provision for the government of Northern Ireland is likely to command the most widespread acceptance throughout the community; any solution must, if it is to work, provide for some form of genuine power-sharing and participation by both communities in the direction of affairs in Northern Ireland. My Ministers will continue to act decisively against terrorism and lawlessness. They attach particular importance to co-operation with the Government of the Republic of Ireland in the field of security and in other matters of mutual interest.

Members of the House of Commons:

Estimates for the public service will be laid before you.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

At home, My Government, in view of the gravity of the economic situation, will as its most urgent task seek the fulfilment of the social contract as an essential element in its strategy for curbing inflation, reducing the balance of payments deficit, encouraging industrial investment, maintaining employment, particularly in the older industrial areas, and promoting social and economic justice.

The use of subsidies to keep down prices of certain foods will be continued. Further measures for the protection of consumers will be brought forward.

My Ministers will pursue their aim of achieving a fair redistribution of income and wealth. A measure will be brought before you for the introduction of a tax on capital transfers. My Ministers will propose the establishment of a Select Committee to examine the form which a wealth tax might take.

Measures will be placed before you to amend the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974; and to establish the Conciliation and Arbitration Service on a statutory basis and to protect and improve working conditions generally. Proposals will be brought forward to tackle the abuses of the lump as a step towards creating a stable workforce in the construction industry. My Ministers will publish proposals to ensure comprehensive safeguards for employment in the docks.

My Government attach major importance to a general improvement in social security benefits in the interests of social justice. Measures will be introduced to increase existing social security benefits, including family allowances; to make additional provision for the disabled; to pay a Christmas bonus; and to set up a new earnings-related pension scheme.

Within available resources, My Government will continue to maintain and improve the National Health Service and, following consultations, will introduce proposals on democracy in the Service.

My Government's education policy will continue to give priority to areas of greatest need and to children with special difficulties. Particular attention will be given to the development of a fully comprehensive system of secondary education and to nursery education. A Bill will be introduced to provide Public Lending Rights for authors.

My Ministers will energetically pursue their policies for encouraging local authorities and housing associations to provide more homes to rent and to develop their programmes for improving existing homes, particularly in the areas of greatest stress. They will take action to secure a stable and adequate flow of mortgages. Bills will be laid before you to reform the law relating to rents and housing subsidies in England and Wales and in Scotland.

Legislation will be introduced to enable land required for development to be taken into community ownership and to tax realisations of development value.

My Ministers recognise the value to the nation of expanding domestic food production economically and efficiently, and will continue their discussions with the farming industry to this end.
My Government will continue to pursue a comprehensive energy policy which makes the fullest economic use of United Kingdom coal, oil and natural gas and experience in nuclear technology, and to encourage energy conservation. Legislation will be introduced to regulate further the development of off-shore petroleum, to establish a British National Oil Corporation with rights to participate in this development; to ensure that the community receives a fair share of the profits; and to provide for the acquisition of oil sites in Scotland.

My Ministers wish to encourage industrial investment and expansion within vigorous and profitable public and private sectors of industry. For this purpose, legislation will be introduced to provide for the establishment of planning agreements and a National Enterprise Board; and to enable the shipbuilding and aircraft industries to be taken into public ownership.

Legislation will be introduced to provide additional protection for policyholders of insurance companies, and for people booking overseas holidays and travel who suffer loss as a result of the failure of travel organisers.

My Government will urgently prepare for the implementation of the decision to set up directly elected assemblies in Scotland and Wales.

Bills will be introduced to provide for the establishment of Development Agencies in Scotland and in Wales. Other proposals relating to Scotland will include measures on local government and summary jurisdiction.

Legislation will be brought before you with the aim of ending sex discrimination.

A Bill will be introduced to reform the law relating to the adoption, guardianship and fostering of children.

Measures will be introduced to improve the law and the administration of justice.

An early opportunity will be given for you to consider whether your proceedings should be broadcast.

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. David Weitzman):—Debate arising;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

Adjourment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command between the rising of the House on Wednesday 31st July and the dissolution of Parliament on Friday 20th September 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:


Capital Transfer Tax,—Copy of Government proposals for a Capital Transfer Tax.

Wealth Tax,—Copy of Government proposals for a Wealth Tax.
Broadcasting.—Copy of a Supplemental Royal Charter, dated 23rd July 1974, relating to the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies.—Copy of Statistics of persons acquiring citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies during 1973.


Immigration.—Statements of changes in the Immigration Rules—
(1) for the control on entry of Commonwealth citizens,
(2) for the control on entry of EEC and other non-Commonwealth nationals,
(3) for the control after entry of Commonwealth citizens, and
(4) for the control after entry of EEC and other non-Commonwealth nationals.

Women.—Copy of Government proposals for the promotion of equal opportunities for men and women.


Education of Immigrants.—Copy of Government Observations on the report by the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, Session 1972-73.


Pay Board.—Copy of the Report of the Pay Board for the period 1st June to 30th June 1974.

Pensions.—Copy of Government proposals for a new pensions scheme.


Cinematograph Films.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Film Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1974.

Cable and Wireless.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of Cable and Wireless Limited for the year ended 31st March 1974.


Industry.—Copy of Government proposals for the regeneration of British Industry.

Land.—Copy of Government proposals relating to the ownership of land.


Waste.—Copy of Government proposals for the reclamation and recycling of waste materials.

Nuclear Reactors.—Copy of the Report of the Nuclear Power Advisory Board on the choice of thermal reactor systems.

Consumer Protection.—Copy of Government proposals for a National Consumers' Agency.

Devolution.—Copy of Government proposals for the future government of Scotland and Wales.


Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates between the rising of the House on Wednesday 31st July and the dissolution of Parliament on Friday 20th September, pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

1st August 1974

Police,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd July 1974, entitled the Police (Grant) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1277) [by Act].

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th July 1974, entitled the Rent rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1310) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations dated 30th July 1974, entitled the Rate Rebate (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1317) [by Act].

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1974, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1332) [by Act].

2nd August 1974

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st August 1974, entitled the Value Added Tax (Donated Medical Equipment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1331) [by Act].


5th August 1974


Town and Country Planning,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th July 1974, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Compensation and Certificates) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1242) [by Act].

6th August 1974

Friendly Societies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1974, entitled the Friendly Societies (Fees) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1300) [by Act].

Industrial and Provident Societies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1974, entitled the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1299) [by Act].

Medical Profession,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July 1974, entitled the Abortion (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974 No. 1309) [by Act].

Building Societies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1974, entitled the Building Societies (Fees) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1305) [by Act].

Industrial Assurance,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1974, entitled the Industrial Assurance (Fees) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1306) [by Act].

7th August 1974

Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1974, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Variation) (Scotland) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1325) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th July 1974, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Operators’ Licences) (Temporary Use in Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1313) [by Act].

8th August 1974

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th July 1974, entitled the Pensions Increase (Police Compensation) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1333) [by Act].

Weights and Measures,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1974, entitled the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1326) [by Act].

Income Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1974, entitled the Lloyd’s Underwriters (Tax) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1330) [by Act].

9th August 1974

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th August 1974, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Tunisia) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1349) [by Act].
Consumer Protection (Prices),—Copies of Orders, dated 8th August 1974, entitled—
(1) the Price Marking (Meat and Fish) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1368), and
(2) the Price Marking (Vegetables) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1369)
(by Act).

12th August 1974

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1974, entitled the Import Duties
(Tunisia) (Reductions) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1318) [by Act].

Industrial Training,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1974, entitled the Industrial
Training (Levy Exemption References) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1335) [by Act].

Town and Country Planning,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1974, entitled the
Town and Country Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas)
(Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1336) [by Act].

13th August 1974

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 5th August 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and
Exemptions) (No. 12) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1350), and
(2) dated 10th August 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and
Exemptions) (No. 13) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1371)
(by Act).

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th August 1974, entitled the
Protected Tenancies (Exceptions) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1360) [by Act].

Industrial Development,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th August 1974, entitled the
Assisted Areas Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1372) [by Act].

14th August 1974

Food and Drugs,—Copies of Regulations, dated 30th July 1974, entitled—
(1) the Antioxidants in Food (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1339),
(2) the Cheese (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1337),
(3) the Miscellaneous Additives in Food (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974,
No. 1338), and
(4) the Preservatives in Food (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1340)
(by Act).

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th August 1974, entitled the
Protected Tenancies (Exceptions) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1374) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1974, entitled the Police (Scotland)
Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1348) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 12th August 1974, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (Quota and Other Reliefs) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1375), and
(2) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 7) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1376)
(by Act).

Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1974, entitled the Seeds (Fees) (No. 2)
Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1343) [by Act].

15th August 1974

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st August 1974, entitled the Milk and
Dairies (Semi-skimmed and Skimmed Milk) (Heat Treatment and Labelling) (Scotland)
Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1356) [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th July 1974, entitled the Occupational
Pension Schemes (Preservation of Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974,
No. 1324) [by Act].

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st August 1974, entitled the Local
Authorities etc. (Miscellaneous Provision) (No. 4) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1351)
(by Act).

16th August 1974

Consumer Protection,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th August 1974, entitled the Toys
(Safety) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1367) [by Act].

Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Rules, dated 5th August 1974, entitled the
Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 3) 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1360) [by Act].
19th August 1974

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th August 1974, entitled the Police (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1365) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1357) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th August 1974, entitled the Herring (Isle of Man) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1361) [by Act].

21st August 1974


22nd August 1974

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th August 1974, entitled the Teachers' Superannuation (Family Benefits) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1388) [by Act].

Industrial Tribunals,—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th August 1974, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Tribunals (Labour Relations) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1386), and
(2) the Industrial Tribunals (Labour Relations) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1387) [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th August 1974, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Second Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1389) [by Act].

Town and Country Planning,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 21st August 1974, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Industrial Development Certificates: Exemption) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1419), and
(2) Regulations, dated 21st August 1974, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Industrial Development Certificates) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1418) [by Act].

23rd August 1974

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th August 1974, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1379) [by Act].

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th August 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1377) [by Act].

County Courts,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th August 1974, entitled the County Court Fees (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1382) [by Act].

28th August 1974


29th August 1974

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th August 1974, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1414) [by Act].

30th August 1974

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th August 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 14) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1459) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st August 1974, entitled—
(1) the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1419), and
(2) the Supplementary Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1410) [by Act].

2nd September 1974

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th August 1974, entitled the Central Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1410) [by Act].
29th October 1974

4th September 1974

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd September 1974, entitled the Rent Allowances (Students) (England and Wales) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1477) [by Act].

5th September 1974

Dangerous Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th August 1974, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1449) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd August 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1440) [by Act].


6th September 1974

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th September 1974, entitled the Food Subsidies (Exports) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1487) [by Act].

9th September 1974

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th August 1974, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Food, Drink and Tobacco) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1448) [by Act].

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th September 1974, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (Amendment) (No. 5) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1500) [by Act].

10th September 1974

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th September 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 15) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1498) [by Act].

Criminal Procedure,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd September 1974, entitled the Fixed Penalty (Procedure) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1475) [by Act].

Justices of the Peace,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th September 1974, entitled the Justices' Allowances (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1507) [by Act].

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th August 1974, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Residential Rents—Public Sector) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1482) [by Act].

Justices of the Peace,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th August 1974, entitled the Justices' Allowances (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1474) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th August 1974, entitled the Local Government (Financial Loss Allowance) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1464) [by Act].

Housing,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 6th September 1974, entitled the Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1499), and
(2) dated 9th September 1974, entitled the Housing (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1511) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th September 1974, entitled the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1492) [by Act].

11th September 1974

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th September 1974, entitled the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1973 (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1514) [by Act].

Tribunals and Inquiries,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th August 1974, entitled the Tribunals and Inquiries (Industrial Training Levy Exemption Referees) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1478) [by Act].
12th September 1974

Pensions.—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th September 1974, entitled—
(1) the Pensions Increase (Modification) (Police and Fire Services) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1531), and
(2) the Pensions Increase (Police and Fire Services) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1532)
[by Act].

Police.—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th September 1974, entitled—
(1) the Police Cadets (Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1534)
(2) the Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1533), and
(3) the Special Constables (Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1535)
[by Act].

Housing (Scotland).—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 4th September 1974, entitled the Rent Allowance Schemes (Students) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1504), and
(2) dated 6th September 1974, entitled the Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1505)
[by Act].

Continental Shelf.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 6th September 1974, entitled the Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1490)
[by Act].

16th September 1974


17th September 1974

Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th September 1974, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Engineering) (No. 1) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1509) [by Act].

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Copies of Regulations, dated 5th September 1974, entitled—
(1) the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1501), and
(2) the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1502)
[by Act].


Food and Drugs.—Copies of Orders, dated 12th September 1974, entitled—
(1) the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1549), and
(2) the Milk (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1548)
[by Act].

18th September 1974

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th September 1974, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1515) [by Act].

Education.—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th September 1974, entitled the Awards (First Degree, etc. Courses) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1540) [by Act].


National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th September 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Injury Benefits) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1547) [by Act].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 11th September 1974, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1541) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th September 1974, entitled the Rate Rebate (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1552) [by Act].
19th September 1974

Poisons,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 15th September 1974, entitled the Poisons List (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1556), and
(2) Rules, dated 15th September 1974, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1557)
[by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th September 1974, entitled the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1522) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th September 1974, entitled the Valuation (Combination of Councils) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1565) [by Act].

Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 16th September 1974, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1553), and
(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Furniture and Timber) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1554)
[by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th September 1974, entitled the Rating Surcharge (Exemption) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1563) [by Act].

20th September 1974

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th September 1974, entitled the Food Subsidies (Conditions) (Flour) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1566) [by Act].

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command on or after Tuesday 22nd October, the day on which Parliament was appointed to meet, 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:


National Film Finance Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Film Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1974.

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates on or after Tuesday 22nd October, the day on which Parliament was appointed to meet, pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

22nd October 1974

Civil Aviation,—Copies of Orders, dated 6th October 1974, entitled—
(1) the Policing of Airports (Heathrow) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1671), and
(2) the Policing of Airports (Heathrow) (First Supplementary) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1672)
[by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th October 1974, entitled the Pensions Increase (Coroners) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1729) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th October 1974, entitled the Police Pensions (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1673) [by Act].

Crofters, Cottars and Small Landholders (Scotland),—Copy of a Scheme, dated 23rd September 1974, entitled the Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) (No. 2) Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1604) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd September 1974, entitled the Rate Rebate (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1602) [by Act].

Factories,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th October 1974, entitled the Protection of Eyes Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1681) [by Act].

Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders,—
(1) dated 26th September 1974, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Rubber and Plastics Processing) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1614), and
(2) dated 9th October 1974, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Carpet) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1683) [by Act].
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th September 1974, entitled the Manpower Services Commission (Exemption) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1571) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 27th September 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1610), and
(2) dated 7th October 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 8) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1658)
[by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th October 1974, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1674) [by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copies of Orders, dated 15th October 1974, entitled—
(1) the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1707), and
(2) the Milk (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1706)
[by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1974, entitled the Miscellaneous Additives in Food Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1121) [by Act].

23rd October 1974

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 27th September 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 16) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1621),
(2) dated 10th October 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 17) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1700), and
(3) dated 10th October 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 18) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1687)
[by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th October 1974, entitled the Pensions Increase (Metropolitan Civil Staffs) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1702) [by Act].

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 16th October 1974, entitled the Commonwealth Countries and Republic of Ireland (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1709) [by Act].

24th October 1974

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th October 1974, entitled the Bread Prices Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1711) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Tuesday 29th October 1974:

The Prime Minister:

Superannuation,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 30th July 1974, entitled the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme 1974 [by Act].

Dr. John Gilbert:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 29th October 1974, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Civil Superannuation, etc. [by Act].

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes—
(1) dated 12th July 1974, and
(2) dated 16th July 1974,
relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 7 and 8].

Income Tax,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1974, and
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1974
[by Act].

Local Loans,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Local Loans (Increase of Limit) (No. 2) Order 1974 [by Act].

Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 12th June 1974, on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 9].

Savings Banks,—Draft of a Warrant, entitled the Savings Banks (Registrar’s Fees) Warrant 1974 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Broadcasting,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Independent Broadcasting Authority for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Southern Rhodesia,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th October 1974, entitled the County Council of Zetland (Calback Ness) Compulsory Purchase Order Confirmation Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1736) [by Act].

Camps (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish National Camps Association Limited for 1973 [by Act].

Health Services,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Health Services Council for 1973 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Local Financial Returns for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1972 [by Act].

Museums and Galleries,—Copies of the Reports of the Boards of Trustees—
(1) of the National Galleries of Scotland for 1973, and
(2) of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th September 1974, entitled—
(1) the Police Cadets (Pensions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1629), and
(2) the Special Constables (Pensions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1630) [by Act].

Prices,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1974 [by Act].

Rivers (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of a Sub-committee of the Scottish River Purification Advisory Committee on the future organisation of River Purification Boards [by Act].

Transport,—Statement of determination of the salaries payable to the Chairman and a full-time member of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 20th September 1974, and
(2) Regulations, dated 2nd September 1974, providing for amendments to the Regulations contained in the volume entitled the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Census,—Copy of the age, marital condition and general tables from the Census 1971 [by Act].

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for England and Wales relating to Housing, Parts I to IV [by Act].

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 residential care of handicapped persons under the age of 65 years in England and Wales [by Act]: to be printed [No. 2].


Mr. Secretary Shore:
Bankruptcy,—Copy of the Report on bankruptcy for 1973 [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copies of—
(1) the Report of the Civil Aviation Authority for the year ended 31st March 1974,
(2) the Report and Accounts of British Airways for the year ended 31st March 1974, and
(3) a statement of a determination of the salaries payable to the Chairman and full-time members of the British Airports Authority [by Act].

Pilotage,—Copy of the Pilotage Returns for 1973 [by Act].
Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the British Tourist Authority for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act].

Tourism,—Statement of a determination of the salaries payable to the Chairmen of the British Tourist Authority and the English Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1971, relating to—

(1) aluminium and aluminium alloys,  
(2) animal and poultry foods,  
(3) bacon curing, meat and fish products,  
(4) bedding and soft furnishing,  
(5) bread and flour confectionery,  
(6) brewing and malting,  
(7) British wines, cider and perry,  
(8) broadcast receiving and sound reproducing equipment,  
(9) canvas goods and sacks etc.,  
(10) carpets,  
(11) construction and earth moving equipment,  
(12) copper, brass and other copper alloys,  
(13) corsets and miscellaneous dress industries,  
(14) dresses, lingerie, infants’ wear, etc.,  
(15) electrical machinery,  
(16) electronic computers,  
(17) explosives, fireworks and matches,  
(18) general chemicals (inorganic),  
(19) general mechanical engineering,  
(20) general printing, publishing, etc.,  
(21) hats, caps and millinery,  
(22) iron and steel (general),  
(23) jewellery and precious metals,  
(24) leather (tanning and dressing) and fellmongery,  
(25) manufactured stationery,  
(26) manufacturing and repairing aerospace equipment,  
(27) men’s and boys’ tailored outerwear,  
(28) metal-working machine tools,  
(29) milk and milk products,  
(30) miscellaneous building materials and mineral products,  
(31) miscellaneous general chemicals,  
(32) miscellaneous metal manufacture,  
(33) miscellaneous textiles,  
(34) motor vehicle manufacturing,  
(35) office machinery,  
(36) other base non-ferrous metals,  
(37) pharmaceutical chemicals and preparations,  
(38) plastics products,  
(39) polishes,  
(40) printing and publishing of newspapers and periodicals,  
(41) printing ink,  
(42) pumps, valves and compressors,  
(43) radio, radar and electronic capital goods,  
(44) rubber,  
(45) salt and miscellaneous non-metalliferous mining and quarrying,  
(46) scientific and industrial instruments and systems,  
(47) shipbuilding and marine engineering,  
(48) shop and office fittings,  
(49) soap and detergents,  
(50) soft drinks,  
(51) spinning and doubling on the cotton and flax systems,  
(52) spirit distilling and compounding,  
(53) sports equipment,  
(54) steel tubes,  
(55) stone and slate quarrying and mining,  
(56) sugar,  
(57) surgical instruments and appliances,  
(58) synthetic resins and plastics materials and synthetic rubber,  
(59) telegraph and telephone apparatus and equipment,  
(60) timber,  
(61) tobacco,  
(62) vegetable and animal oils and fats,  
(63) weaving of cotton, linen and man-made fibres,  
(64) wheeled tractor manufacturing,  
(65) women’s and girls’ tailored outerwear, and  
(66) woollen and worsted  
[by Act].
Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Cast Iron Research Association for the year ended 30th June 1973 [by Act].

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Accounts of the National Wool Textile Export Corporation for the year ended 30th September 1973, with the Balance Sheet as at that date [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Copy of the Accounts of the publicly-owned companies of the British Steel Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of determinations of the salaries payable to the Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and members of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

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

Local Employment,—Statement of determinations of the salaries payable to the Chairmen of the Industrial Estates Corporations [by Act].

Post Office,—Statements of—
(1) certain appointments to the Post Office,
(2) determinations of the salaries payable to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and full-time members of the Post Office, and
(3) determination of the pension payable to the Chairman of the Post Office [by Act].

Prices,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1974 [by Act].

Mr Secretary Crosland:


Transport,—Statements of—
(1) the appointments of part-time members of the British Railways Board, of the British Waterways Board and the National Bus Company,
(2) determinations of the salaries payable to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and certain members of the British Railways Board, the Chairman of the National Freight Corporation, the Chairman and a member of the National Bus Company, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the British Waterways Board, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Managing Director and certain members of the British Transport Docks Board, a former Vice-Chairman of the British Waterways Board, and the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and a member of the National Ports Council, and
(3) determination of the pension payable to a full-time member of the British Railways Board [by Act].

River Authorities,—Copies of the Reports—
(1) of the Northumbrian River Authority for the year ended 31st March 1973,
(2) of the Trent River Authority for the year ended 31st March 1973, and
(3) of the Yorkshire River Authority for the years ended 31st March 1973 and 31st March 1974 [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Appropriation Accounts,—Copy of the Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts for 1973-74 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. 4].

Harbours,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 2nd August 1974, entitled the Newry Port and Harbour Trustees (Dissolution) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 189), and


Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th October 1974, entitled the Local Government (General Grant) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 252) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Atomic Energy,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 1974, of—
(1) British Nuclear Fuels Limited,
(2) the Radiochemical Centre Limited, and
(3) the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority [by Act].

Atomic Energy,—Statement of determination of the salaries payable to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority [by Act].

Gas,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Gas Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act].

Gas,—Copies of the Reports, for the period 1st January 1973 to 31st March 1974, of—
(1) the Eastern Gas Consumers' Council,
(2) the North Thames Gas Consumers' Council,
(3) the North Western Gas Consumers' Council,
(4) the Scottish Gas Consumers' Council, and
(5) the West Midlands Gas Consumers' Council [by Act].

Mines and Quarries,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Mines and Quarries for 1973 [by Act].

Mines and Quarries,—Copies of the Reports for 1973 of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines and Quarries for—
(1) the Northern District and Durham and North Riding District,
(2) the Southern District, and
(3) the West Midlands and North Western District [by Act].

Prices,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (British Gas Corporation) Order 1974, and
(2) the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on 27th May 1974, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Diseases of Animals,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 11th September 1974, entitled the Importation of Cattle (No. 5) Order 1974,
(2) dated 22nd October 1974, entitled the Importation of Cattle (No. 6) Order 1974, and
(3) dated 22nd October 1974, entitled the Importation of Pigs (No. 2) Order 1974 [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 22nd October 1974, entitled the Burma Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1974 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communications 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)]:—
(1) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 16) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1621),
(2) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 17) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1700),
(3) the Rate Rebate (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1602),
(4) the Manpower Services Commission (Exemption) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1571),
(5) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 8) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1658),
(6) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 6) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1610),
(7) the Miscellaneous Additives in Food Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1121),
(8) the Warrenpoint Harbour Authority (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 215),
(9) the Salaries (Comptroller and Auditor-General and Others) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 213), and

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Reports and Second Special Report of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c. in the last Parliament together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [pursuant to the Order of the House of 25th July 1974]; to be printed [Nos. 332-i to 332-iii and 258-ii of Session 1974].

[No. 6.]

Wednesday, 30th October, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

Members take the Oath or make Affirmation,—The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:—
Ernest George Perry, Esquire, for Wandsworth, Battersea South.
Arthur William John Lewis, Esquire, for Newham North West.
Reverend Robert John Bradford, for Belfast South.
Paul Bernard Rose, Esquire, for Manchester, Blackley.
Tom Normanton, Esquire, T.D., for Cheadle.
Sir Brandon Meredith Rhys Williams, Baronet, for Kensington and Chelsea, Kensington.

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

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

National Theatre Bill,—Mr. Secretary Prentice, supported by Dr. John Gilbert, and Mr. Hugh Jenkins, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to remove the limits imposed by the National Theatre Act 1949 on the contributions which may be made under that Act towards the cost of erecting and equipping a national theatre: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 1].

Pensioners' Payments Bill,—Mrs. Secretary Castle, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Brian O'Malley, Mr. Alfred Morris, and Mr. Alec Jones, presented a Bill to make provision for lump sum payments to pensioners 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 3].

General Rate Bill,—Mr. John Silkin, supported by Mr. Secretary John Morris, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, presented a Bill to provide for the postponement of the coming into force of new valuation lists under Part V of the General Rate Act 1967: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 4].
Social Security Amendment Bill.—Mrs. Secretary Castle, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Brian O'Malley, and Mr. Alec Jones, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Social Security Act 1973 as to the rate or amount of contributions; to alter the meaning of "year" in certain provisions of that Act; to extend the power to enable friendly societies to conduct business with a view to establishing occupational pension schemes; to amend section 58 of the National Insurance Act 1965, sections 40(1) and 49 of the said Act of 1973 and certain enactments corresponding to the said section 58 and 40(1); to amend certain enactments in connection with the consolidation of social security legislation; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

Channel Tunnel Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, if a Bill is presented to this House in the same terms as those of the Channel Tunnel Bill as it was ordered to be considered before Parliament was dissolved, the Bill so presented shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time, and to have been reported from a Standing Committee to the House, and shall be ordered to be considered accordingly, and the Standing Orders and practice of this House applicable to the Bill shall be deemed to have been complied with—(Mr. Frederick Mulley):—Debate arising;

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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 24th and 31st January, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th February, 18th and 25th April, 2nd, 9th and 16th May and 11th July;

3. Private Members' Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business on 22nd and 29th November, 6th and 13th December, 7th, 14th and 21st March and 11th April, and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November, 19th and 26th February and 5th and 26th March;

4. on Monday 9th December, Monday 10th February, Monday 19th May and Monday 7th 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 21st November, Thursday 23rd January, Thursday 1st May and Thursday 19th 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. Edward Short.)

Western Samoa (Gift of a Mace),—Ordered, That Mr. Laurie Pavitt and Mr. Paul Hawkins have leave of absence to present on behalf of this House a Mace to the Legislative Assembly of the Independent State of Western Samoa.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

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.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.22 p.m.]
Wednesday 30th October 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 19) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1774) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
State Management Districts,—Copy of a Report on disposal of properties in the Carlisle, Gretna and Cromarty Firth State Management Districts [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1974 [by Act].

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of an Order, dated 16th October 1974, providing for amendments to the Regulations contained in the volume entitled The Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Social Security,—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1974, and
(2) the Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows Special Provisions) Amendment Regulations 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th October 1974, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Seamen’s Documents) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1734) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Thursday, 31st October, 1974.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Members take the Oath.—The following Members took and subscribed the Oath:—
Sir Alfred Davies Devonshir Broughton, for Batley and Morley.
Sir Frederic Mackarness Bennett, for Torbay.
Meredith Francis Maguire, Esquire, for Fermanagh and South Tyrone.

Private Bills (Procedure).—Ordered, That:—
(1) the Promoters of every Private Bill which originated in this House in the last Parliament and which is listed in Schedule A to this Order, or which originated in the House of Lords in the last Parliament and which is listed in Schedule B to this Order may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;
(2) every such Bill which originated in this House shall be presented to the House not later than the seventh day after this day;
(3) 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 the same title in the last Parliament as it stood when Parliament was
dissolved;

(4) every Bill so presented shall be laid by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill
Office upon the Table of the House on the next meeting of the House after the
day on which the Bill was presented;

(5) every Bill so laid on the Table shall be deemed to have been read the first and
second time and reported from Committee and ordered to lie upon the Table,
unless the Bill was considered as amended in the last Parliament, in which case
the Bill shall be ordered to be read the third time;

(6) when any Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the last Parlia-
ment and to which this Order relates, is brought from the House of Lords in the
present Session, the Agent for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a
Declaration, signed by him, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect,
as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the last Parliament,
and, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that
such a Declaration has been so deposited has been laid upon the Table of the
House, the Bill shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time and
committed;

(7) only such Petitions as were presented against any Bill brought from the Lords
in the last Parliament which stood referred to the Committee on the Bill and
which have not been withdrawn shall stand referred to the Committee on the
Bill with the same title in the present Session;

(8) in relation to any Bill to which this Order applies, Standing Order 127 relating
to Private Business (Right of audience before Committees on opposed Bills) shall
have effect as if the words " under Standing Order 126 (Reference to Committee
of Petitions against Bill) " were omitted;

(9) in respect of any Bill originating in the House of Lords to which this Order
relates and upon which the Examiners reported in the last Parliament that no
Standing Order not previously inquired into was applicable thereto, the Examiner
shall, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present Session, be deemed
to have made the same report in the present Session;

(10) in respect of any Bill to which this Order relates, no Fees shall be charged
in respect of any proceedings thereon which, by the provisions of this Order, are
deemed to have taken place in the present Session:

Schedule A

1. British Railways Bill
2. Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill

Schedule B

1. Crouch Harbour Bill [Lords]
2. Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords]
3. Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords]
4. River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords]
5. Torquay Market Bill [Lords].—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

To be communicated to the Lords.

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

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

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That
the Promoters of the following Bills, namely:—
Crouch Harbour Bill,
Eastbourne Harbour Bill,
Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill,
Torquay Market Bill,
River Wear Barrage Bill,
which originated in this House in the last Parliament but had not received the Royal
Assent shall notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House
have leave to introduce the said Bills in the present Session and the Petitions for the
Bills shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto
shall be deemed to have been complied with.
Every such Bill shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than 5 o'clock on 5th November next with a declaration annexed thereto signed by the Agent concerned stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the last Parliament.

That the proceedings on such Bills shall in the present Session be pro forma only, in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the last Parliament, and that no new fees be charged to such stages.

That all Standing Orders complied with in respect of any Bill which originated in the House of Commons in the last Parliament shall be held to have been complied with in respect of any Bill presented in that House in the present Session provided that the Bill is the same in every respect as that which was presented in the last Session and where the Examiner has already reported that the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of any such Bill, he shall report only whether any further Standing Orders are applicable.

Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Malley, supported by Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mr. Secretary Ross, and Mr. Secretary John Morris, presented a Bill to confer power to make regulations requiring the wearing of seat belts in motor vehicles: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 5].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 29th 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. Walter Johnson.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.24 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 31st October 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:


Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 32, 1974),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Vienna on 22nd August 1974 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the International Atomic Energy Agency regarding the application in the United Kingdom of Section 9 of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 1959 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Ross:

Pensions,—Copy of Rules, dated 18th October 1974, entitled the Superannuation (Teaching and Civil Service) Interchange (Revocation) (Scotland) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1738) [by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 22nd October 1974, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Alteration of Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Courts) 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1744) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

National Research Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Secretary Rees:

Road Traffic and Vehicles,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th October 1974, entitled the Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 254) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Mines and Quarries,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines and Quarries for 1973 for the Yorkshire Division [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th October 1974, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1793 [by Act].

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st June to 31st August 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 3].
Friday, 1st November, 1974.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (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 29th 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. Laurie Pavitt.)

Debate to be resumed upon Monday next.

House of Commons Members' Fund,—Ordered, That Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Grimond, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. G. R. Strauss and Mr. Richard Wood be appointed Managing Trustees of the House of Commons Members' Fund in pursuance of section 2 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1939. —(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Parliamentary Contributory Pensions Fund,—Ordered, That Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. G. R. Strauss and Mr. Richard Wood be appointed Managing Trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Pensions Fund in pursuance of section 1 of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972. —(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.23 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 1st November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Pensions,—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd October 1974, entitled—

(1) the Pensions Increase (Local Authorities, etc. Pensions) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1740),

(2) the Pensions Increase (Northern Ireland Judicial Pensions) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1742), and

(3) the Pensions Increase (Northern Ireland Reserved Services) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1741)

[b by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Wages Councils,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd October 1974, entitled the Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Wages Council (Greater Britain) (Abolition) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1739) [by Act].

Wages Councils,—Copy of a Report by the Commission on Industrial Relations concerning the Stamped or Pressed Metal-Wares Wages Council [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Benn:

Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copies of the Accounts of the Cutlery and Allied Trades Research Association—
(1) for 1972, and
(2) for 1973
[by Act].


Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th October 1974, entitled the Radioactive Substances (Carriage by Road) (Great Britain) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1735) [by Act].


Mr. Edward Short:


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


[No. 9.]

Monday, 4th November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

Members take the Oath.—The following Members took and subscribed the Oath:—

Ronald Henry Atkins, Esquire, for Preston North.

The Right Honourable Peter John Mitchell Thomas, Q.C., for Barnet, Hendon South.

Private Bills.—The Order of the House of 31st October, relating to Private Bills, being read;

British Railways Bill.—A Bill to empower the British Railways Board and the Greater Manchester 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 Cleveland Potash Limited and the National Coal Board; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and (the Bill having been reported and considered in the last Parliament) ordered to be read the third time.

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 and second time and (the Bill having been reported from Committee in the last Parliament) ordered to lie upon the Table.

Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 9.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Motions for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), showing the date of such Motion, the name of the Member proposing the specific and important matter and the result of any Division taken thereon, during Session 1974.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 30).—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 30 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1974, (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:—

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—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Private Bills and Private Business,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into this House and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in Session 1974:

Of all Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1974 were reported on by Committees on Opposed Bills or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last day of the sitting of each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each selected Member served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills of which the Preambles were reported to have been proved; the Bills of which the Preambles were reported to have been not proved; and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed:

Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in Session 1974 were referred by the Committee of Selection to the Committee on Unopposed Bills, together with the names of the Members who served on the Committee; the number of days on which the Committee sat; and the number of days on which each Member attended:

And, of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the parties, those Bills being specified which were referred to Committees and dropped during the sittings of the Committee.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Public Bills,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Bills, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during Session 1974, showing:

(1) the number which received the Royal Assent, and

(2) the number which did not receive the Royal Assent, indicating those which were introduced into but not passed by this House, those passed by this House but not by the House of Lords, those passed by the House of Lords but not by this House, those passed by both Houses but Amendments not agreed to; and distinguishing the stages at which such Bills were dropped, postponed or rejected in either House of Parliament, or the stages which such Bills had reached by the time of the Prorogation or Dissolution.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Select Committees,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Select Committees appointed in Session 1974 with the Sub-committees appointed by them; the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the number of days each met, and the number of days each Member attended; the number of meetings held by each Select Committee and Sub-committee, and the number of meetings each Member attended; the total expenses of the attendances of witnesses at each Select Committee and Sub-committee; and the total number of Members who served on Select Committees; together with so much of the same information as is relevant to the Chairmen's Panel and the Court of Referees.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Sittings of the House and Business of Supply,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of (1) the days on which the House sat in Session 1974, stating for each day the day of the month and day of the week, the hour of the meeting, and the hour of the adjournment; and the total number of hours occupied in the Sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after the time appointed for the interruption of business; and (2) the days on which Business of Supply was considered.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Standing Committees,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1974, of (1) the total number and the names of all Members (including and distinguishing Chairmen) who have been appointed to serve on one or more of the Standing Committees showing, with regard to each of such Members, the number of sittings to which he was summoned and at which he was present; (2) the number of Bills, Estimates, Matters and Statutory Instruments, considered by all and by each of the Standing Committees, the number of sittings of each Committee and the titles of all Bills,
Estimates, Matters and Statutory Instruments considered by a Committee, distinguishing where a Bill was a Government Bill or was brought from the House of Lords, and showing in the case of each Bill, Estimate, Matter and Statutory Instrument, the particular Committee by whom it was considered, the number of sittings at which it was considered and the number of Members present at each of those sittings.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Special Procedure Orders.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Special Procedure Orders presented in Session 1974; the number withdrawn; the number against which Petitions or copies of Petitions were deposited; the number of Petitions of General Objection and for Amendment respectively considered by the Chairmen; the number of such Petitions certified by the Chairmen as proper to be received, and the number certified by them as being petitions of General Objection and for Amendment respectively; the number referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses; the number reported with Amendments by a Joint Committee, and the number in relation to which a Joint Committee reported that the Order be not approved; and the number of Bills introduced for the confirmation of Special Procedure Orders;

Of Special Procedure Orders which, in Session 1974, were referred to a Joint Committee, together with the names of the Commons Members who served on each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; and the number of days on which each such Member attended.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (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 29th 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.

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words ' but humbly regret the disastrous proposals for the nationalisation of the aircraft, shipbuilding and off-shore oil industries, the establishment of a National Enterprise Board and the imposition of planning agreements, which will lead to bureaucratic interference, further loss of confidence, damage to investment and rising unemployment '.

—(Mr. Michael Heseltine.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Tom Pendry: 310.

So the Question was negatived.

The Main Question being again proposed:—Debate arising:

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Local Loans,—Resolved, That the Local Loans (Increase of Limit) (No. 2) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 23rd October, be approved.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 30th October, relating to a Joint Committee of both Houses to scrutinise delegated legislation, be now considered.

—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.34 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 4th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd October 1974, entitled the Housing (Scotland) Act 1974 (Commencement) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1755) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Pensions,—Copy of a List of exceptional awards of pensions and allowances sanctioned by the Treasury to disabled members and the dependants of deceased members of the armed forces during the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Cinematograph Films,—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Trade concerning certain capital payments advanced to the National Film Finance Corporation by the Board of Trade in 1969 which have not been repaid within the statutory period of five years [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1971, relating to—
(1) cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery,
(2) overalls and men's shirts, underwear, etc., and
(3) refractory goods, building bricks and non-refractory goods [by Act].

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

Redundancy Fund,—Account of the Redundancy Fund for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 13].

Tuesday, 5th November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

Committee of Selection,—Ordered, That Standing Order 109 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Committee of Selection) be repealed and that a new Standing Order be made as follows:—

"Appointment of Committee of Selection

There shall be a Committee, to be called the Committee of Selection, consisting of Nine Members, of whom Three shall be a quorum: and every Private Bill on committal shall stand referred to the Committee."—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Selection,—Ordered, That Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Hugh Delargy, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Philip Holland, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, and Mr. Frederick Willey, be members of the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the members of the Committee of Selection nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

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.:—

Ross and Cromarty County Council (Substituted Bill).

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some 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 establish the Crouch Harbour Authority for the administration and control of the harbour formed by the rivers Crouch and Roach and adjacent waters in the county of Essex; to confer on the Authority powers necessary or expedient for the preservation, protection, regulation, management, maintenance and improvement of the said harbour and the navigation thereof; to enact provisions in connection with the matters aforesaid; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Crouch Harbour Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise Eastbourne Harbour Company Limited to construct works; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Port of Tyne Authority to acquire land and to construct works; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer powers on the Torquay Market Company in relation to the capital and management of their undertakings; to confer further powers on the Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Torquay Market Bill [Lords].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 17) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1700) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Tunisia) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1349) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (British Gas Corporation) Order 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 29th 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.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words "but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech in no way measures up to the perils facing the country, and that its doctrinaire proposals will divide rather than unite the nation."—(Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 268,

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. W. H. Johnson: 310.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. W. H. Johnson: 308.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. David Steel: 14.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, 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.

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

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

Tuesday 5th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th July 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 14].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Industrial Property (Miscellaneous No. 24, 1974).—Copy of a Convention, signed at Munich on 5th October 1973, on the grant of European patents (European Patent Convention), with related documents (the Convention has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 35, 1974).—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on 2nd and 15th May 1974, amending the Headquarters Agreement of 28th May 1969 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the International Coffee Organisation (the Exchange of Notes is not in force) [by Command].

Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 36, 1974).—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on 16th May and 14th June 1974 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the United Nations, regarding the application in the United Kingdom of Article II, Section 8, of the General Convention of 13th February 1946 on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (the Exchange of Notes is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 47, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd July 1972, between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the Portuguese Republic, of the other part; with Final Act [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 48, 1974).—Copy of Amendment to the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, signed at Quebec on 16th October 1945, adopted by the Seventeenth Session of the Conference of the Organisation at Rome between 10th and 29th November 1973 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Usual Residence and Birthplace Tables [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1974, entitled the Pensions Increase (Local Authorities Prescribed Pensions) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1805) [by Act].

Tourism,—Statement of determination of the salary payable to members of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Prentice:
University Grants Committee,—Copy of the Annual Survey of the University Grants Committee for 1972-73 [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th October 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Compensation) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1748) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Gas,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th October 1974, entitled the Belfast City Council Gas Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 261) [by Act].

Pensions,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 28th October 1974, entitled the Pensions Increase (Modification) (Royal Ulster Constabulary) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1759),
(2) dated 28th October 1974, entitled the Pensions Increase (Northern Ireland Police) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1769),
(3) dated 29th October 1974, entitled the Pensions Increase (Northern Ireland Reserved Services) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1758), and
(4) dated 1st November 1974, entitled the Pensions Increase (Northern Ireland Police) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1811) [by Act].

County Courts,—Copy of Rules, dated 16th October 1974, entitled the County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 258) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Agricultural Employment,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Agriculture (Tractor Cabs) Regulations 1974 [by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Milk (Extension of Period of Control of Maximum Prices) Order 1974 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration),—Return to an Order made yesterday for a Return relating to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration).

Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 30),—Return to an Order made yesterday for a Return relating to Closure of Debate.

Private Bills and Private Business,—Return to an Order made yesterday for a Return relating to Private Bills and Private Business.

Public Bills,—Return to an Order made yesterday for a Return relating to Public Bills; to be printed [No. 16].

Select Committees,—Return to an Order made yesterday for a Return relating to Select Committees; to be printed [No. 17].

Sittings of the House and Business of Supply,—Return to an Order made yesterday for a Return relating to Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.

Special Procedure Orders,—Return to an Order made yesterday for a Return relating to Special Procedure Orders.

Standing Committees,—Return to an Order made yesterday for a Return relating to Standing Committees; to be printed [No. 15].

Wednesday, 6th November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

PRIVATE Bills [Lords].—The Order of the House of 31st October, relating to Private Bills, being read;

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table Certificates by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that the Declarations required by the Order in respect of the following Bills had been duly deposited:

- Crouch Harbour Bill [Lords],
- Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords],
- Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords], and
- Torquay Market Bill [Lords].

Crouch Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Crouch Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the first time and (the Bill having been read a second time in the last Parliament) was read a second time and committed.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the first time and (the Bill having been read a second time in the last Parliament) was read a second time and committed.

Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords].—The Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords] was read the first time and (the Bill having been read a second time in the last Parliament) was read a second time and committed.

Torquay Market Bill [Lords].—The Torquay Market Bill [Lords] was read the first time and (the Bill having been read a second time in the last Parliament) was read a second time and committed.

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

Education Bill.—Mr. Secretary Prentice, supported by Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, and Mr. Ernest Armstrong, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to awards and grants by local education authorities; to enable the Secretary of State to bestow awards on students in respect of their attendance at adult education colleges; and to increase the proportion of the expenditure incurred in the maintenance or provision of aided and special agreement schools that can be met by contributions or grants from the Secretary of State: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 6].

Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill.—Mr. Secretary Crosland, supported by Mr. Edward Short, Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mrs. Secretary Williams, Mrs. Secretary Castle, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Reginald Freeson, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Gerald Kaufman, presented a Bill to repeal certain provisions of the Housing Finance Act 1972; to make further provision as to rents; to introduce new housing subsidies for local authorities and new town corporations and abolish certain existing subsidies; to make minor amendments of certain enactments relating to housing; 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 7].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That if the Pensioners' Payments Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, further proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed and that as soon as the proceedings on any Resolution come to by the House on Pensioners' Payments [Money] have been concluded, this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(The Prime Minister.)

Pensioners' Payments Bill.—The Pensioners' Payments Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

Pensioners' Payments [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Pensioners' Payments [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for lump sum payments to pensioners, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums payable by the Secretary of State in pursuance of provisions of the said Act of the present Session providing for him to pay £10.00 in respect of any person;

(2) the payment out of money so provided of the administrative costs incurred by any Minister of the Crown or Government department under the said Act of the present Session;

(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of so much of the administrative costs incurred by a Minister of the Crown or Government department under the said Act of the present Session as relates to sums paid by the Secretary of State out of the National Insurance Fund or the Industrial Injuries Fund under provisions of that Act providing for him to pay £10.00 in respect of any person. — (Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Pensioners' Payments Bill.—The House, according to Order this day, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pensioners' Payments Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Social Security Amendment Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security Amendment Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and add the words "this House, while welcoming the provision of improved social security benefits and recognising the need to meet their costs, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which seeks to impose an unfair share of the necessary financial burden upon many self-employed people and upon those married women and widows who have elected not to pay insurance contributions at the full rate"—(Sir Geoffrey Howe),—instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 291.

So the Question was negatived.

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 Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(The Prime Minister.)

Social Security Amendment [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Social Security Amendment [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the provisions of the Social Security Act 1973 as to the rate or amount of contributions, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of money so provided by way of Treasury supplements under subsection (5) of section 1 of the said Act of 1973 where the increase is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session altering such contributions as are mentioned in subsection (2) of that section. — (Dr. John Gilbert.)
Ways and Means.—Social Security Amendment.—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the provisions of the Social Security Act 1973 as to the rate or amount of contributions, it is expedient to authorise any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums which, under the said Act of 1973, are to be taken as paid towards the cost of the National Health Service in Great Britain.  
—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Wednesday 6th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Fire Services (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Fire Services for Scotland for 1973 [by Command].
Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd October 1974, entitled the Local Government Reorganisation (Retirement of Chief Officers) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1754) [by Act].
Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th October 1974, entitled the Herring (North Sea Fishing) Licensing (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1766) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th October 1974, entitled the Widow's Benefit Retirement Pension and other Benefits (Transitional) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1757) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Civil Aviation,—Statement of determination of the salary payable to a part-time member of the British Airports Authority [by Act].
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1974, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees for Seamen's Documents) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1777) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th September 1974, entitled the Naval Reserves (Gibraltar) Pay (Amendment) Order 1974 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 6th November 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1974 and the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1974 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments; the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 17) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1700) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments; and the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Tunisia) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1349), the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1974, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1974 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.
Thursday, 7th November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

Ross and Cromarty County Council,—A Bill to impose and confer upon the county council of Ross and Cromarty duties and powers in relation to the protection, control and development of certain areas of and contiguous to the coastal area of the west mainland of the county, including powers in relation to harbour jurisdiction; and for other purposes, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Election Expenses,—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the expenses of each candidate at the General Election of October 1974 in the United Kingdom, as transmitted to the returning officers pursuant to the Representation of the People Act 1949, and of the number of votes polled by each candidate, the description of each candidate, the number of polling districts and stations, the number of electors, and the number of persons entitled to vote by post.—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill.)

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

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Selection (Standing Committees),—Mr. Hugh Delargy 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:

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;

(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.

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; 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.

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

They have further ordered, That the Joint Committee have leave to report from time to time; and they propose that the Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room 4 on Monday next at half-past Four o'clock.

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

Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross, supported by Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Bruce Millan, and Mr. Edmund Dell, presented a Bill to provide for the acquisition by the Secretary of State of land in Scotland for purposes relating to exploration for and exploitation of offshore petroleum; to enable the Secretary of State to carry out works and facilitate operations for those purposes; to regulate such operations in certain sea areas; to provide for the reinstatement of land used for those purposes; 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 8].

General Rate Bill.—The General Rate 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).

National Theatre Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Theatre 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 National Theatre Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Jack Dormand.)

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

And the Question being put:—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. Jack Dormand.)

Committee to-morrow.
National Theatre [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to National Theatre [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to remove the limits imposed by the National Theatre Act 1949 on the contributions which may be made under that Act towards the cost of erecting and equipping a national theatre, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the contributions, towards the cost of erecting and equipping a national theatre, made under the said Act of 1949 out of money so provided.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Members' Interests (Declaration).—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the arrangements to be made pursuant to the Resolutions of the House of 22nd May in the last Parliament relative to the declaration of Members' interests and the registration thereof, and, in particular:

(a) what classes of pecuniary interest or other benefit are to be disclosed;

(b) how the register should be compiled and maintained and what arrangements should be made for public access thereto;

(c) how the resolutions relating to declaration and registration should be enforced;

(d) what classes of person (if any) other than Members ought to be required to register;

and to make recommendations upon these and any other matters which are relevant to the implementation of the said Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records; to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House; to report from time to time; and to report from time to time the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and Memoranda submitted to them.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Fourteen Members.

And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Cant, Mr. Nicholas Edwards, Mr. Hall-Davis, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. Angus Maude, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. James Prior, Mr. Nigel Spearing, and Mr. Frederick Willey.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee shall report to the House, within the shortest reasonable period, their recommendations, especially with regard to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Members' Interests (Declaration) in the last Parliament and reported by them to the House on 29th July be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Jack Dormand):—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 minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 7th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Government Departments (Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets).—Accounts and Balance Sheets of certain Trading or Commercial Services conducted by the Government Departments in the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 19].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:


Treaty Series (No. 53, 1974).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 29th March 1974 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government
of the United States of America, amending the Agreement concerning procedures for the implementation and enforcement of rules for advance booking charter flights, signed at Washington on 30th March 1973 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Factories.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th October 1974, entitled the Factories Act 1961 (Enforcement of Section 135) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1776) [by Act].

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th October 1974, entitled the Anthrax Prevention Act 1919 (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1775) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Monopolies and Restrictive Practices.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies Commission on the supply of Primary Batteries [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the University of Cambridge on 21st May 1974, amending the Statutes of the University, and

(2) made by the Governing Body of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, on 20th May 1974, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Social Security Amendment Bill, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. William Hamilton, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. R. A. McCrindle, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. R. J. Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Brian O'Malley, Mr. Arnold Shaw, and Mr. Richard Wainwright.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had designated Standing Committee C as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (British Gas Corporation) Order 1974 and the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Orders 1974, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Corrie, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Nicholas Edwards, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. John Golding, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Bruce Millan, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. Robert Woolf.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 17) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1700), viz.: Mr. John Biffen, Mr. James Callaghan, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Raymond Fletcher, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Miss J. Maynard, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, and Mr. Michael Shersby.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Tunisia) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1349), the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1974 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1974, viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, the Reverend Robert Bradford, Mr. Cant,
Mr. William Clark, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. Norman Fowler, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Peter Hardern, Mr. Lamont, Mr. John Nott, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Dennis Skinner, and Mr. Brian Walden.

MEMORANDA
Thursday 7th November 1974

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 106 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr. Speaker has nominated Sir Alfred Broughton, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Albert Costain, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Hor Davies, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Alan Fitch, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Mr. Arthur Jones, Sir Donald Kaberry, Sir Stephen McAdden, Mr. R. Bonner Pink, Mr. John Wells, and Mr. W. T. Williams, to be members of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

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

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 A in respect of the Social Security Amendment Bill; Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1974, the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (British Gas Corporation) Order 1974, and the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1974; Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 17) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1700); and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Tunisia) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1349), the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1974 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1974.

[No. 13.]

Friday, 8th November, 1974.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Member takes the Oath.—The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:—

David Russell Johnston, Esquire, for Inverness.

Superannuation.—The Order made on 29th October, That the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme 1974 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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

Southern Rhodesia.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Callaghan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Thomas Cox: 124.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Stephen Hastings: 23.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved.

Standing Committee A,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the Social Security Amendment Bill, Standing Committee A have leave to sit twice on Thursday 14th November.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Members' Interests (Declaration),—Ordered, That Sir George Sinclair be added to the Select Committee on Members' Interests (Declaration).—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That the Lords Message yesterday 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 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 power 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. Robert Cryer, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. John Lee, Mr. R. Graham Page and Mr. Peter Snape.

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.

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

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. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.50 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 8th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Fire Services,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th October 1974, entitled the Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1797) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th October 1974, entitled the Police Pensions (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1796) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1974, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Ceramics, Glass and Mineral Products) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1801) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th October 1974, entitled the Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1802) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Copies of Orders, dated 31st October 1974, entitled—

(1) the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1794), and
(2) the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1795) [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

Friday 8th November 1974

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 106 (Chairmen's Panel) Mr. Speaker has nominated Mr. J. D. Spence to be an additional member of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

[No. 14.]


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

PRAYERS.

Member makes Affirmation,—The following Member made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:—

John Mackintosh, Esquire, for Berwick and East Lothian.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 had directed him to report Memoranda laid before them and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 11th November: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-i].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-ii].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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. 22-ii].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows Special Provisions) Amendment Regulations 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Channel Tunnel Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 30th October, That, if a Bill is presented to this House in the same terms as those of the Channel Tunnel Bill as it was ordered to be considered before Parliament was dissolved, the Bill so presented shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time, and to have been reported from a Standing Committee to the House, and shall be ordered to be considered accordingly, and the Standing Orders and practice of this House applicable to the Bill shall be deemed to have been complied with:

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

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. Walter Johnson: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ovenden, Mr. Leslie Huckfield: 115.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, if a Bill is presented to this House in the same terms as those of the Channel Tunnel Bill as it was ordered to be considered before Parliament was dissolved, the Bill so presented shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time, and to have been reported from a Standing Committee to the House, and shall be ordered to be considered accordingly, and the Standing Orders and practice of this House applicable to the Bill shall be deemed to have been complied with.
Sugar,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1900/73 and R/1957/74—(Mr. Frederick Peart);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “Commission” to the end of the Question and add the words “Document No. R/1900/73, but declines to approve Commission Document R/1957/74 as it makes no provision either for continuing imports, at fair and stable prices, of at least 1.4 million tons of cane sugar from Commonwealth countries, or for the continued existence of and employment in the port sugar refining industry in the United Kingdom, or for securing long term supplies of domestically refined cane sugar at a fair price to consumer and producer”—(Mr. Nigel Spearing),—instead thereof.

And the Question being 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 Motion relating to Sugar may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Sugar,—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Motion (Sugar):—The House resumed the adjourned Debate;

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

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/1900/73, but declines to approve Commission Document R/1957/74 as it makes no provision either for continuing imports, at fair and stable prices, of at least 1.4 million tons of cane sugar from Commonwealth countries, or for the continued existence of and employment in the port sugar refining industry in the United Kingdom, or for securing long term supplies of domestically refined cane sugar at a fair price to consumer and producer.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

|Adjourned at 11.58 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 11th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Church Commissioners,—Copy of the Report of the Church Commissioners for England, with Accounts and Resolutions, for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Measure].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1974, entitled the Rating of Transport and Electricity Authorities (Transitional Arrangements) (Scotland) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1804) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to persons of pensionable age [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Benn:

Post Office,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Post Office (Borrowing Powers) Order 1974 [by Act].
MEMORANDA
Monday 11th November 1974

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

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Social Security Amendment Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. W. W. Hamilton Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Tunisia) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1349), the Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1974, and the Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1974, in place of Mr. Michael English.

[No. 15.]
Tuesday, 12th November, 1974.

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 5th 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.

Ross and Cromarty County Council Bill.—The Ross and Cromarty County Council Bill was read a second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one 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 empower the Washington Development Corporation to construct a barrage with moveable gates and a footbridge across the river Wear in the county of Tyne and Wear and in connection therewith to execute other works and to acquire lands; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords].

Channel Tunnel Bill.—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That, if a Channel Tunnel Bill shall be brought from the House of Commons in this Session, any notices published and served and any deposits made in respect of a Channel Tunnel Bill in the Sessions 1973-74 and 1974 shall be held to have been published, served and made for the Bill in this Session.

River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords].—The River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Supplementary Financial Statement and Budget Report 1974-75.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Supplementary Financial Statement and Budget Report 1974-75 as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Ways and Means.—Capital transfer tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a tax may be imposed on the value transferred by certain dispositions made on or after 26th March 1974 and on the value treated on death and in certain other circumstances as so transferred—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—Debate arising:

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

Tuesday 12th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Supplementary Financial Statement 1974-75,—Copy of Supplementary Financial Statement and Budget Report 1974-75 as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 18].

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 12th November 1974, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for—
(1) the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,
(2) the Northern Ireland Office, and
(3) the Scottish Office
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:


Treaty Series (No. 52, 1974),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Managua on 21st March 1974, concerning an interest-free loan by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Nicaragua for the purchase of hospital equipment (United Kingdom—Nicaragua Loan (No. 1) 1974) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 54, 1974),—Copy of a Decision, made at Brussels on 24th July 1973 by Representatives of the Governments of Member States of the European Communities, on the provisional location of the European Monetary Co-operation Fund [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Police (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for 1973 [by Command].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Draft of an Order, entitled the Sheriffdoms Reorganisation Order 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st May 1973, entitled the Surrey County Council New Site for Rebuilding of Leatherhead All Saints Church of England (Controlled) Infants’ School Compulsory Purchase Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Education under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:


Mr. Secretary Benn:
Iron and Steel,—Statement of determination of a pension payable to a former member of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st October 1974, entitled the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1809) [by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prices,—Copy of a Consultative Document, entitled the Review of the Price Code [by Command].

Hire Purchase,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th November 1974, entitled the Hire Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1868) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:


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

Forestry,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th November 1974, entitled the Forestry (Exception from Restriction of Felling) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1817) [by Act].

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th November 1974, entitled the Dutch Elm Disease (Local Authorities) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1816) [by Act].

Ecclesiastical Law,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th November 1974, entitled the Legal Officers Fees Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1837) [by Measure].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 12th November 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows Special Provisions) Amendment Regulations 1974 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

[No. 16.]

Wednesday, 13th November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1974, referred to a Committee on 5th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 32].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 17) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1700), referred to a Committee on 5th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 24].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Tunisia) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1349), the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1974 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1974, referred to a Committee on 5th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 23].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Medway Ports Authority Revision Order 1974.—The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Three Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Petitions for Amendment of the Corporation of Trinity House and the Kent County Council and others against the Medway Ports Authority Revision Order 1974, which stands referred to a Joint Committee; they have ordered that such Committee have power to agree with the Committee of the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman; and they propose that the Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room No. 3 on Tuesday 10th December at Eleven o’clock.

Social Security Benefits Bill.—Mrs. Secretary Castle, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Foot, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Brian O’Malley, Mr. Alfred Morris, and Mr. Alec Jones, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to basic scheme benefits and benefits in respect of industrial injuries and diseases; to increase family allowances; to amend Parts I and III of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966; 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 9].

Ways and Means.—Capital transfer tax.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That a tax may be imposed on the value transferred by certain dispositions made on or after 26th March 1974 and on the value treated on death and in certain other circumstances as so transferred;

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

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

Wednesday 13th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th November 1974, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1876) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Prisons (Scotland).—Copy of the Report on Prisons in Scotland for 1973 [by Command].

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th November 1974, entitled the Hill and Upland Sheep Subsidy Payment (Scotland) Amendment Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1864) [by Act].

Agriculture,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 7th November 1974, entitled the Hill and Upland Sheep (Scotland) Amendment Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1863) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Fifth and Sixth Reports from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1974 [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Selection (Committee on Unopposed Bills) (Panel).—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had appointed Twenty-three 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. A. J. Beith, Mr. H. Boardman, Mr. Bernard Cornd, Mr. John Cordle, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. John Forrester, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. David James, 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. James Tinn, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. David Watkins, and Mr. Jerry Wiggan.

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. R. A. McCrindle and Mr. Richard Wainwright (nominated in respect of the Social Security Amendment Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Jill Knight and Mr. David Penhaligon.

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the General Rate Bill, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Joe Dean, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Douglas Hard, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. David Witzman, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows Special Provisions) Amendment Regulations 1974, viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. Alan Fitch, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. David James, Mr. Alec Jones, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, and Sir Anthony Meyer.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 13th November 1974

In pursuance of Section 2(2) of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, Mr. Speaker has nominated Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Edward Bishop, Mr. Clemitson, Mr. John Cordle, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Ron Lewis, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. John Page, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, and Mr. James Wellbeloved, to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the General Rate Bill and Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows Special Provisions) Amendment Regulations 1974.

[No. 17.]

Thursday, 14th November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—A Motion being made, That the British Railways Bill be now read the third time;

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
The Green, Aberdeen (Boots the Chemists Limited) Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to The Green, Aberdeen (Boots the Chemists Limited); And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 10].

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Pensioners’ Payments Bill, without Amendment.

Ways and Means,—Ordered, That at this day’s sitting, as soon as a Bill has been brought in upon the first nineteen Motions relating to Ways and Means and the Motions relating to Procedure and Finance [Money], the Question on the twentieth Motion relating to Ways and Means shall be put forthwith.—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Ways and Means,—Capital transfer tax,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th November, That a tax may be imposed on the value transferred by certain dispositions made on or after 26th March 1974 and on the value treated on death and in certain other circumstances as so transferred; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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:

Pensioners’ Payments Act 1974.

Ways and Means,—Capital transfer tax,—The Question being put, That a tax may be imposed on the value transferred by certain dispositions made on or after 26th March 1974 and on the value treated on death and in certain other circumstances as so transferred:—It was agreed to.

Ways and Means,—

2. Death duties

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for the abolition of estate duty under the law of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and, in relation to deaths occurring after 12th November 1974, for excluding or modifying certain reliefs and reducing the rates chargeable; for interest on sums paid in excess of those due in respect of duty; and for the final abolition of certain obsolete death duties—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

3. Tax on capital gains

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for amending the enactments relating to capital gains tax and corporation tax on chargeable gains—

(a) in connection with the replacement of certain provisions relating to estate duty by different provisions relating to capital transfer tax; and

(b) in relation to appeals—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

4. Value added tax (eight per cent. rate)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, as from 18th November 1974, section 9 of the Finance Act 1972 be amended as follows—

(a) in subsection (1), for the word “ten” there shall be substituted the word “eight”; and

(b) subsection (2) shall be omitted;

and that, in consequence of the amendment mentioned in paragraph (a) above, the Value Added Tax (Change of Rate) Order 1974 be revoked on that date;

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

5. Value added tax (special rate for light hydrocarbon oils etc.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, as from 18th November 1974, the rate of value added tax chargeable on the supply or importation of any light oil, petrol...
substitute or power methylated spirits (within the meaning of the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs & Excise) Act 1971) shall be 25 per cent, but nothing in this Resolution—

(a) shall affect the rate of value added tax chargeable on the supply or importation of light oil in containers of a capacity not exceeding 20 fluid ounces, where the oil is intended for sale in those containers solely as fuel for mechanical lighters; or

(b) shall apply to any goods of a description for the time being specified in Schedule 4 to the Finance Act 1972 (zero-rating);

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. W. H. Johnson : 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Dafydd Elis Thomas : 44.

So the Question was agreed to.

6. Value added tax (refunds to certain international organisations, diplomatic agents and consular officers etc. in respect of tax on hydrocarbon oil bought in the United Kingdom)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That it is expedient to make provision for securing that, in cases where, by virtue of section 8 of the Consular Relations Act 1968, Schedule 1 to the International Organisations Act 1968 or section 1 of the Diplomatic and Other Privileges Act 1971, arrangements exist for securing the refund of customs duty paid on the importation of hydrocarbon oil, those arrangements may also make provision for the refund of value added tax becoming chargeable on that importation—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—It was agreed to.

7. Value added tax (refunds to persons constructing dwellings otherwise than in the course of a business)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That it is expedient to make provision for the refund to a person lawfully constructing a dwelling otherwise than in the course of a business carried on by him of value added tax becoming chargeable, on or after 13th November 1974, on supplies to him and importation by him of goods which are incorporated in the dwelling or its site or in any garage intended to be occupied together with the dwelling and are of such a nature that, if he were a taxable person constructing the dwelling for the purpose of granting a major interest in it, within the meaning of section 5(6) of the Finance Act 1972, he would be entitled to deduct that value added tax as input tax—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—It was agreed to.

8. Income tax (alteration of additional rates for 1974-75)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That section 7(1) of the Finance Act 1974 (charge of income tax for 1974-75) shall have effect with the substitution for paragraph (b) of the following provisions, that is to say—

"(b) in respect of so much of the investment income included in an individual's total income as exceeds £1,000 at the additional rates of 10 per cent. for the first £1,000 of the excess and 15 per cent. for the remainder;

except that, in the case of an individual who shows that, at any time within that year, his age or that of his wife living with him was sixty-five years or more, income tax at the additional rate of 10 per cent. shall not be charged in respect of the first £500 of the excess mentioned in paragraph (b) above";

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Joseph Harper : 306.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas : 279.

So the Question was agreed to.

9. Building societies

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made with respect to certain sums payable by building societies—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—It was agreed to.
10. Life policies, life annuity contracts and capital redemption policies (income tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to income tax may be imposed by provisions about—

(a) the surrender of rights under life policies, contracts for life annuities or capital redemption policies;
(b) the exercise of options conferred by such policies or contracts;
(c) the conversion of such policies into paid-up or partly paid-up policies; or
(d) matters treated under the provisions as matters equivalent to the surrender of such rights or to the exercise of such options;

and those provisions may extend to events happening at any time after 26th March 1974—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

11. Extended tax exemption for savings certificates (income tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for extending the exemption relating to United Kingdom and Ulster savings certificates conferred by sections 95(1) and 96(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

12. Transactions between associated persons (income tax and corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to income tax and corporation tax (including charges for the year 1974-75 or for past accounting periods) may be imposed by further provisions about sales or other transactions at an undervalue or overvalue, and any Act of the present Session giving effect to this Resolution may contain provisions incidental or supplementary to the preceding provisions of this Resolution, including provisions about the obtaining of information—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

13. Initial allowances for industrial buildings and structures, etc. (income tax and corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for increasing the amount of initial allowances under Chapter I of Part I of the Capital Allowances Act 1968 in relation to expenditure incurred after 12th November 1974—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

14. Allowances for expenditure on thermal insulation (income tax and corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for the making of allowances under Chapter I of Part III of the Finance Act 1971 in respect of expenditure incurred in adding to any industrial building or structure (as defined in section 7 of the Capital Allowances Act 1968) any insulation against loss of heat—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

15. Trade unions (income tax and corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for treating certain trade unions as having been registered trade unions within the meaning of section 338 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (exemption from tax of income and chargeable gains applicable and applied for the purpose of provident benefits)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis: 306.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 268.

So the Question was agreed to.

16. Relief for appreciation in value of stock (corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, in the case of companies carrying on a trade, it is expedient in certain cases to make provision for relief from corporation tax by reference to the valuation of their trading stock at the end of accounting periods ending within or comprising the financial year 1973; and that any Act making provision for such relief may contain provisions incidental or supplementary to the preceding provisions of this Resolution, including provisions with respect to past accounting periods—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.
17. Signature of certain requisitions and requests of the Treasury

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That further provision be made as to the signature of requisitions and requests for credits under section 13 or 15 of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1866 or section 1(3) of the National Loans Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

18. Appointment of General Commissioners in Scotland and form of declaration by certain officers

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That it is expedient to amend the Taxes Management Act 1970 with respect to the appointment of General Commissioners for divisions in Scotland and the declaration to be made by General and Special Commissioners and certain other officers—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

19. Vehicles excise duty (Northern Ireland)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That there may be made in the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) of 1972 (1972 c. 10 of Northern Ireland) amendments (with retrospective effect) corresponding to amendments made for Great Britain by section 50 of the Finance Act 1974 (extension of exemption of disabled persons from vehicles excise duty) and for correcting the short title—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Procedure (Future Taxation),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters which may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provisions taking effect in a future year with respect to relief under section 19 or 20 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Procedure (Loans by Public Works Loan Commissioners),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters which may be included in Finance Bills any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provision for enabling the Public Works Loan Commissioners to make further loans in pursuance of section 3 of the National Loans Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Finance [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Finance [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to finance, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase in the sums to be issued out of or paid into the National Loans Fund which is attributable to any provision of that Act enabling the Public Works Loan Commissioners to make further loans in pursuance of section 3 of the National Loans Act 1968 up to a limit of £8,000 million; and

(b) any increase attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Consular Relations Act 1968 or the International Organisations Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Ways and Means and Finance [Money] and the Orders relating to Procedure made this day:

And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Harold Lever, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Dr. John Gilbert, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, do prepare and bring it in.

Finance Bill,—Dr. John Gilbert accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 11].

Ways and Means,—

20. Petroleum revenue tax

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Order of the House this day, That a tax shall be charged in respect of profits from substances won or capable of being won under the authority of licences granted under the Petroleum (Production) Act 1934 (including section 2 of that Act as applied by section
1(3) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964 or the Petroleum (Production) Act (Northern Ireland) 1964, including certain profits accruing before the passing of any Act imposing the tax, and that any such Act may include provisions incidental or supplementary to the preceding provisions of this Resolution—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

21. Income tax and corporation tax (amendments connected with petroleum and petroleum companies)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That there shall be made in the law relating to income tax and corporation tax amendments connected with petroleum companies or with substances won or capable of being won under the authority of licences granted under the Petroleum (Production) Act 1934 (including section 2 of that Act as applied by section 1(3) of the Continental Shelf Act 1964) or the Petroleum (Production) Act (Northern Ireland) 1964, and that this Resolution shall authorise the imposition of charges to income tax or corporation tax arising out of those amendments, including charges for the year 1974-75 and for past accounting periods—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Resolutions relating to Ways and Means (Petroleum revenue tax) and Ways and Means (Income tax and corporation tax (amendments connected with petroleum and petroleum companies)) come to this day: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Harold Lever, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Dr. John Gilbert, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, do prepare and bring it in.

Oil Taxation Bill,—Dr. John Gilbert accordingly presented a Bill to impose a new tax in respect of profits from substances won or capable of being won under the authority of licences granted under the Petroleum (Production) Act 1934 or the Petroleum (Production) Act (Northern Ireland) 1964; to make in the law relating to income tax and corporation tax amendments connected with such substances or with petroleum companies; 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 12].

Import Duties,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 17) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1700), a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd October, be approved—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Customs and Excise,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Tunisia) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1349), a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th August 1974, in the last Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that, on ratification by the Swiss Federal Council of the Supplementary Protocol set out in the Schedule to an Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 23rd October, an Order may be made in the form of that draft—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

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,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1974 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 23rd October—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

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,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. W. H. Johnson.)

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

Thursday 14th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 10, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 17th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on trade in jute products [by Command].

European Communities (No. 12, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 15th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Yemen on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Ross:

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th November 1974, entitled the Housing (Rent Income Subsidy) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1852) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:

National Museums and Galleries,—Copies of Statements on indemnities for borrowed objects, in respect of—
   (1) the National Gallery, and
   (2) the Tate Gallery
[by Command].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 5th November 1974, entitled—
   (1) the Celluloid and Cinematograph Film Act 1922 (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1841), and
   (2) the Hydrogen Cyanide (Fumigation) Act 1937 (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1840)
[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Restrictive Trade Practices,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th November 1974, entitled the Agricultural and Forestry Associations Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1836) [by Act].

[No. 18.]

Friday, 15th November, 1974.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Removal of limit on contribution to cost of national theatre).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 10, to leave out from the word 'theatre' to the end of line 13 and add the words 'for the words "(not exceeding £5,700,000)"
there shall be substituted the words "(not exceeding £7,000,000)"'.—(Mr. Robert Taylor.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Ellis 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.

Education Bill.—The Education 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).

Education [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Education [Money]:—

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to awards and grants by local education authorities, to enable the Secretary of State to bestow awards on students in respect of their attendance at adult education colleges; and to increase the proportion of the expenditure incurred in the maintenance or provision of aided and special agreement schools that can be met by contributions or grants from the Secretary of State, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Local Government Act 1974 which is attributable to—

(i) applying section 1 of the Education Act 1962 to courses for the diploma of higher education and the higher national diploma and courses for the initial training of teachers;

(ii) confining the requirements of that section with respect to the possession of the requisite educational qualifications to courses comparable to first degree courses;

(iii) applying section 2(1) of the said Act of 1962 to courses for the training of teachers, other than courses to which section 1 of that Act applies;

(b) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the said Act of 1962 which is attributable to any amendment of section 3 of that Act for enabling the Secretary of State to bestow awards on persons over a prescribed age in respect of their attendance at courses at institutions which are in receipt of payments under section 100 of the Education Act 1944 or section 75 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1962 and are designated as colleges providing long-term residential courses of full-time education for adults;

(c) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under section 102 or 103 of the said Act of 1944 or section 1(2) of the Education Act 1967 which is attributable to raising to 85 per cent. the proportion of the expenditure that may be met by contributions or grants under those provisions.

(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 72 (Welsh Grand Committee) be amended as follows:—

Line 3, after "consider", insert—

"(a) bills referred to them; and"

Line 12, at end insert—

"1(A) A motion, of which not less than ten days' notice has been given, may be made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business, that a public bill be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee, and the question thereupon shall be put forthwith; and if, on the question being put, at least twenty Members rise in their places and signify their objection thereto, Mr. Speaker shall declare that the noes have it; provided that no such notice shall be given until the bill has been printed and delivered to the Vote Office.

1(B) The Committee shall report to the House either that they recommend that the bill ought to be read a second time or that they recommend that the bill ought not to be read a second time, and in the latter case they shall have power to state their reasons for so recommending.

1(C) Upon a motion being made for the second reading of a bill reported from the Committee, the question thereon shall be put forthwith."

(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered. That there shall be a Select Committee 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 Seventeen Members.

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 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 Memoranda submitted to them, 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, have the assistance of the Librarian.

Ordered, That any Sub-committee which may be appointed to control the arrangements for the Kitchen and Refreshment rooms 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 Sub-committee's order of reference;

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

House of Commons (Services)—Ordered, That Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Ioan L. Evans, Mr. Ben T. Ford, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Walter Harrison, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Edward Short, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Bernard Weatherill, Mr. James Wellbeloved, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead, be members of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services).

Ordered, That the members of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Nationalised Industries—Ordered, That there shall be a Select Committee 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 Ltd., the 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 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 Thirteen Members.

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 them and any Memoranda submitted to them.

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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before such Sub-committees, and any Memoranda submitted to them.

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Nationalised Industries.—Ordered, That Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. John Golding, Sir Donald Kaberry, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. John Spence, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. John Stanley, Mr. David Stoddart and Mr. Edwin Wainwright, be Members of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.

Ordered, That the members of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Nationalised Industries.—Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence reported to the House by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries on 30th July, in the last Parliament, be referred to the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Procedure,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider what alterations, if any, are desirable for the more efficient despatch of the public business of the House in relation to European subordinate legislation, &c., recommended by any Committee on that subject for further consideration by the House; and to consider how the number of late sittings of the House might be reduced; and to report on those matters:

That Miss Betty Harvie Anderson, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. John Mendelson, Dr. Phipps, Mr. J. Enoch Powell and Mr. Nigel Spearing be members of the Committee:

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

That Four be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—Debate arising:

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Miss Betty Boothroyd)—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 15th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Constabulary (Ireland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th November 1974, entitled the Royal Irish Constabulary (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1901) [by Act].

Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th November 1974, entitled—

(1) the Police Pensions (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1899), and

(2) the Special Constables (Pensions) (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1900) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th November 1974, entitled the Special Constables (Pensions) (Scotland) (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1902) [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(4) of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, on representations by—
(1) the British Railways Board,
(2) the British Waterways Board,
(3) Friends’ Provident Life Office,
(4) Ocean Transport and Trading Limited,
(5) Standard and Chartered Banking Group Limited, and
(6) United Dominions Trust Limited
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1971, relating to—
(1) Industrial (including process) plant and steelwork, and
(2) Photographic and document copying equipment
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1974, entitled the Motor Fuel (Maximum Retail Prices) (Fourth Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1898) [by Act].

Mines and Quarries,—Copy of the Reports of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Mines and Quarries for 1973 for—
(1) the East Wales District, and
(2) the West Wales District
[by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 16th October 1974, entitled—
(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions) (No. 3) Order 1974, and
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions) (Officers of Flag and General Rank) Order 1974
[by Act].

[No. 19.]
Monday, 18th November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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. 22-ii].

New Towns Bill.—Mr. Secretary Crosland, supported by Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. John Silkin, and Dr. John Gilbert, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenues)) a Bill to raise the limits imposed by the New Towns Act 1965 on the amounts which may be borrowed by the development corporations for new towns and the Commission for the New Towns and make provision for the payment of pensions to chairmen of development corporations and of remuneration and allowances to members of committees conducting business for the Commission: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 13].
Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Rents and Subsidies 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 while recognising the pressing need for houses, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which will do little to meet that need, but will back-track instead to a system of indiscriminate subsidies, haphazard rents, and the certainty of further burdens for the ratepayers ”—(Mr. Nicholas Scott)—instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 252.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. James A. Dunn : 315.

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 Rents and Subsidies [Money], Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing Rents and Subsidies [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to repeal certain provisions of the Housing Finance Act 1972, to make further provision as to rents, and to introduce new housing subsidies for local authorities and new town corporations and abolish certain existing subsidies, it is expedient to authorise payments out of moneys provided by Parliament as follows:

(a) housing subsidy under the said Act for local authorities and new town corporations, consisting of five elements, namely—

(i) a basic element;

(ii) a new capital costs element of an amount determined in accordance with the said Act as a percentage (namely 66 per cent. or another percentage specified by order) of reckonable expenditure falling to be debited to the Housing Revenue Account of a local authority or the housing account of a new town corporation;

(iii) a supplementary financing element, for local authorities only, of an amount determined, in accordance with the said Act, as a percentage (namely 33 per cent. or another percentage specified by order) of an excess of loan charges falling to be debited to the Housing Revenue Account;

(iv) a special element for the year 1975-76; and

(v) a high costs element, for subsequent years;

(b) modified rent rebate subsidy for local authorities and new town corporations, of an amount equal to 75 per cent. of their standard amount of rent rebates, as defined by section 20(8) of the Housing Finance Act 1972;

(c) expanding towns subsidy for the councils of receiving districts, as defined by section 1(2) of the Town Development Act 1952;

(d) transitional town development subsidy for local authorities;

(e) subsidy for housing associations performing certain housing functions of local authorities;

(f) any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State; and

(g) any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in payments out of money provided by Parliament under any other Act.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Social Security (Consequences of Emergency) (Northern Ireland) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1268), a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st July 1974, in the last Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Roland Moyle.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Pensions (Increase) (Northern Ireland) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1267), a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st July 1974, in the last Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Roland Moyle.)

Expenditure.—Ordered, That Mr. Michael Alison, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. James Boyd, Sir Edward Brown, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Cope, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Sir John Eden, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Ted Garrett, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Peter Hardy, Colonel Sir Harwood Harrison, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr.
Ordered, That the members of the Expenditure Committee nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Expenditure,—Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee and the Social Services Sub-Committee of the Expenditure Committee in the last Parliament and reported to the House be referred to the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Privileges,—Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges do consist of Seventeen Members.

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

Ordered, That Six be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That these Orders, and the Order relating to Privileges made on 29th October, be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Privileges,—Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. Edward du Cann, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Edward Heath, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. John Peyton, Sir Peter Rawlinson, Sir David Renton, Mr. Edward Short, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. G. R. Strauss, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Sir Derek Walker-Smith, and Mr. Frederick Willey, be members of the Committee of Privileges.

Ordered, That the members of the Committee of Privileges nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 7th November relating to the Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills be now considered.

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. Daniel Awdry, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Edward Lyons, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, and Mr. William Wilson.

Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

European Secondary Legislation, &c,—Ordered, That there shall be a select committee to consider draft proposals by the Commission of the European Economic Community for secondary legislation and other documents published by the Commission for submission to the Council of Ministers, and to report their opinion as to whether such proposals or other documents raise questions of legal or political importance, to give their reasons for their opinion, to report what matters of principle or policy may be affected thereby, and to what extent they may affect the law of the United Kingdom, and to make recommendations for the further consideration of such proposals and other documents by the House.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Sixteen Members.

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; and to report from time to time the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and any Memoranda submitted to them.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report 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-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, 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 such Sub-committees, and any Memoranda submitted to them.

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

Ordered, That the Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., or any Sub-committee appointed by the Committee have leave to confer with any Committee appointed by the Lords on the European Communities or any Sub-committee appointed by them.

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament. (Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. John Davies, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Neil Kinnoch, Mr. Edward Lyons, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Julius Silverman, and Mr. James Spicer, be members of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c.

Ordered, That the members of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House. (Mr. Walter Harrison.)

European Communities,—Ordered, That any Member requested by the Committee appointed by the Lords on the European Communities to attend as a Witness before them or before any Sub-committee appointed by them shall have the leave of this House so to attend, if the Member think fit.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House until the end of this Parliament. (Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Procedure,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 15th November, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider what alterations, if any, are desirable for the more efficient despatch of the public business of the House in relation to European subordinate legislation, &c., recommended by any Committee on that subject for further consideration by the House; and to consider how the number of late sittings of the House might be reduced; and to report on those matters:

That Miss Betty Harvie Anderson, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Geoffrey Finberg, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. John Mendelson, Dr. Phipps, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, and Mr. Nigel Spearing, be members of the Committee:

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

That Four be the Quorum of the Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till to-morrow.

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

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

Tuesday, 19th November, 1974:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Monday 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 three minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.3 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 18th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st November 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Scotland) (Injury Benefits) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1838) [by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th November 1974, entitled the Social Security (Claims) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1911) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd October 1974, entitled the Port Talbot By-Pass (Speed Limit) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1855) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Mines and Quarries,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th November 1974, entitled the Coal and Other Mines (Electricity) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1853) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1974, entitled the Food Subsidies (Tea) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1913) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of the University of Cambridge on 4th June 1974, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:
Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th November 1974, entitled the Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1867) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Monday 18th November 1974

In pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, Mr. Speaker has nominated Mr. Woodall to serve in the room of Mr. Edward Bishop, and Mr. Mark Hughes to serve in the room of Mr. James Wellbeloved, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee.

[No. 20.]
Tuesday, 19th November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

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

River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords].

Bill 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. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 Memoranda laid before them and part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 19th November: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with a Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-iii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-iv].
Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 Memoranda laid before them and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 19th November. And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-iii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-iv].

Social Security Amendment Bill.—Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Social Security Amendment 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. 31].

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 27th November at half-past Four o’clock.

The House proceeded to consider the Lords Message.

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.

Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) 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. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Hamilton: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Russell Johnston: 30.

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. Jack Dormand.)

Committee to-morrow.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. Jack Dormand).

Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) [Money], Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of this Session to provide for the acquisition by the Secretary of State of land in Scotland for purposes relating to exploration for and exploitation of offshore petroleum, to enable the Secretary of State to carry out works and facilitate operations for those purposes, to regulate operations for those purposes in designated sea areas, and to provide for the reinstatement of land used for those purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(1) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of any provision of the said Act;

(2) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment. (Mr. Bruce Millan.)

Ways and Means.—Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland).—Resolved—

1. That, in pursuance of any provision included in an Act of this Session to provide for the acquisition by the Secretary of State of land in Scotland for purposes relating to exploration for and exploitation of offshore petroleum, to enable the Secretary of State to carry out works and facilitate operations for those purposes, to regulate
operations for those purposes in designated sea areas and to provide for the reinstatement of land used for those purposes, the Secretary of State shall be authorised—

(a) to charge, for the issue of licences for the execution of works in such designated sea areas, such fees as the Secretary of State may with the approval of the Treasury determine;

(b) to levy charges on vessels, platforms and other installations located in or entering or leaving any such area;

2. That the sums received by the Secretary of State in respect of the said fees and charges and any other sums received by him in consequence of the said Act shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund. (Mr. Bruce Millan.)

Prices, A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Food Subsidies (Tea) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1913), a copy of which was laid before this House on 18 November, be approved—(Mr. Robert Maclennan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Geraint Howells: 15.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Food Subsidies (Tea) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1913), a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th November, be approved.

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

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

Wednesday, 20th November, 1974:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.09 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 19th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Superannuation,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 18th November 1974, entitled the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme 1974 [by Act].

Dr. John Gilbert:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes—

(1) dated 30th July 1974,

(2) dated 12th August 1974, and

(3) dated 13th August 1974,

relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 28 to 30].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 9, 1974),—Copy of a Commercial Co-operation Agreement, signed at Brussels on 17th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India [by Command].

European Communities (No. 11, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 17th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on trade in coir products [by Command].

European Communities (No. 40, 1974),—Copy of a Statement on developments in the European Communities during the period March to October 1974 [by Command].
Treaty Series (No. 49, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd July 1972, between the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Swiss Confederation (with Final Act and Additional Agreement concerning the validity of the Agreement for Liechtenstein) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 55, 1974).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Cairo on 14th May 1974, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, concerning assistance by the United Kingdom in the clearance of the Suez Canal [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Agriculture.—Copies of Schemes, dated 13th November 1974, entitled—
(1) the Beef Cow (Scotland) (Amendment) Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1905), and
(2) the Hill Cattle (Scotland) (Amendment) Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1906) [by Act].

Crofters, Cottars and Small Landholders (Scotland).—Copy of a Scheme, dated 5th November 1974, entitled the Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) (No. 3) Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1870) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence Expenditure.—Account of the United States Mutual Defence Assistance Programme Equipment Disposal Deposit Account for year ended 31st March 1973 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises.—Report for 1973 of the Proceedings of the Secretary of State for Employment under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
General Practice Finance Corporation.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the General Practice Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 5].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copy of an Order, dated 15th August 1974, entitled the Newport (Monmouthshire) Harbour Revision Order 1974, 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 Rees:
Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th October 1974, entitled the Housing (Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1974, No. 273) [by Act].

Housing on Farms.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th October 1974, entitled the Housing on Farms (Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 274) [by Act].

Securities.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1974, entitled the Stock Transfer (Amendment of Forms) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 266) [by Act].

Weights and Measures.—Copies of Orders, dated 7th November 1974, entitled—
(1) the Weights and Measures (Dentifrices) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 282),
(2) the Weights and Measures (Sale of Wine) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 283), and
(3) the Weights and Measures (Sugar) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 281) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Agriculture.—Copy of an Order, dated 11th November 1974, entitled the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy Scheme (Approval) Order 1974 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the Petition [8th May 1974] from citizens of Northern Ireland concerning the constitutional future of the province; to be printed [by Standing Order].

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the Petition [15th July 1974] from citizens of Great Britain concerning the export of live animals; to be printed [by Standing Order].
MEMORANDUM

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill to Standing Committee A and the Education Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 21.]

Wednesday, 20th November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

The Green, Aberdeen (Boots the Chemists Limited) Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the The Green, Aberdeen (Boots the Chemists Limited) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Torquay Market Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Torquay Market Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

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 any 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.

Medway Ports Authority Revision Order 1974 (Petitions for Amendment) (Joint Committee).—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Three Members to serve on the Joint Committee on the Medway Ports Authority Revision Order 1974 (Petitions for Amendment), viz.: Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Hugh McCartney, and Mr. Michael O’Halloran.

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (British Gas Corporation) Order 1974 and the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1974, referred to a Committee on 5th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 32].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hor Davies reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Social Security Contributions (Married Women and Widows Special Provisions) Amendment Regulations 1974, referred to a Committee on 11th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 33].
Supply [1st 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—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 264.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Jack Dormand: 313.

So the Question was negatived.

Agricultural Employment,—Resolved, That the Agriculture (Tractor Cabs) Regulations 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th November, be approved.—(Mr. Gavin Strang.)

Members’ Interests (Declaration),—Ordered, That Mr. James Prior be discharged from the Select Committee on Members’ Interests (Declaration) and that Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.44 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 20th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd September 1974, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 34].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Broadcasting,—Copy of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Broadcasting Coverage [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Roads and Bridges (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1974, entitled the Erskine Bridge Tolls (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1877) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th November 1974, providing for an Amendment to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th November 1974, entitled the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973 (Continuation) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1893) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th November 1974, entitled the Collision Regulations (Traffic Separation Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1890) [by Act].
Ministers of the Crown,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th November 1974, entitled the Transfer of Functions (Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1896) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of the Report of the Law Society on the operation and finance of the Legal Aid Acts 1949 to 1972, for the year ended 31st March 1974, with the comments and recommendations of the Lord Chancellor’s Advisory Committee [by Act]; to be printed [No. 20].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Selection (Chairmen's Panel) (Parliament Act 1911),—Mr. Hugh Delargy 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. Bryant Godman Irvine to be the Two Members whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill.

Provisional Orders (Scotland) (Panel),—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That, in pursuance of Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), they had selected Eighteen 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. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. Craigen, Mr. Peter Doig, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Donald Stewart, and Mr. James White.

Standing Orders Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy 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. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. John Farr, Mr. R. Bonner Pink, and Mr. James Tinn.

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty-one Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. W. S. Churchill, Mr. Tom Cry, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Reginald Freeborn, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. A. W. Stoddart, and Mr. David Stoddart.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Education Bill, viz.: Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Alf Bates, Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Bryan Davies, Miss Janet Fookes, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. James Moloney, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. William Shelton, Sir George Sinclair, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 20th November 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill and Mr. John Wells Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Education Bill.

[No. 22.]

Thursday, 21st November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

The Green, Aberdeen (Boots the Chemists Limited) Order Confirmation Bill,—The The Green, Aberdeen (Boots the Chemists Limited) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

General Rate Bill,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the General Rate Bill, and directed her 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. 36].
Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Foot, supported by The Prime Minister, Mr. Edward Short, Mrs. Secretary Castle, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Edmund Dell, and Mr. Albert Booth, presented a Bill to repeal (in whole or in part), replace or amend sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 29 and 30 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 and paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 14].

Social Security Benefits Bill.—The Social Security Benefits 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).

Social Security Benefits [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Social Security Benefits [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to basic scheme benefits and benefits in respect of industrial injuries and diseases; to increase family allowances; and to amend Parts I and III of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament, at weekly rates of £6.90 (together with increases for child or adult dependants), of new basic scheme benefits as follows:—

(a) a pension for persons who are incapable of work and have been so incapable for not less than 196 days; and

(b) an allowance for persons engaged in caring for persons in respect of whom there is payable either an attendance allowance or such other payment out of public funds on account of their need for attendance as may be prescribed, with, in each case, a relaxation of the conditions of entitlement for men over 70 and women over 65 and a provision excluding a woman from entitlement if—

(i) she is married and either she is residing with her husband or he is contributing to her maintenance at a weekly rate not less than the weekly rate of the new benefit, or

(ii) she is cohabiting with a man as his wife;

(2) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under any other Act, being an increase attributable to—

(a) raising—

(i) to £9.20 and £6.20 the weekly rates of attendance allowance;

(ii) to £4.30 and £6.90 the weekly rates of Category C or D retirement pensions;

(iii) the weekly rates of increases of Category C retirement pensions for child or adult dependants;

(b) new provisions for increasing the rates or amounts of basic scheme benefits by order;

(c) increasing the weekly rates of allowances under the Family Allowances Act 1965 payable in respect of each child in a family other than the only, elder or eldest to £1.50;

(d) increasing (except as respects occupational pensions and redundancy payments) the weekly amount of income to be disregarded in calculating a person's resources for the purposes of benefit under the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966 or provisions amending paragraphs 2, 21, 22 or 23 of Schedule 2 to that Act;

(3) subject to the provision made by subsection (4) of section 46 of the Social Security Act 1973 for reimbursement out of the National Insurance Fund, the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the administrative expenses which are so payable under subsection (2) of that section;

(4) payments into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Jack Dormand.)

Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) 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.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
Prices.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Prices.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (British Gas Corporation) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Prices.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows Special Provisions) Amendment Regulations 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Science and Technology.—Ordered, That there shall be a Select Committee to consider Science and Technology and to report thereon from time to time.

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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and any Memoranda submitted to them.

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 sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report to the Committee from time to time.

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 and any Memoranda submitted to them.

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 these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Science and Technology.—Ordered, That Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. John Cunningham, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Abey Neave, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Christopher Tugendhat, and Mr. Kenneth Warren, be members of the Select Committee on Science and Technology.

Ordered, That the members of the Select Committee on Science and Technology nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Science and Technology.—Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-committees of the Select Committee on Science and Technology in the last Parliament and reported to the House be referred to the Select Committee on Science and Technology.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]
Thursday 21st November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Forestry,—Accounts of the Forestry Commission Forestry Enterprise for the year ended 31st March 1974, with the Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed together with the Report of the Forestry Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1974 [No. 37].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Cyprus (Miscellaneous No. 30, 1974),—Copy of a Declaration and Statement made at Geneva on 30th July 1974 by the Foreign Ministers of Greece, Turkey and the United Kingdom [by Command].

European Communities (No. 14, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 15, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Mali concerning the supply of flour of common wheat and sorghum as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 16, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Mali on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].

Shipping (Miscellaneous No. 26, 1974),—Copy of the Final Act of the International Conference on Marine Pollution 1973, held in London between 8th October and 2nd November 1973, including International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (1973), Protocol relating to intervention on the high seas in cases of marine pollution by substances other than oil (1973) and Resolutions of the Conference (the Convention and Protocol are not in force) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 12th November 1974, entitled—

(1) the Boiler Explosions Acts 1882 and 1890 (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1886), and

(2) the Explosives Acts 1875 and 1923 etc. (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1885)

[by Act].

Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th November 1974, entitled the 'Truck Acts 1831 to 1896 (Enforcement) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1887) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1971, relating to hosiery and other knitted goods [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1974, and

(2) the Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1974

[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Forestry,—Copy of the Report of the Forestry Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Bob Cryer (nominated in respect of the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alec Woodall.
Friday, 22nd November, 1974.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Medway Ports Authority Revision Order 1974 (Petitions for Amendment).—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 13th November, relating to the Joint Committee on Medway Ports Authority Revision Order 1974 (Petitions for Amendment) be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House has appointed Three Members to serve on the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Members appointed to serve on the said Committee do meet the Lords appointed to serve thereon as proposed by their Lordships.—(Mr. Richard Body.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

National Referenda.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House considers that the holding of national referenda to decide issues of importance runs contrary to the principle of British parliamentary democracy and will represent an abdication by Members of Parliament of the responsibilities they are elected to perform—(Mr. Tim Renton) : Debate arising;

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

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 15th November relating to the number of members of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) be amended by leaving out the word “Seventeen” and inserting the word “Eighteen”.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That Miss Janet Fookes be added to the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) and shall continue to be a member of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Procedure.—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider what alterations, if any, are desirable for the more efficient despatch of the public business of the House in relation to European subordinate legislation, &c., recommended by any Committee on that subject for further consideration by the House; to consider the possibility of restricting the length of speeches; to consider what changes may be necessary in Standing Orders to empower Mr. Speaker to call more than one Amendment for division at the end of any debate on a Motion; and to consider how the number of late sittings of the House might be reduced; and to report on those matters:

The Committee was nominated of Miss Betty Harvie Anderson, Mr. John Biften, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. A. P. Costain, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. John Mendelson, Dr. Phipps, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Cyril Smith, and Mr. Nigel Spearing.

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. Walter Harrison.)

Overseas Development.—Ordered, That there shall be a Select Committee to consider United Kingdom assistance for overseas development, and to report thereon.

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, and to report from time to time.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Overseas Development.—Ordered, That Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Sir Geoffrey de Fretas, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Michael Marshall, and Mr. Kevin McNamara, be members of the Select Committee on Overseas Development.

Ordered, That the members of the Select Committee on Overseas Development nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered, That there shall be a Select Committee 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, and matters in connection therewith.

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.

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered, That Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Anthony Durant, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. David Lambie, and Mr. Michael Stewart, be members of the Select Committee on Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.

Ordered, That the members of the Select Committee on Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—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-nine minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 22nd November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Civil Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1974-75,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1975 for Civil Departments [by Command]; to be printed [No. 35].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th November 1974, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Residential Rents—Private Sector) (Scotland) No. 2 Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1924) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th November 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1869) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Housing,—Copies of Orders—


(2) dated 12th November 1974, entitled the Housing Finance (North Eastern Housing Association) Amendment Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1891), and

(3) dated 20th November 1974, entitled the Improvement Grant (Rateable Value Limits) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1931) [by Act].

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st November 1974, entitled the Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1936) [by Act].

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th November 1974, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Private Sector Residential Rents) (England and Wales) No. 2 Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1928) [by Act].
APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Churchill (nominated in respect of the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hal Miller.

[No. 24.]

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

PRAYERS.

Selection,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 5th November relating to nomination of members of the Committee of Selection, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Harry Lamborn be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

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

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Local Government (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross, supported by Mr. Bruce Millan and Dr. John Gilbert, presented a Bill to make further provision as respects local government finance in Scotland; to restrict certain grants under the Transport Act 1968; to make provision for the appointment and functions of a Commissioner for the investigation of administrative action taken by or on behalf of local and other authorities; to make certain minor amendments of or consequential on the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973; 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 15].

Supply [2nd 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.—(Mr. Donald Coleman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Aerosols, Fruit Juices and Cosmetic Products may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Aerosols, Fruit Juices and Cosmetic Products,—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/834/73, COM(69)71, R/2222/72 and R/2579/73.—(Mr. Alan Williams.)

Overseas Development,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 22nd November relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Overseas Development, Mr. George Cunningham be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Bryan Davies be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

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

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

Tuesday, 26th November, 1974:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Monday 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 fifteen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day. 

[Adjourned at 12.15 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Monday 25th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:
National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th November 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Charges for Appliances) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1910) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:
Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th December 1973, entitled the Teesside (St. Hilda’s Church of England Primary School, Middlesbrough) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Education under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Jonathan Aitken and Mr. Alec Woodall (nominated in respect of the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Arthur Latham and Mr. R. A. Nelson.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 25th November 1974

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 Local Government (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 25.]

Tuesday, 26th November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

Torquay Market Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Torquay Market Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
Bill to be read the third time.

River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords].—The River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 21st and 26th November to be printed [No. 45].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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. 46].
Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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. 56].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr 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. 47].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 26th November to be printed [No. 47].

Education Bill,—Mr. John Wells reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Education 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. 48].

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

European Communities,—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That the Select Committee on the European Communities, or any Sub-committee appointed by the Committee, have leave to confer with any Committee, or any Sub-committee of it, appointed by the Commons on European Secondary Legislation, &c.; and that any Lord requested by the Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., of the House of Commons to attend as a Witness before them or before any Sub-committee appointed by them shall have the leave of this House so to attend if his Lordship think fit.

Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of Industry and Employment in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Social Security Amendment Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Social Security Amendment Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 4, to leave out "2" and insert "1"—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Hamish Gray: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Hamilton: 301.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 20, to leave out from "£2,500 " to the end of line 21.—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 284.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Social Security Amendment Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Social Security Amendment Bill,—The Social Security Amendment Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Social Security,—Resolved, That the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved.—(Mr. Alec Jones)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the Social Security (Benefit) (Married Women and Widows Special Provisions) Regulations 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 6th November, be approved.—(Mr. Alfred Morris.)

Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 64 (Meetings of Standing Committees), for the consideration of such matters as may be referred to them, the Welsh Grand Committee shall meet in the present Session on the following five days, viz.:—4th December, 5th February, 7th May, 11th June and 16th July.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the matter of Industry and Employment in Wales, the Welsh Grand Committee have leave to sit twice on 4th December; and that at their afternoon sitting the Committee shall meet not earlier than Four o'clock and proceedings on that day shall not continue after Six o'clock.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 26th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes—
(1) dated 22nd July 1974, and
(2) dated 30th August 1974
relative to the Fiduciary Note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 50 and 51].

Coal Industry,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 23rd July 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 52 to 54].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Broadcasting,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Command].

Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 5, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 5th October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland, with Final Act and Exchanges of Letters [by Command].

European Communities (No. 13, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 19th December 1972, establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus, and Protocol laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement consequent on the accession of new member States to the European Economic Community [by Command].

Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous No. 27, 1974),—Copy of the Vienna Agreement, signed at Vienna between 12th June and 31st December 1973, for the protection of type faces and their international deposit, and Protocol concerning the term of protection (the Agreement has not been ratified and the Protocol has not been signed by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous No. 29, 1974),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, signed at Strasbourg on 14th January 1974, to the Protocol to the European Agreement on the protection of television broadcasts (the Additional Protocol is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 29, 1974),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Brussels on 5th October 1974 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].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Hospital Endowments Fund—Distribution of Assets) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1915) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Patents,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Patents (Fees Amendment) Order 1974 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Welsh Church Funds,—Copy of a Scheme, made by the Council for the County of Clwyd and approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Wales, for the application of the property transferred to and vested in the Council under the Welsh Church Acts, 1914 to 1945 [by Act].

River Authorities,—Copy of the Report of the Usk River Authority for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—

(1) the University of Oxford on 4th July 1974, amending the Statutes of the University,
(2) the University of Cambridge on 12th June, 25th June, 25th July and 15th August 1974, amending the Statutes of the University,
(3) All Souls College, Oxford, on 16th August 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(4) Balliol College, Oxford, on 31st July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(5) Brasenose College, Oxford, on 16th July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(6) Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on 16th July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(7) Exeter College, Oxford, on 24th June 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(8) Hertford College, Oxford, on 9th August 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(9) Jesus College, Oxford, on 19th June 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(10) Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, on 22nd July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(11) Magdalen College, Oxford, on 2nd September 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(12) Merton College, Oxford, on 23rd July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(13) Nuffield College, Oxford, on 19th July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(14) Saint Anne's College, Oxford, on 24th June 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(15) Saint Catherine's College, Oxford, on 17th June 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(16) Saint Hilda's College, Oxford, on 24th July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(17) Saint John Baptist College, Oxford, on 10th June 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(18) The Queen's College, Oxford, on 8th July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(19) Trinity College, Oxford, on 11th September 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(20) University College, Oxford, on 29th July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(21) Wadham College, Oxford, on 25th July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(22) Worcester College, Oxford, on 19th July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(23) Selwyn College, Cambridge, on 3rd July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(24) Trinity College, Cambridge, on 16th July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College
[by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Civil Judicial Statistics,—Copy of Statistics relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the House of Lords, the Supreme Court of Judicature, County Courts and other Civil Courts, for 1973 [by Command].

MEMORANDUM

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Social Security Benefits Bill to Standing Committee B.
Wednesday, 27th November, 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).

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, 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. 57].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkins, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Callaghan, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Attorney General, and the Lord Advocate, presented a Bill to proscribe organisations concerned in terrorism, and to give power to exclude certain persons from Great Britain or the United Kingdom in order to prevent acts of terrorism, 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 16].

Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill,—Mr. Peter Hardy, supported by Mr. Arthur Blankin hop, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. David James, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. John Parker, Mr. David Price, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, and Mr. David Stoddart, presented a Bill to provide for the protection and conservation of wild creatures and plants growing wild: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 24th January and to be printed [Bill 17].

Local Lotteries Bill,—Mr. Tony Durant, on behalf of Mr. R. Graham Page, supported by Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Spence, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Giles Radice, and Sir George Young, presented a Bill to authorise local authorities to promote lotteries: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 31st January and to be printed [Bill 18].

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. James White, supported by Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Leo A be, Mr. Dan Jones, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Michael Roberts, and Mr. Donald Stewart, presented a Bill to amend the Abortion Act 1967 to make further provision with respect to the termination of pregnancy and matters consequential thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 7th February and to be printed [Bill 19].

Litigants in Person (Costs) Bill,—Mr. Arthur Bottomley, supported by Sir David Renton, Mr. Frederick Willey, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Dennis Skinner, and Mr. David Weitzman, presented a Bill to make further provision as to the costs or expenses 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 14th February and to be printed [Bill 20].

Television Licensing (Elderly and Disabled People) Bill,—Mrs. Joyce Butler, supported by Mr. John Farr, Mr. Frederick Willey, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. James Wellbeloved, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Guy Barnett, and Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, presented a Bill to abolish television licence charges for retirement pensioners and disabled people: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th February and to be printed [Bill 21].

Mobile Homes Bill,—Mr. Tom King, supported by Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Douglas Hard, Mr. Airey Neave, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. John Stanley, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead, presented a Bill to amend the law in respect of mobile homes and residential caravan sites; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th February and to be printed [Bill 22].

Unsolicited Goods and Services (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. David Knox, on behalf of Mr. Anthony Grant, supported by Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. John Ovenden, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Robert
Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, Sir Derek Walker-Smith, supported by Mr. Cranley Onslow,

Cancer Screening Bill, Sir Anthony Meyer, supported by Mr. Cranley Onslow,

Farriers (Registration) Bill, Mr. Michael Mates, supported by Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. John Forrester,

Education (Parents' Charter) Bill, Mr. William Shelton, supported by Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, Sir John Eden, Sir George Sinclair, Miss Janet Fookes, Dr. Keith Hampson, and Dr. Rhodes Boyson,

Local Government (Rate Relief for Small Businesses) Bill, Mr. John MacGregor, supported by Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Keith Speed, and Mr. John Stanley,

Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, Mr. William Whitlock, supported by Dr. Glyn, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, and Mr. John Forrester,

Dogs Bill, Mr. Peter Doig, supported by Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Harry Gourlay, and Mr. Alexander Wilson,

Local Government (Rate Relief for Small Businesses) Bill, Mr. John MacGregor, supported by Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Keith Speed, and Mr. John Stanley,

Education (Parents' Charter) Bill, Mr. William Shelton, supported by Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, Sir John Eden, Sir George Sinclair, Miss Janet Fookes, Dr. Keith Hampson, and Dr. Rhodes Boyson,

Farriers (Registration) Bill, Mr. Michael Mates, supported by Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Michael Brotherton, and Mr. William Molloy,

Representative of the People Bill, Sir Anthony Meyer, supported by Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Nicholas Edwards, and Mr. Wyn Roberts,

Cancer Screening (Education) Bill, Mr. Simon Mahon, supported by Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Hugh Delargy, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, and Mr. Hugh McCann,

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, Sir Derek Walker-Smith, supported by Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Hugh Rossi, and Mr. Robert Cooke,
Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Bill.—Mr. Paul Channon, supported by Mr. Mark Carlisle, and Mr. Marcus Lipton, presented a Bill to make new provision for enabling the High Court, the Court of Session and the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland to assist in obtaining evidence required for the purposes of proceedings in other jurisdictions; to extend the powers of those Courts to issue process effective throughout the United Kingdom for securing the attendance of witnesses; 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 24th January and to be printed [Bill 32].

Balance of Sexes Bill.—Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, supported by Mrs. Audrey Wise, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Terry Little, and Mr. Martin Flannery, presented a Bill to ensure that appointments to the boards of public bodies and corporations, to certain committees, panels and tribunals, and to juries and the House of Lords, shall consist of women and men in equal numbers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th May and to be printed [Bill 33].

Youth and Community Bill.—Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, supported by Sir Edward Brown, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Philip Holland, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Sir George Young, 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 21st February and to be printed [Bill 34].

International Road Haulage Permits Bill.—Mr. William Hamling, supported by Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. John Cartwright, and Mr. James Wellbeloved, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the forgery, carriage and production of licences, permits, authorisations and other documents relating to the international carriage of goods by road; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 24th January and to be printed [Bill 35].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy Scheme (Approval) Order 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Oil Taxation Bill.—The Oil Taxation 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).

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 31st July 1974, in the last Parliament, be approved. —(Mr. Roland Moyle.)

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill.—Ordered, That in respect of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provision) Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to proscribe organisations concerned in terrorism, and to give power to exclude certain persons from Great Britain or the United Kingdom in order to prevent acts of terrorism, and for connected purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in connection with—

(a) the control of travel into and out of any part of the United Kingdom, including the provision of facilities for examining officers, and
(b) the removal from any part of the United Kingdom, of persons subject to exclusion orders.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr. Peter Snape be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments; and that Mr. Andrew Bennett be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

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

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. James A. Dunn.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 27th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Motorway Service Areas,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th November 1974, relative to the modification of rent payable for the Harthill Service Area on the M8 motorway [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Borstal Institutions,—Copy of Rules, dated 17th November 1974, entitled the Borstal (Amendment) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1923) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Rules, dated 18th November 1974, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Radio) (Fishing Vessels) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1919) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on the fresh food reference for the period January to July 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 25].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Social Security Benefits Bill, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Brian O’Malley, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. David Price, Mr. George Rodgers, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, and Sir George Young.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Five Members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Industry and Employment in Wales, viz.: Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Peter Thomas, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy Scheme (Approval) Order 1974, viz.: Mr. Edward Bishop, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. John Farr, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Ralph Howell, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Jim Spicer, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Hamish Watt, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 27th November 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy Scheme (Approval) Order 1974 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. Michael English Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Social Security Benefits Bill, Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Industry and Employment in Wales and Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy Scheme (Approval) Order 1974.
Thursday, 28th November, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Dumbarton Burgh: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 36].

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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. 58].

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

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the proceedings in Committee on, on Consideration and on Third Reading of, the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill and any Lords Amendments which may be received to the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour; and that Mr. Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Act which has been agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill;

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

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Joseph Harper and Mr. Walter Johnson were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Carriage of Goods by Road and the Motion relating to Pre-Packed Products may each be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Resolution, resolved itself into a Committee on the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Proscribed Organisations).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 15, to leave out the word “ three ” and insert the word “ two ”.—(Mr. Keith Stainton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 20, at the end to insert the words—

“(d) arranges a broadcast, newspaper article or other publicity knowing that the purpose or consequence might reasonably be expected to support, sustain or to further the activities of a proscribed organisation or a person belonging or professing to belong to a proscribed organisation.”.—(Mr. Wyn Roberts.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 23, to leave out the words "six months" and insert the words "two years".—(Mr. Cormack.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 2, line 10, to leave out the words "and connected with Northern Irish affairs".—(Mr. Norman Fowler.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 16, to leave out subsection (6).—(Mr. Sedgemore.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 2, line 25, after the word "section" to insert the word "only".—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 2, line 32, at the end to add the words—

"(8) Where a member of a police force of a rank not lower than the rank of a superintendent gives evidence that he has reasonable grounds for believing that a person belongs to a proscribed organisation, it shall lie on that person to prove that he does not so belong or alternatively has ceased so to belong".—(Mr. William Craig.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Display of support in public for a proscribed organisation).

Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 2, line 44, to leave out the word "three" and insert the word "six".—(Mr. William Craig.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed, in page 3, line 6, to leave out from the first word "have" to the word "access".—(Mr. Keith Stainton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Orders to prevent terrorism).

Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 3, line 12, to leave out from the word "terrorism" to the word "designed" in line 13.—(Mr. James Kilfedder.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed, in page 3, line 15, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed, in page 3, line 22, to leave out the words "Great Britain" and insert the words "the United Kingdom".—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed, in page 3, line 36, to leave out "20" and insert "25".—(Mr. David Lane.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Right to make representations to Secretary of State).

Amendment (No. 37) proposed, in page 4, line 40, to leave out from the word "frivoulous" to the end of line 4 on page 5 and insert the words "refer the matter to the Appeal Tribunal set up in accordance with the next following paragraph:—

*(5)(a) An appeal against an exclusion order may be made to an Appeal Tribunal consisting of three persons nominated for this purpose by the Lord Chancellor;
(b) the tribunal may revoke or confirm the exclusion order;
(c) the decision of the Tribunal shall be final and binding and subject to no further appeal; and
(d) no further exclusion order may be made against a person whose appeal has been upheld by the Tribunal.”—(Mr. Frank Hooley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Sydney Bidwell: 51.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 218.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Exclusion orders against persons who are not citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies).

Amendment (No. 39) proposed, in page 5, line 35, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Powers of arrest and detention).

Amendment (No. 44) proposed, in page 6, line 14, to leave out the word “five” and insert the word “twelve”:—(Mr. Keith Stainton.)

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

An Amendment made, in page 6, line 25, by leaving out “53(3)” and inserting “50(3)”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Control of entry and procedure for removal).

Amendment (No. 45) proposed, in page 6, line 36, to leave out the word “may” and insert the word “shall”:—(Mr. David Lane.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Supplemental provisions).

Amendment (No. 48) proposed, in page 7, line 37, after the word “the” to insert the words “threat of”:—(Mr. Keith Stainton.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause Nos. 10 and 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Duration, expiry and revival of Act).

Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 4, to leave out the word “six” and insert the word “three”:—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 13 agreed to.

A Clause (Failure to give information regarding acts of terrorism)—(Mr. George Cunningham)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Independent Tribunals)—(Mr. John Prescott)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Phillip Whitehead: 61.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Jack Dormand: 193.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Schedule No. 3 (Supplemental provisions for sections 1 to 8).
Amendment (No. 52) proposed, in page 11, line 19, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Amendments made, in page 11, line 39, by inserting, after the words “Great Britain”, the words “or Northern Ireland”; and in page 12, line 23, by leaving out the words “Great Britain” and inserting the words “Northern Ireland.”
Another Amendment proposed, in page 13, line 12, to leave out sub-paragraphs (4) and (5).—(Mr. Ivor Clemitson.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Harper reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.
An Amendment was made to the Bill, in page 2, line 16, by leaving out subsection (6).
Another Amendment proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 4, at the end, to add the words—
“U.F.F. (Ulster Freedom Fighters),
Red Hand Commandos,
Ulster Protestant Action Group.”—(Mr. Gerry Fitt.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Carriage of Goods by Road,—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/1255/74.—(Mr. Frederick Mulley.)

Message from the Lords,—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:
The Lords have agreed to the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, without Amendment.

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:
1 National Theatre Act 1974.

Pre-Packed Products,—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. COM(72)202 and R/2628/73.—(Mr. Alan Williams.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Jack Dormand.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes to Eleven o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 10.47 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 28th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes—
(1) dated 20th September 1974,
(2) dated 24th September 1974,
(3) dated 4th October 1974, and
(4) dated 18th October 1974
relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 59 to 62].

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 5th September 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 64].

Iron and Steel,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 22nd August 1974,
(2) on 22nd August 1974,
(3) on 5th September 1974, and
(4) on 5th September 1974
on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 65 to 68].

Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th July 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 63].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation,—Copy of the Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1973 [by Command].

Representation of the People,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th November 1974, entitled the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Industrial Property (Miscellaneous No. 28, 1974),—Copy of a Trademark Registration Treaty (with Regulations) signed at Vienna between 12th June and 31st December 1973 (the Treaty is not in force) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Housing (Scotland),—Draft of an Order, entitled the Housing (Amount of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1973, entitled the Lancashire County Council (Anderton, Adlington County School) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Education under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 18th November 1974, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Tribunals (Improvement and Prohibition Notices Appeals) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1925), and
(2) the Industrial Tribunals (Improvement and Prohibition Notices Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1926)
[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

War Pensioners,—Copy of the Report on War Pensioners for 1973 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 12].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Control of Office Development,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales for the year ended 31st March 1974 on the control of office development [by Act]; to be printed [No. 27].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Edward Short:


MEMORANDUM

Thursday 28th November 1974

Mr. Speaker having, in pursuance of the Recess Elections Act, 1784 (24 Geo. 3, Sess. 2, c. 26) made his appointment of Members of the House of Commons, for the issuing of Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, in the cases therein mentioned, the same is here entered in pursuance of the directions of the said Act; and is as follows:

By virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of his present Majesty as authorises the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue His Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out Writs for the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein provided, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes;

I do hereby nominate, appoint, and authorise—

Sir Alfred Broughton,
Sir Myer Galpern,
The Right Honourable Graham Page, MBE,
The Right Honourable George Thomas, and
The Right Honourable Sir Derek Walker-Smith, Baronet, TD, QC,

being Members of the House of Commons, or any one or more of them, to execute all and singular the powers given to the Speaker of the House of Commons for the time being, for issuing Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, in the cases as in the Act specified.

Given under my hand and seal this twenty-eighth day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four.

Selwyn Lloyd, Speaker.

[No. 28.]

Friday, 29th November, 1974.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Planning Inquiries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disapproves of the holding of planning inquiries in secret, except in the interests of defence and national security—(Mr. Michael Hamilton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Sir George Young: 25.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Michael Cocks: 0.

And it appearing on the report of the Division that Forty Members were not present, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

One-Parent Families,—Resolved, That this House calls on Her Majesty’s Government to give priority to alleviating the problem of lone parents and their children in the light of the recommendations of the Finer Report.—(Mrs. Helene Hayman.)

Civil Liberties,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House reaffirms its commitment to extend civil liberties in the United Kingdom through a Bill of Rights and especially to guarantee and secure the right of all citizens to peaceful assembly and demonstration; to establish Parliamentary accountability over the activities and operations of the Special Branch; to prohibit the use of entrapment; and to enhance the genuine freedom of the Press and publishing in the interests of making these media more easily available for the expression of different points of view—(Mr. Robin Corbett);

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

House of Commons Members’ Fund,—Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of section 3 of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1948, the maximum annual amounts of the periodical payments which may be made out of the House of Commons
Members' Fund under the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1939 as amended by the said Act of 1948 and by the Resolution of the House of 17th November 1955, 7th March 1957, 17th May 1961, 9th March 1965, 4th May 1971, and 1st August 1972, be varied as from 1st December as follows:

(a) for paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the said Act of 1939, as so amended, there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"1. The annual amount of any periodical payment made to any person by virtue of his past membership of the House of Commons shall not exceed £750 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £1,250 per annum, whichever is the less:

Provided that if, having regard to length of service and need, the trustees think fit, they may make a larger payment not exceeding £1,400 or such sum as, in their opinion, will bring his income up to £1,900 per annum, whichever is the less";

(b) for paragraph 2 of the said Schedule there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"2. The annual amount of any periodical payment to any person by virtue of being a widow of a past Member of the House of Commons shall not exceed £375 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £875 per annum, whichever is the less:

Provided that if, having regard to her husband's length of service or to her need, the trustees think fit, they may make a larger payment not exceeding £700 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £1,200 per annum, whichever is the less";

(c) in paragraph 2A of the said Schedule for the words "the annual amount of any periodical payment" to the end of the paragraph, there shall be substituted the words "the annual amount of any periodical payment made to any such widower shall not exceed £375 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £875 per annum, whichever is the less:

Provided that if, having regard to his wife's length of service or to his needs, the trustees think fit, they may make a larger payment not exceeding £700 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £1,200 per annum, whichever is the less".—(Mr. George Strauss.)

Procedure,—Ordered, That Mrs. Lena Jeger be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure and that Mr. Jeremy Bray be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., Mr. Neil Kinnock be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Max Madden be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

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

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. Neil Carmichael):

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

[Adjourned at 4.21 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 29th November 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:


Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Army),—List of Exceptions to the Army Regulations as to pay, non-effective pay and allowances for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Police (Northern Ireland),—Statement of Account of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland (including the Account of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund) for the period 1st January to 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 70].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of The Queen's College, Oxford, on 8th July 1974, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th November 1974, entitled the Beef Subsidy Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1930) [by Act].

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


Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th November 1974, entitled the Enrolment of Deeds (Change of Name) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1937) [by Act].

[No. 29.]

Monday, 2nd December, 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).

Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ross, supported by Mr. Bruce Millan, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, and Dr. John Gilbert, presented a Bill to repeal certain provisions of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972; to make further provision as to the rents of houses provided by housing authorities in Scotland and of those subject to the Rent (Scotland) Acts 1971 to 1974; to amend the law relating to housing subsidies and accounts in Scotland; and to make minor amendments to certain enactments relating to housing and new towns there: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 38].

Export Guarantees Amendment Bill,—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary Benn, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Michael Meacher, and Mr. Eric Deakins, presented a Bill to make further provision in connection with the powers and duties of the Secretary of State under the Export Guarantees Acts 1968 and 1970: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 37].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Patents (Fees Amendment) Order 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. (Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

Supply [3rd allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Civil Estimates,—Supplementary Estimates 1974-75,—Resolved, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,499,985,000, 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 1975 for expenditure in respect of the Civil Supplementary Estimates as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 35.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Dr. John Gilbert and Mr. Robert Sheldon do prepare and bring it in.
Consolidated Fund Bill.—Mr. Robert Sheldon accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on 31st March 1975: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 39].

Supply.—The House, according to Order, again proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Review of the Price Code,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the consultative document on the Review of the Price Code (Command Paper No. 5779).—[Mrs. Secretary Williams]

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Laurie Pavitt]; And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Prices,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved.—[Mr. Gregor Mackenzie];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 43.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stanley, Mr. Tom King: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved.

Post Office,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Post Office (Borrowing Powers) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th November, be approved.—[Mr. Gregor Mackenzie];

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

Tuesday, 3rd December, 1974:

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted Business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Post Office (Borrowing Powers) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th November, be approved.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Jack Dormand];

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

[Adjourned at 1.29 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 2nd December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Aliens,—Copy of a Civil Service Department Minute, dated 28th November, 1974, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during the year ended 31st March 1974, with a List giving particulars of certificates of employment issued under section 1 of the Aliens' Employment Act 1955 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

River Authorities,—Copies of the Reports for the year ended 31st March 1974 of—
(1) the Cumberland River Authority, and
(2) the East Suffolk and Norfolk River Authority [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Fair Trading,—Copy of a Report by the Consumer Protection Advisory Committee on rights of consumers [by Act]; to be printed [No. 6].
MEMORANDUM

Monday 2nd December 1974

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 Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 30.]

Tuesday, 3rd December, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

Torquay Market Bill [Lords].—The Torquay Market Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Bob Cryer 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. 21-v].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-ii].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Bob Cryer 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. 22-v].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to give effect to the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Arbitration Bill [Lords]].

Arbitration Bill [Lords].—The Arbitration Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 43].

Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order for considering, upon Wednesday 4th December, the Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill.—Mr. Patrick Cormack, supported by Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. Raphael Tuck, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Mark Carlisle, and Mr. Norman Fowler, presented a Bill to amend the Cinematograph Acts 1909 and 1952 and, so far as it relates to things done in the course of cinematograph exhibitions, 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 upon Friday 31st January and to be printed [Bill 40].

Historic Churches Preservation Bill.—Mr. Patrick Cormack, supported by Mr. David Steel, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Nigel Lawson, and Sir Derek Walker-Smith, 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 14th February and to be printed [Bill 41].

Rating Reform Bill.—Mr. Patrick Cormack, supported by Mr. John Biffen, Mr. John Wells, Mr. Tom Norrington, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Jasper More, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Hugh Fraser, and Mr. Nicholas Ridley, presented a Bill to reform the rating system in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th February and to be printed [Bill 42].

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) 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 Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Adam Butler: 257.

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).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Energy Policy may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

Energy Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1472/74 and R/127/74—(Mr. Alex Eadie);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “ House ” to the end of the Question and add the words “ declines to approve Commission Documents R/1472/74 and R/127/74 as the former would, according to the Secretary of State for Energy, have “ policy implications regarding United Kingdom sovereignty over its indigenous energy resources ”; and because these Regulations would remove from this House the power to determine the future energy policy of the United Kingdom”—(Mr. Douglas Jay).—instead thereof.

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

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

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

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

Wednesday, 4th December, 1974:

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 fifteen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.15 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 3rd December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Civil Estimates (Vote on Account), 1975-76.—Estimate showing the several Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1976 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 43].

Defence Estimates (Vote on Account), 1975-76.—Estimate showing the several Defence Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1976 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 42].

Dr. John Gilbert:

Value Added Tax.—Copy of Rules, dated 22nd November 1974, entitled the Value Added Tax Tribunals (Amendment) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1934) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Probation and After-care.—Copies of Rules, dated 24th November 1974, entitled—

(1) the Probation (Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1954), and

(2) the Probation (Conditions of Service) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1955) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 19, 1974).—Copy of a Trade Agreement, signed at Brussels on 19th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Federal Republic of Brazil [by Command].

European Communities (No. 35, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 10th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Indonesia on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 36, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 15th October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Mali for the supply of food aid in the form of grain sorghum and maize [Command].

European Communities (No. 38, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic on the supply of food aid in the form of skimmed milk powder [Command].

Plants (Miscellaneous No. 4, 1974).—Copy of an Additional Act, signed at Geneva between 10th November 1972 and 1st April 1973, amending the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (the Additional Act has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 40, 1974).—Copy of the First Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc. for 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Health and Safety.—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st November 1974, entitled—

(1) the Factories Act 1961 etc. (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1941),

(2) the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1943), and

(3) the Petroleum (Regulation) Acts 1928 and 1936 (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1942) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd December 1974, entitled the Improvement Grant (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2004) [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 Surrey County Council New Site for Rebuilding of Leatherhead All Saints Church of England (Controlled) Infants School Compulsory Purchase Order 1973 [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 3rd December 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Oil Taxation Bill to Standing Committee D, the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee E, and the draft Patents (Fees Amendment) Order 1974 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

[No. 31.]

Wednesday, 4th December, 1974.

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

Mr. Speaker's Absence.—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. George Thomas, the 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.

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

Crouch Harbour Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Crouch Harbour Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords], and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords], and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy Scheme (Approval) Order 1974, referred to a Committee on 27th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 76].

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of Industry and Employment in Wales, referred to them on 26th November, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 79].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Torquay Market Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Energy Policy.—The Order for resuming, tomorrow, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, yesterday, was proposed to be made to the Question, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1472/74 and R/127/74, was read and discharged.

Church of England (General Synod) Measures.—A Motion being made, That the Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament—(Mr. Terry Walker);

Mr. Edward Short, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of the Motion, 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:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Frank White : 145.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Alan Clark : 45.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Church of England (Worship and Doctrine) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.

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;

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

Thursday, 5th December, 1974:

And the Question being put:—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.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Ordered, That the Order of the House of 22nd November relating to the Quorum of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration be amended by leaving out the word "Four" and inserting the word "Three" instead thereof.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes to Eleven o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 10.38 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 4th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th September 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 77].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th September 1974 on loans raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 78].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution,—Copy of the Fourth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Mr. Secretary Varley:


Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Saint Antony's College, Oxford, on 26th September 1974, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Law Commissions.—Copy of the Sixth Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on Statute Law Revision [by Command].

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

Tribunals and Inquiries.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st November 1974, entitled the Tribunals and Inquiries (Misuse of Drugs Tribunals) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1964) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Fifteen Members to serve on the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill, viz. : Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Budgen, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. Anthony Fell, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. David James, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Neil MacFarlane, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Michael Neubert, and Mr. J. W. Spicer.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Oil Taxation Bill, viz. : Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. John Cartwright, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Dr. Colin Philips, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty-four Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, viz. : Mr. Aitken, Mr. Albert Booth, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Clemison, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. James Prior, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. James Sillars, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Christopher Tugendhat, and Mr. Edwin Wainwright.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Patents (Fees Amendment) Order 1974, viz. : Mr. John Carson, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Neil MacFarlane, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. George Park, Mr. David Price, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Keith Stainton, and Mr. Kenneth Warren.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 4th December 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Oil Taxation Bill and Mr. W. W. Hamilton Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill.
Thursday, 5th December, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

Scottish Transport Group (Oban Quay) Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Scottish Transport Group (Oban Quay): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 44].

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some 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 establish a body corporate having functions relating to the establishment of standards for, the provision of standard preparations of, and the testing of biological substances; to provide for the transfer of certain property, rights, liabilities and obligations from the Medical Research Council to the Secretary of State for Social Services; and for connected purposes; to which they desire the concurrence of this House [Biological Standards Bill [Lords]].

Biological Standards Bill [Lords].—The Biological Standards Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 45].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Jack Dormand.)

Supply [4th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

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

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

Consolidated Fund Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Rees);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Thomas Cox: 91.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Bob Cryer: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved.
Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy Scheme (Approval) Order 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th November, be approved—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt)—It was agreed to.

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 6th December, 1974:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes past Twelve o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.8 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 5th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 29th October 1974, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 80].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated 27th November 1974, entitled—

1) the Police (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1973), and
2) the Police (Discipline) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1974)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:


European Communities (No. 24, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement made at Brussels on 6th November 1973 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Mali concerning the supply of maize and durum wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 25, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement made at Brussels on 15th November 1973 between the European Economic Community and the People’s Republic of Bangladesh on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 39, 1974),—Copy of Minutes made at Brussels on 28th February 1973, relating to the notifications of completion of procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland [by Command].

Railways (France No. 2, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement for the Settlement of Disputes made at Paris on 16th May 1974, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom, the Government of the French Republic, the British Channel Tunnel Company Limited and la Société Française du Tunnel sous la Manche (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

1) the European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974, and
2) the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 20th December 1972, entitled the Hampshire Compulsory Purchase (Education No. 2) Order 1972, and
(2) dated 7th February 1973, entitled the Peterborough New Town No. 11 (Queen Street Area ‘B’) Compulsory Purchase 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].

Local Government,—Copies of Orders, dated 3rd December 1974, entitled—
(1) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1974, and
(2) the Rate Support Grant (No. 2) Order 1974 [by Act].

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1974, entitled the Rate Support Grant (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1987) [by Act].

Local Government Finance,—Copies of Reports by the Secretary of State for the Environment on—
(1) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1974, and
(2) the Rate Support Grant (No. 2) Order 1974 [by Act]; to be printed (Nos. 75 and 74).

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Prevention of Terrorism,—Copies of Orders, dated 5th December 1974, entitled—
(1) the Prevention of Terrorism (Supplemental Temporary Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2038), and
(2) the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) (Adaptation) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2037) [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Youth Employment Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, on 2nd October 1974, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Apple and Pear Development Council (Amendment) Order 1974 [by Act].

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


Czechoslovak Refugee Fund,—Copy of the Account of the Czechoslovak Refugee Fund for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 81].

Friendly Societies,—Copy of the Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies concerning Lists of Trade Unions and Employers’ Associations as at 31st October 1974 [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of Rules, dated 26th November 1974, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1968) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 5th December 1974

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 E in respect of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill and Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Patents (Fees Amendment) Order 1974.
Friday, 6th December, 1974.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Small and Medium-sized Businesses.—Resolved, That this House pays tribute to smaller business employers and the self-employed for their past contribution to the national well-being; and calls upon the Government urgently to consider measures necessary for the encouragement of individual enterprise and initiative.—(Sir William Elliott.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 6th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 5) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2020) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Coroners,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1974, entitled the Hertfordshire (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2041) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th November 1974, entitled the Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2019) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1974, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Public Sector Residential Rents) (England and Wales) (No. 3) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1988) [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th December 1974, entitled the British Transport (Male Wages Grades Pensions) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2045) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Coal Industry,—Copy of Observations by the Secretary of State for Energy on the Report from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, Session 1974, relating to the purchasing of powered roof supports and spares by the National Coal Board [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1974, entitled the Butter Prices Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1984) [by Act].
Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture.—Copy of Rules, dated 26th November 1974, entitled the Horse Breeding (Amendment) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1962) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

House of Commons Offices.—Report of the Commissioners for Regulating the Offices of the House of Commons, for the year ended 31st March 1974.

[No. 34.]

Monday, 9th December, 1974.

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).

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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 agreed to the Social Security Amendment Bill, with an Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the The Green, Aberdeen (Boots the Chemists Limited) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Social Security Amendment Bill.—Lords Amendment to the Social Security Amendment Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 46].

Juvenile Crime.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House instructs Her Majesty's Government to treat as a matter of urgency the provision of adequate facilities for dealing with young offenders and to set up a departmental committee to inquire into the operation of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969—(Mr. Roger Sims);

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

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

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Education Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Harper).

Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Resolved, That the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973 (Continuation) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1893), a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Education Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Education Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

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. Tom Pendry);

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

Tuesday, 10th December, 1974:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.7 a.m.]
Monday 9th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
Civil Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1974-75,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the Service of the year ending 31st March 1975 for Civil Departments [by Command]; to be printed [No. 73].

Defence Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1974-75,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the Service of the year ending 31st March 1975 for Defence Services [by Command]; to be printed [No. 72].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Building and Buildings,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd November 1974, entitled the Building (Second Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1944) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Mr. Attorney General:
Contempt of Court,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Contempt of Court [by Command].

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 Newport (Monmouthshire) Harbour Revision Order 1974 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Dr. Colin Phipps (nominated in respect of the Oil Taxation Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alec Woodall.

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Ian Percival (nominated in respect of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tom Arnold.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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 the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1974 be made in the form of the draft 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 Ratification by the Swiss Federal Council of the Supplementary Protocol set out in the Schedule to an Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1974, 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.

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 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.:—

Brookwood Cemetery,
Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited,
County of South Glamorgan,
Plymouth City Council,
Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground,
Shard Bridge,
Sheffield City Council,
Stoke Park Guildford,
United Dominions Trust,
Westminster Abbey;

and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons, viz.:—

British Railways (No. 2),
British Transport Docks,
British Waterways,
Corn Exchange,
Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority,
Friends' Provident Life Office,
Greater London Council (General Powers),
London Transport,
London Transport (Additional Powers),
Milford Haven Conservancy,
Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants),
Standard and Chartered Bank.

River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).
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Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Bob Cryer reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 10th December, together with a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-vi].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-vii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-iii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-iii].

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. Edward Short reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), 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. 94].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Bob Cryer 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. 22-vi].

Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Housing Rents and Subsidies (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. 83].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. (Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. (Mr. Edward Short.)

Safety Packaging for Medicines.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it compulsory for all medicines which could be fatal to young children to have child-resistant opening devices fitted: And that Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. John Page, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Philip Holland, and Mr. J. W. Rooker, do prepare and bring it in.

Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill.—Mrs. Jill Knight accordingly presented a Bill to make it compulsory for all medicines which could be fatal to young children to have child-resistant opening devices fitted: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 47].

Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Acquisition of land for purposes connected with offshore petroleum).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 7, after the word “acquire”, to insert the words “or take on lease”.—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 7, to leave out the words “or compulsorily”.—(Mr. Hamish Gray).
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 8, after the word “ purpose ”, to insert the words “ mentioned in subsection (2) below ”.—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 18.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. James Hamilton: 193.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 1, line 9, to leave out the word “ exploitation ” and insert the word “ extraction ”.—(Mr. Alexander Fletcher.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words “ from the United Kingdom continental shelf ”.—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 135) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words “ subject to planning permission having already been granted ”.—(Mr. Grimond.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 2, line 1, to leave out the word “ housing ”.—(Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed, in page 2, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

“ (e) sites or rights for alternative public rights of way or other public rights mentioned in section 2(5) of this Act ”.—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed, in page 2, line 6, to leave out from the beginning to the word “ the ” in line 7.—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 15.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 179.

Another Amendment (No. 152) made.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed, in page 2, line 26, at the end, to add the words—

“ (7) Before acquiring any land for the purposes of subsection (2) above, the Secretary of State shall prepare and publish a survey or surveys of all areas which are in his opinion suitable for the purposes of subsection (2) above and this section shall apply only to land included in such a survey or surveys ”.—(Sir John Gilmour.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Ellis: 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Fred Silvester: 140.

Clause No. 2 (Extinguishment of rights affecting land).

Amendments (Nos. 153 and 154) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Designated sea areas).
Amendments (Nos. 35 and 36) made.
Another Amendment (No. 38) proposed, in page 4, line 1, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—
" (2) No order under subsection (1) above shall be made unless a draft of the order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament. "—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Licences in relation to operations in designated sea areas).

Amendment (No. 40) proposed, in page 4, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—
" (2) The particulars of operations to be carried out under such a licence must have been advertised 21 days prior to the granting of the licence. "—(Sir John Gilmour.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed, in page 4, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—
" (2) Where it appears that, as a result of the granting of such a licence, public or private rights of navigation or fishery or other public or private rights on the sea or sea bed in the designated sea area to which the licence relates may be prejudiced, the Secretary of State shall, before granting such licence, consult with those, or with appropriate organisations of those, whose rights may be so prejudiced. "—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. Fred Silvester: 143.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 176.

An Amendment (No. 42) made.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed, in page 4, line 23, at the end, to insert the words " and the authority shall be the sole authority to grant any licence or permission for relevant operations within its own area. "—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Terms and effects, etc., of licences under section 4).

Amendment (No. 50) proposed, in page 4, line 41, to leave out from the word " operation " to the second word " which " in line 42, and insert the words " (which must be within the designated sea area to which the licence relates) ".—(Mr. John Corrie.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 51) proposed, in page 5, line 12, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

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

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. Thomas Cox reported, That the Committee had made progress on the Bill, and moved, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 5 (Terms and effect, etc., of licences under section 4).

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed, in page 5, line 19, after the word " a ", to insert the words " public or ".—(Mr. Hamish Gray.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment (No. 56) made.

Another Amendment (No. 57) proposed, in page 5, line 36, to leave out subsection (6).—(Sir John Gilmour.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 60) proposed, in page 5, line 39, to leave out the words "at any time".—(Mr. Hamish Gray.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Regulation for protection and control of operations in designated sea areas).

An Amendment (No. 155) made.

Another Amendment (No. 65) proposed, in page 6, line 8, to leave out paragraph (f).—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 67) proposed, in page 6, line 11, to leave out paragraph (g).—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 107.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 178.

Another Amendment (No. 68) proposed, in page 6, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) Regulations made under this section shall be published in respect of each designated sea area".—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 69) proposed, in page 6, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) The Schedule (Making, varying and revocation of regulations with respect to sea designation areas) shall have effect as respects the making, varying and revocation of regulations under this section".—(Mr. Hamish Gray.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 70) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Execution and enforcement of regulations, etc., in designated sea areas).

Amendments (Nos. 71 and 72) made.

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed, in page 7, line 9, at the end, to insert the words "except insofar as any part of the designated sea area is within the area of another authority this jurisdiction shall only be exercised with the agreement of that authority".—(Mr. Alexander Fletcher.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Reinstatement of land held under Act).

An Amendment (No. 77) made.

Another Amendment (No. 78) proposed, in page 7, line 22, to leave out from the word "practicable" to the word "reinstate" in line 23.—(Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 80) made.
Another Amendment (No. 84) proposed, in page 7, line 35, at the end, to add the words—

"(2) Such land as is no longer needed for the purpose of this Act shall be offered to the person or body from whom it was acquired and thereafter exposed to public sale ".— (Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made :

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 85) proposed, in page 7, line 35, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) The Secretary of State shall consult the Countryside Commission and any other bodies which he considers appropriate before any land is reinstated ".—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment (No. 88) proposed, in page 8, line 4, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Execution of works and disposal of land held under Act).

Amendments (Nos. 92 and 94) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Supplementary provisions as to acquisition and appropriation of land).

Amendment (No. 98) proposed in page 9, line 35, to leave out subsection (3).—(Miss Betty Harvie Anderson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Dr. Gerard Vaughan : 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 151.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Compensation for adjoining owners and exclusion of actions for nuisance).

Amendment (No. 100) proposed, in page 10, line 4, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Dr. Gerard Vaughan : 92.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. James Hamilton : 160.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Rights of entry).

Amendment (No. 102) proposed, in page 10, line 27, after the word " time ", to insert the words " and upon reasonable notice being given to the owner and occupier ".—(Mr. John Corrie.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Application to Crown land).

An Amendment (No. 103) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 16 to 19 agreed to.

A Clause (Loans and guarantees by Secretary of State for facilitating relevant operations)—(Mr. John Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Duration, expiry and revival of Act)—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Duration of Act)—(Mr. Gordon Wilson)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. George Thompson: 6.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 101.

Schedule No. 1 (Making and revocation of expedited acquisition orders).

Amendment (No. 108) proposed, in page 14, line 7, after the word “order”, to insert the words “and of any land adjacent to land so specified”—(Mr. John Corrie.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 111 and 112) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 (Making and revocation of sea designation orders).

Amendment (No. 120) proposed, in page 17, line 42, after the word “shall”, to insert the words—

“(a) serve on such local authorities as appear to him to be concerned; and

(b)”—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 121 and 122) made.

Another Amendment (No. 125) proposed, in page 19, line 1, to leave out the word “representations” and insert the word “objections”—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 126) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Harper reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended, to be considered this day; and to be printed [Bill 48].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Resolved, That the Sheriffdoms Reorganisation Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 12th November, be approved.—(Mr. Harry Ewing.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Four o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.53 a.m.]
Tuesday 10th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Civil Appropriation Accounts—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, for the year ended 31st March 1974; 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. 85 and 86].

Defence Accounts—Accounts of the Defence Services for the year ended 31st March 1974, comprising—

(1) Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Defence Services, Class XII,
(2) Production Accounts and Balance Sheets as at 31st March 1974, of Her Majesty’s Dockyards and Other Establishments, and
(3) Operating Account of the Royal Ordnance Factories and Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1974;

with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon and upon other Defence Services Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 89].

Friendly Societies—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th December 1974, entitled the Friendly Societies (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2066) [by Act].

New Towns—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury—

(1) on 23rd October 1974 on loans raised by Corby Development Corporation;
(2) on 22nd October 1974 on loans raised by Milton Keynes Development Corporation, and
(3) on 22nd October 1974 on loans raised by Runcorn Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 90 to 92].

Post Office—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th October 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 93].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 17, 1974)—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 26, 1974)—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 15th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the People’s Republic of Bangladesh on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 27, 1974)—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the International Committee of the Red Cross on the supply of cereals and skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 28, 1974)—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 29th October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Lebanon concerning the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 29, 1974)—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 15th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and Malta on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 42, 1974)—Copy of a Supplementary Agreement, signed at London on 18th May 1973, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, amending the Arrangement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Cyprus for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income, as amended by the Agreement signed at Nicosia on 7th March 1968 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th December 1974, entitled the Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2064) [by Act].
Civil Aviation.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 6th December 1974, entitled the Heathrow Airport—London Noise Insulation Grants (Amendment) Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2051) [by Act].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1974, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (Extension) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2069) [by Act].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1974, entitled the Origin of Goods (Certain Mediterranean Countries) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2076) [by Act].

Import Duties.—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 4th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (Phosphorus and Wood Pulp) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2023), and

(2) dated 10th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper, Paperboard and Printed Products) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2070) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th December 1974, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Disciplinary Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2047) [by Act].

Prevention of Fraud (Investments).—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th December 1974, entitled the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act Licensing (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2042) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copy of an Order, dated 26th October 1974, entitled the Montrose Harbour Revision Order 1974, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 (as substituted in relation to Orders extending to Scotland only by Section 10 of the Act) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


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 1974, together with the Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 88].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Donald Anderson (nominated in respect of the Oil Taxation Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Watkinson.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1974 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments and the draft European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974 and the draft International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill.—The Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Scottish Transport Group (Oban Quay) Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Scottish Transport Group (Oban Quay) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Trade.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House statistics relating to Overseas Trade of the United Kingdom for each month during the year 1975.—(Mr. Secretary Shore.)

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr. William Wilson reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to whom the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 96].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 96].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 11th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 84-i].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Patents (Fees Amendment) Order 1974, referred to a Committee on 2nd December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 95].

Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 18th April.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Apple and Pear Development Council (Amendment) Order 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Housing (Amount of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1974 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Transplant of Human Organs.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to allow hospitals to take the organs, such as kidneys, of any patient, once clinical death has been established, other than those of a deceased person who has contracted out during his lifetime by registering, on a central computer, his desire not to donate organs: And that Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. William Hamling, Mr. Peter Hardy, Dr. Dickson Mabon, Dr. Maurice Miller, Mr. Brian Walden, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead, do prepare and bring it in.

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Transplant of Human Organs Bill.—Mr. Tam Dalyell accordingly presented a Bill to allow hospitals to take the organs, such as kidneys, of any patient, once clinical death has been established, other than those of a deceased person who has contracted out during his lifetime by registering, on a central computer, his desire not to donate organs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 7th February and to be printed [Bill 49].

Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Rents and Subsidies (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. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Capital Punishment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while recognising that political terrorism requires a reappraisal of established attitudes, is of the opinion that a re-introduction of the death penalty would neither deter terrorists nor increase the safety of the public—(Mr. Brian Walden):

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question and add the words “is of the opinion that death should be the penalty for acts of terrorism causing death and calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to introduce at an early date legislation to enable Parliament to give effect to that opinion”—(Mrs. Jill Knight),—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Keith Speed: 217.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Golding, Mrs. Millie Miller: 369.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House, while recognising that political terrorism requires a reappraisal of established attitudes, is of the opinion that a re-introduction of the death penalty would neither deter terrorists nor increase the safety of the public.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day’s sitting, the Lords Amendment to the Social Security Amendment Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour and that the Motion relating to Collective Dismissals may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Robert Mellish.)

Social Security Amendment Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Social Security Amendment Bill.

Lords Amendment in page 2, line 20, leave out from “£2,500)” to end of line 21.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Brian O’Malley)—Debate arising;

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

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Mr. Robert Mellish 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. Donald Coleman, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 297.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Adam Butler: 281.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. John Ellis: 297.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Adam Butler: 278.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment: And the Committee was nominated of Mrs. Secretary Castle, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Jack Dormand, Sir Geoffrey Howe, and Mr. Brian O’Malley.
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Brian O’Malley.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Social Security Amendment Bill.—Mrs. Secretary Castle reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment to the Social Security Amendment Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed her to report to the House: And the same was read as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 20, for the following Reason:

Because it alters a charge on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendment.

Collective Dismissals,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves Commission Document No. R/2976/73—(Mr. John Fraser);

The Question was amended, by leaving out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and adding the words "while approving the objectives of Commission Document No. R/2976/73, considers that it can only be noted since its contents are subject to amendment by documents not before this House."—(Mr. Bryan Gould.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House, while approving the objectives of Commission Document No. R/2976/73, considers that it can only be noted since its contents are subject to amendment by documents not before this House.

Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to repeal certain provisions of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972, to make further provision as to the rents of houses provided by housing authorities in Scotland, and to amend the law relating to housing subsidies and accounts in Scotland, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of any provision of the said Act;

(b) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment;

and that it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Consolidated Fund and into the National Loans Fund of any sums so payable under any other enactment by virtue of any provision of the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes to Three o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.49 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 11th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Public Accounts,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 9th December 1974, on the First and Third Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1974, and Abstract of Appropriation Accounts [by Command].

Dr. John Gilbert:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1974, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (General) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2036) [by Act].
Development Fund,—Accounts of the Development Fund 1973-74, showing—
(1) the receipts into, and issues out of, the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1974, and
(2) the loans outstanding on 31st March 1974;
with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 97].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 9th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Certain Mediterranean Countries) (Reductions and Exemptions) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2073),
(2) dated 9th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Cyprus) (Reductions) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2074),
(3) dated 6th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Developing Countries) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2071), and
(4) dated 9th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Morocco and Tunisia) (Reductions) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2072)
[by Act].

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 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 98].

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th December 1974, entitled the Value Added Tax (Fuel and Power) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2080) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Prisons and Borstals,—Copy of Statistical Tables supplementary to the Report on the work of the Prison Department for 1973 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
European Communities (No. 41, 1974),—Copy of the Text of the Communiqué issued by the Heads of Government of the nine States of the European Economic Community at their meeting in Paris on 9th and 10th December 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th December 1974, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2048) [by Act].

Tribunals and Enquiries,—Copy of Rules, dated 6th December 1974, entitled the Health and Safety Licensing Appeals (Hearings Procedure) (Scotland) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2068) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:
Agricultural Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Agricultural Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 41].

Mtrs. Secretary Castle:
Children,—Copy of particulars of the number of children in care of local authorities in England and Wales under the Children Act 1948 on 31st March 1973 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Shore:
Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 11th December 1974, entitled—
(1) the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 4) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2084), and
(2) the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 5) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2085)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Transport,—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd December 1974, entitled—
(1) the British Railways Board (Central Trust) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2001), and
(2) the British Railways Board (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 1) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2005)
[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rees:

Public Accounts.—Copy of a Northern Ireland Department of Finance Memorandum, dated 11th December 1974, on the Second and Fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Health and Safety.—Copies of Regulations—
(3) dated 3rd December 1974, entitled the Ministry of Fuel and Power Act 1945 (Repeal) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2012), and
(4) dated 9th November 1974, entitled the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 etc. (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2056) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture.—Copies of Schemes, dated 29th November 1974, entitled—
(1) the Beef Cow (England and Wales) (Amendment) Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1998),
(2) the Beef Cow (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1999),
(3) the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1997), and
(4) the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1996) [by Act].

Papers 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 1974 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 99].

Ironstone Restoration Fund.—Account of the Ironstone Restoration Fund, showing Receipts and Payments during the year ended 31st March 1974 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 100].

Law Commissions.—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission for the year ended 29th October 1974 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 40].

Petroleum (Production).—Copy of the Account of the moneys received and expended by the Secretary of State for Energy in respect of licences to search for and get petroleum, for the year ended 31st March 1974 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 101].

Tribunals and Inquiries.—Copy of Rules, dated 3rd December 1974, entitled the Health and Safety Licensing Appeals (Hearing Procedure) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2040) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Craigen, Mr. Peter Doig, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Frank McElhone, Dr. Maurice Miller, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. Andrew Welsh.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1974, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Bengazi Davies, Mr. Nicholas Edwards, Mr. Tom Ellis, Mr. Joan L. Evans, Sir Raymond Gover, Mr. Neil Grist, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Geoffrey Morgan, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Dafydd Elis Thomas, and Mr. Jeffrey Thomas.
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Apple and Pear Development Council (Amendment) Order 1974, viz.: Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. James Kilfedder, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Jim Spicer, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. David Young.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974 and the draft International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974, viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. David James, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Miss Joan Lestor, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. William Whitlock.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Housing (Amount of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1974, viz.: Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Richard Buchan, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Ian Campbell, Miss Joan Lestor, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. William Whitlock.

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Anthony Steen (nominated in respect of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Morrison.

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee, the draft Apple and Pear Development Council (Amendment) Order 1974 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments and the draft Housing (Amount of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1974 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 Mr. William Hamilton Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill, Mr. I. C. Davies Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1974, Mr. Spence Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Apple and Pear Development Council (Amendment) Order 1974, Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974 and the draft International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974, and Mr. W. T. Williams Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Housing (Amount of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

Scottish Transport Group (Oban Quay) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Scottish Transport Group (Oban Quay) Order Confirmation Bill was 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).
European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45.iv].

Members' Interests (Declaration),—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Members' Interests (Declaration), That they had considered the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Members' Interests (Declaration) in the last Parliament and referred to the Committee on 7th November, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 102].

Procedure,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, 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.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 102].

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 against escapes of water from large reservoirs or from lakes or lochs artificially created or enlarged; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Reservoirs Bill [Lords].

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Social Security Amendment Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

Reservoirs Bill [Lords],—The Reservoirs Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 50].

Rate Support Grant,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Support Grant (No. 2) Order 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Crosland);

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 and to the following Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919:


Rate Support Grant,—The Question being put, That the Rate Support Grant (No. 2) Order 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved:—It was agreed to.

Rate Support Grant,—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Crosland.)

General Rate Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the General Rate Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the General Rate Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

General Rate Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the General Rate Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, to leave out from the word “ until ” to the end of line 10 and insert the words “ either 1st April 1979 or 1st April
1980 as the Secretary of State may provide by order made by statutory instrument; and that section shall be amended accordingly”—(Mr. Hugh Rossi)—instead thereof.

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, at the end, to insert the words “to whom the Secretary of State shall report upon whatever consultations he may have had with the representatives of the local authorities prior to the making of such order and in particular upon any representations made to him during such consultations concerning the possible effects of such order”—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

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

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 proposed, That the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved.—(Mr. Concannon):

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Friday morning;

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And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted Business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved.—(Mr. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Youth Employment Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr. Concannon.)

Patents,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Patents (Fees Amendment) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 26th November, be approved.—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Wealth Tax,—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Green Paper on proposals for a Wealth Tax (Command Paper No. 5704) and to report thereon.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Twenty-one Members.

And the Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Tom Dolyell, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Gow, Sir John Hall, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Douglas Jay, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Mr. Robert McRindle, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. John Nott, Mr. John Pardoe, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Timothy Sainsbury, and Mr. Brian Walden.

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 report from time to time; and to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee and Memoranda laid before them from time to time.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint persons with expert knowledge either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the Committee’s order of reference.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Expenditure,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. John Cope be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Roger Sims be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—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 two minutes to Two o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

Adjourned at 1.58 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 12th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd December 1974, entitled the Pensions Increase (Judicial Pensions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2029) [by Act].

Dr. John Gilbert:

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st August 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 104].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 30, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 19th October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees on the supply of butter-oil as food aid [by Command].

Shipping (Miscellaneous No. 37, 1974),—Copy of a proposed Amendment of the Annex to the Convention on facilitation of international maritime traffic, 1965 (the Amendment has not been accepted by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 58, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 21st May 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on co-operation in the field of environmental protection [by Command].

Zaire (No. 1, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Kinshasa on 17th May 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the National Executive Council of the Republic of Zaire for air services between and beyond their respective territories (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Education (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th November 1974, entitled—
(1) the Teachers Superannuation (Contributions) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1994), and
(2) the Teachers Superannuation (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1993) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Prentice:


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Designs,—Copy of Rules, dated 4th December 1974, entitled the Designs (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2043) [by Act].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the First Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for Session 1974-75 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 49].
PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the London Boroughs of Greenwich, Lewisham and Southwark for a review of employment opportunities in South London and assistance in the attraction of appropriate industries was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Market Weighton for a by-pass to be completed before the opening of the Humber Bridge was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Western Samoa (Gift of a Mace).—Mr. Laurie Pavitt acquainted the House, That the Members who had been given leave of absence on 30th October last to present, on behalf of the House, a Mace to the Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa had presented the said Mace and that the Legislative Assembly had come to the following Resolution:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Independent State of Western Samoa in Parliament assembled, express our sincere thanks to the Commons House of Parliament of the United Kingdom for the Mace, which, by direction of Her Majesty the Queen, it has presented to this House. We accept this generous gift as a token of the friendship and goodwill of the House of Commons towards the Legislative Assembly and the people of Western Samoa. This Mace will ever serve to remind us of the great tradition of Parliamentary Government which we, as Members of the Commonwealth, have inherited from the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

Enforcement of the Law.—Resolved, That this House expresses its concern at the increasing disregard for the observance of law, of which the so-called Windsor Free Pop Festival is but one example; regards the present escalation of acts of vandalism, violent crime, hi-jacking and terrorism as a threat to our way of life; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to take all necessary measures, such as increasing the size of the police force and special constabulary and reviewing penalties both for acts of terrorism and other crime, to restore the rule of law.—(Dr. Glyn.)

Threat to the Arts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with alarm the threat to the arts from Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer's proposals for capital transfer and wealth taxes; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to safeguard access to public and private art collections of national importance by exemption of works of art from such taxes to avoid their dispersal or sale abroad and the discouragement of patronage of living artists, to take adequate measures to preserve historic houses and their collections of works of art, to provide support and sufficient financial assistance to university and provincial museums, galleries and exhibitions and preserve for public enjoyment art treasures which are the country's heritage and which, if such taxes were imposed, would be lost to future generations in the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Airey Neave):—Debate arising:

Mr. Airey Neave 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, it being Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

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 13th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

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 1974; 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].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Social Security (Contributions and Married Women and Widows) Miscellaneous Amendment Regulations 1974 [by Act].

Paper 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 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 38].

[No. 39.]

Monday, 16th December, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 16th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 106-i].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for safety at sports stadia and other sports grounds; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1974 at half-past Eleven o'clock or so soon as proceedings on the Motion relating to the Defence Review have been disposed of, whichever is the later.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Defence Review,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Secretary of State for Defence's Statement on Tuesday 3rd December 1974—(Mr. Secretary Mason):

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words “and regrets that the proposals contained in the Statement will imperil the Nation's security”.—(Mr. Peter Walker.)

And the Question being 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 Motion relating to Defence Review may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Defence Review,—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Motion (Defence Review):—The House resumed the adjourned Debate;
And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas : 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Walter Johnson : 316.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Walter Johnson : 241.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Ian Mikardo : 58.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Secretary of State for Defence's Statement on Tuesday 3rd December 1974.

Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Order this day, That the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved—(Mr. John Ellis)—It was agreed to.

Food and Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Milk (Extension of Period of Control of Maximum Prices) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th November, be approved—(Mr. Edward Bishop);

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

Tuesday, 17th December, 1974:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Milk (Extension of Period of Control of Maximum Prices) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th November, be approved.

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Monday 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 seventeen minutes past One o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.17 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 16th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Cabs,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th December 1974, entitled the Hackney Carriage Fares (Amendment of Byelaws) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2054) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Trade,—Return to an Order made on 11th December 1974 for Statistics relating to Overseas Trade.

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1974, entitled the Local Authorities etc. (Miscellaneous Provision) (No. 5) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2044) [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 Teesside (St. Hilda's Church of England Primary School, Middlesbrough) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973 [by Act].
Tuesday, 17th December, 1974.

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

PRAYERS.

Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords],—A Motion being made, That the Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

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

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

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

River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords],—A Motion being made, That the River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

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

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

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

Crouch Harbour Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Crouch Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 relating to Private Business (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

A Motion being made, That the Crouch Harbour Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

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

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

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

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Mulley presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Secretary of State for the Environment under the General Pier and Harbour Act 1861 relating to Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; to be printed [Bill 52].

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Bob Cryer 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. 21-viii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they 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 on 17th December: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-v].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87-i].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Bob Cryer reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had
directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 17th December, together with a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-vii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-viii].

Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 53].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 107].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Port of Tyne (North Shields Fish Harbour) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the River Wear Barrage Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Crouch Harbour Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Arbitration Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Arbitration Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Biological Standards Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Biological Standards Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (General) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2036) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, proceedings on the Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the committal of the Finance Bill shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills) and may be proceeded with, though opposed, for a period of three-quarters of an hour after Ten o'clock or after they have been entered upon, whichever is the later, and at the end of that period Mr. Speaker shall proceed to put any Question necessary to dispose of those proceedings.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Amendment of School-leaving Age,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the school-leaving age to enable certain students to terminate their formal secondary education before the age of 16 years—(Mr. Clement Freud);

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. John Pardoe, Mr. David Steel: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Kenneth Marks: 228.

So the Question was negatived.

Finance Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance 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 whose provisions, in the present critical state of the economy, are inadequate and in some respects damaging and which also provides, without good reason, for the retrospective repayment of tax to one section of taxpayers"—(Mrs. Margaret Thatcher),—instead thereof.

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

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour and that the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Finance Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Question, That the Finance 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. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 269.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 312.
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. Walter Johnson, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 303.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. David Steel: 13.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49 be committed to a Committee of the whole House; that the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee; and that, when the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill be proceeded with as if the Bill had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee.—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Committee to-morrow.

Ways and Means.—Allowances for expenditure on fire safety (income tax and corporation tax).—Resolved, That further provision may be made about the making of allowances under Chapter I of Part II of the Finance Act 1971 in respect of expenditure incurred (whether before or after the passing of this Resolution) on fire safety.—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on the Finance Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

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

And the House having continued to sit till after 12 o'clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 18th December, 1974:

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.50 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 17th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Command].

Inland Revenue,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Command].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 6) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2120) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 31, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay concerning the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 32, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 33, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Senegal on the supply of sorghum and common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 34, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 10th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Senegal on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 38, 1974).—Copy of Notes exchanged at Brussels on 29th May 1974 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation regarding the application in the United Kingdom of Article 10 of the Agreement on the Status of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, National Representatives and International Staff of 20th September 1951 (the Exchange of Notes is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 59, 1974).—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on 17th May 1974 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic amending the provisions of the Protocol of 6th August 1914 respecting the New Hebrides, as regards the jurisdiction of, and right of appeal from, Native Courts [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 61, 1974).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 17th May 1973, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Finland, amending the Convention for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital, signed at London on 17th July 1969 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:

Natural Environment Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Natural Environment Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 44].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

International Labour Conference,—Copy of a Statement on the proposed action by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on two conventions and two recommendations adopted at the 58th (1973) Session of the International Labour Conference [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th December 1974, entitled—

(1) the National Insurance (Non-participation—Transitional Provisions) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2057), and

(2) the National Insurance (Non-participation—Transitional Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2058) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th December 1974, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2060) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Statistics of Trade,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th December 1974, entitled the Census of Retail Distribution and Other Services Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O (N.I.), 1974, No. 312) [by Act].

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


Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on Local Land Charges [by Act]; to be printed [No. 71].
MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 17th December 1974

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) (General) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2036) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

[No. 41.]

Wednesday, 18th December, 1974.

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

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.:

British Railways (No. 2).
British Transport Docks.
British Waterways.
Brookwood Cemetery.
Corn Exchange.
County of South Glamorgan.
Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority.
Friends' Provident Life Office.
Greater London Council (General Powers).
London Transport.
London Transport (Additional Powers).
Milford Haven Conservancy.
Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants).
Plymouth City Council.
Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground.
Shard Bridge.
Sheffield City Council.
Standard and Chartered Bank.
Stoke Park Guildford.
United Dominions Trust.
Westminster Abbey.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 18th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 84-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1974, referred to a Committee on 5th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 108].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Apple and Pear Development Council (Amendment) Order 1974, referred to a Committee on 11th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 110].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974 and the draft International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974, referred to a Committee on 10th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 111].
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. W. T. Williams reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Housing (Amount of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1974, referred to a Committee on 11th December. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 109].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 26th November and 10th December to be printed [No. 113-i].

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 56].

Representation of the People (Proxy Voting Bill).—Sir John Langford-Holt, supported by Mr. David Crouch and Mr. David Price, presented a Bill to permit electors who are absent on previously arranged holidays at the time of a Parliamentary election to vote by proxy; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th May and to be printed [Bill 54].

Representation of the People (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the conduct of proceedings following the counting of votes at a general election in multi-constituency boroughs so as to ensure that each successful candidate shall be entitled to speak—(Mrs. Millie Miller).

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 proceeded to a Division.

Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun and Mrs. Ann Taylor were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the conduct of proceedings following the counting of votes at a general election in multi-constituency boroughs so as to ensure that each successful candidate shall be entitled to speak.

Supply [5th 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—(Mr. Jack Dormand);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Financial Assistance for Industry (British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited) may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Twelve o'clock—(Mr. Walter Johnson.)

Financial Assistance for Industry (British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay or undertake to pay by way of financial assistance under Section 8 of the Industry Act 1972 in respect of a guarantee or guarantees to be given to the bankers of British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited and any of its subsidiaries covering borrowing facilities made available by the bankers to those companies, insofar as the amount paid or undertaken to be paid under the guarantee or guarantees is in excess of £5 million but does not exceed £50 million—(Mr. Secretary Benn);

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

Thursday, 19th December, 1974:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Donald Coleman: 149.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. Gow: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay or undertake to pay by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972 in respect of a guarantee or guarantees to be given to the bankers of British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited and any of its subsidiaries covering borrowing facilities made available by the bankers to those companies, insofar as the amount paid or undertaken to be paid under the guarantee or guarantees is in excess of £5 million but does not exceed £50 million.

Wealth Tax,—Ordered, That Sir John Hall be discharged from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax and that Mr. Peter Rees be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Edward du Cann, Mr. Cant, Mr. A. P. Costain, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Denzil Davies, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. James Lomond, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Maurice Orbach and Mr. David Price be members of the Committee of Public Accounts.

Ordered, That the members of the committee of Public Accounts nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.8 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 18th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes—
(1) dated 1st November, and
(2) dated 8th November
relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 114 and 115].

New Towns (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th November 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the Irvine Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 116].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Election Expenses,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty on 21st March 1974 for a Return relating to Election Expenses; to be printed [No. 69].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

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 1974, 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].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Expenditure,—Copy of Government observations on the Fifth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1973-74, relating to wages and conditions of African workers employed by British firms in South Africa [by Command].

Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies),—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade for the year ended 31st March 1974 as to Orders under which Duties have been chargeable under the Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) Act 1969 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 55].

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Mr. Secretary Benn:
Industrial Development.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Ships and Mobile Offshore Installations Construction Credits (Increase of Limit) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Counter-Inflation.—Copies of Orders, dated 13th December 1974, entitled—
(1) the Counter-Inflation (Modification of the Civil Aviation Act 1971) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2116),
(2) the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2114), and
(3) the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2113) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th December 1974, entitled the Heather and Grass Burning (Amendment) (Northumberland and Durham) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2078) [by Act].

Eggs Authority.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Eggs Authority for the period 2nd April 1972 to 31st March 1973 [by Act].

Sugar.—Statement of determination of the salary payable to—
(1) the Chairman,
(2) the part-time Vice-Chairman, and
(3) certain members of the sugar 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 the Lancashire County Council (Anderton, Adlington County School) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Sea Fish Industry.—Accounts prepared pursuant to Sections 37(4) and 48(1) of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 of the sums received into and paid out of the Herring Marketing Fund, and of receipts and payments of grants under Section 44 of that Act by the White Fish Authority and under Section 45 by the Herring Industry Board, in the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 118].

Supreme Court (Accounts).—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the High Court and the Court of Appeal for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 82].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Land Purchase).—Account of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland in respect of the functions transferred under the Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding Up) Act 1935, for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 117].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection
Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Thirty-five Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49), viz.: Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. All Bates, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Jack Dunning, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Ted Graham, Sir John Hall, Mr. William Hamling, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. David Howell, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Mark Hughes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Nigel Lamont, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Sedgemore, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Mr. John Tomlinson, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (General) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2036), viz.: Mr. Geoffrey
Dodsworth, Mr. Jack Dormand, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Dafydd Elis Thomas, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, and Mr. David Young.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Biological Standards Bill [Lords], viz.: Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Stan Cohen, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Bryan Davies, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Philip Holland, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Alec Jones, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. Harold McCusker, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Ian Stewart, and Mrs. Ann Taylor.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Arbitration Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Crowder, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Gow, Mr. Percy Grieve, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Evan Luard, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Michael Noble, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. George Park, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Rees-Davies, and Mr. Ivor Stanbrook.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 18th December 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49) to Standing Committee A.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49), and Sir Alfred Broughton Chairman of a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Biological Standards Bill [Lords].

[No. 42.]

Thursday, 19th December, 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. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Dumbarton Burgh Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Scottish Transport Group (Oban Quay) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to make provision as respects district courts and justices of the peace in Scotland, to amend sections 28 and 29 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1959; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 57].

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:


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Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill.—Mrs. Millie Miller, supported by Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. A. W. Stallard, and Mr. David Weitzman, presented, pursuant to the Order of the House yesterday, a Bill to provide for the conduct of proceedings following the counting of votes at a general election in multi-constituency boroughs so as to ensure that each successful candidate shall be entitled to speak: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd May and to be printed [Bill 55].

Adjournment (Christmas).—Resolved, That this House at its rising to-morrow do adjourn till Monday 13th January.-(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Supply [6th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Defence Estimates, 1975-76 (Vote on Account)

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £1,630,810,000, 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. 42, for the year ending on 31st March 1976.

Civil Estimates, 1975-76 (Vote on Account)

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £9,208,896,100, 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. 43, for the year ending on 31st March 1976.

Defence Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1974-75

Resolved, That a Supplementary sum, not exceeding £461,440,000, 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 1975, for expenditure in respect of the Defence Supplementary Estimates as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 72.

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1974-75

Resolved, That a further Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,538,470,000, 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 1975, for expenditure in respect of the Civil Supplementary Estimates as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 73.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Dr. John Gilbert, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.—Dr. John Gilbert accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 1975 and 1976: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 51].

Supply.—The House, according to Order, again proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

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

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting the Business of Supply may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Supply.—The House, according to Order, again proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

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

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

Friday, 20th December, 1974:

Social Security.—Resolved, That the Social Security (Contributions and Married Women and Widows) Miscellaneous Amendment Regulations 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th December, be approved.—(Mr. Brian O'Malley.)
Housing (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Housing (Amount of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—It was agreed to.

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—It was agreed to.

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—It was agreed to.

Industrial Organisation and Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Apple and Pear Development Council (Amendment) Order 1974, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—It was agreed to.

Assistance to Private Members.—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the present support facilities available to private Members in carrying out their duties in this House, in particular research assistance on matters before Parliament, and to make recommendations for such improvements as they consider necessary.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Eleven Members.

And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Alf Bates, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Edward Fletcher, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. John Mackintosh, Mr. Anthony Newton, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. William van Straubenzee, Mr. Keith Speed and Mr. Brian Walden.

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 report from time to time; and to report from time to time the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.24 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 19th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December, entitled the import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 22) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2121) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 20, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Sri Lanka concerning the supply of food aid in the form of flour of common wheat [by Command].

European Communities (No. 21, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 6th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Sri Lanka on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 22, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 19th October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Democratic Republic of the Sudan on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

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European Communities (No. 23, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 5th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Tunisian Republic concerning the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 37, 1974),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 19th October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees on the supply of common wheat flour and rice as food aid [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:
Teachers' Pay,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the pay of non-university teachers [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 10th December 1974, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Training (Construction Board) Order 1964 (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2081), and
(2) the Industrial Training (Engineering Board) Order 1964 (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2082)
[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1974, entitled the Social Security (General Benefit) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2079) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Industrial Organisation and Development,—Account of Income and Expenditure of the British Cast Iron Research Association for the year ended 30th June 1974 and balance sheet as at that date [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th December 1974, entitled the Housing Executive Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 308) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copies of Orders, dated 18th December 1974, entitled—
(1) the Motor Fuel (Maximum Retail Prices) (Revocation) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2151), and
(2) the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) (Second Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2150)
[by Act].

Mines and Quarries,—Copy of the Report for 1973 of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines and Quarries for the North and South Midlands Districts [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1974, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2158) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 6th December 1974, entitled the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1974, and
(2) dated 11th December 1974, entitled the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1974
[by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [9th July] from the National Association of Widows, Gingerbread, the Child Poverty Action Group and others, concerning the cohabitation rule; to be printed [by Standing Order].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Arbitration Bill [Lords] Mr. Ian Gow; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Stradling Thomas.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Biological Standards Bill [Lords] Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Stradling Thomas.

[No. 43.]

Friday, 20th December, 1974.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Channel Tunnel Bill,—Mr. Secretary Crosland, supported by Mr. Secretary Callaghan, Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Fred Mulley, and Mr. Neil Carmichael, 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 considered, pursuant to the Order of the House of 11th November, upon Monday 13th January and to be printed [Bill 58].

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

Expenditure,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. Robert McCrindle and Mr. Ralph Howell be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Ivan Lawrence and Mr. Nicholas Winterton be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday 13th January, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[Adjourned at 4.29 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 20th December 1974

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Review Body on Top Salaries,—Copy of the Sixth Report of the Review Body on Top Salaries [by Command].
Dr. John Gilbert:

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 6th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 20) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2101),
(2) dated 12th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Egypt) (Reductions) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2111),
(3) dated 12th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Turkey) (Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2110), and
(4) dated 16th December 1974, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 23) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2135)
(by Act).

Income Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December 1974, entitled the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2102) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th November 1974, entitled the Housing (Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1982) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971 relating to—
(1) Economic Activity, Part II (Ten per cent. sample), and
(2) Household Composition Tables, Part I (Ten per cent. sample)
(by Act).

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th December 1974, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2100) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1974, entitled the Customs Duties Reliefs Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2165) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Industry,—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Industry under section 9(4) of the Industry Act 1972, concerning Government aid to Kirkby Manufacturing and Engineering Limited, Liverpool [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th September 1974, entitled the Clean Air Enactments (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2170) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copies of Orders, dated 19th December 1974, entitled—
(1) the Electricity (Advertising Lighting) (Control) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2159), and
(2) the Fuel and Electricity (Heating) (Control) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2160) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th December 1974, entitled the Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2094) [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Lord Chancellor on the Petition [31st July 1974] from Stanley Travis Dawson, Esq., concerning complaints against certain solicitors and members of the judiciary; to be printed [by Standing Order].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 20th December 1974

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Sir Stephen McAdden an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49), Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Arbitration Bill [Lords] and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (General) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2036).

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. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Supply [7th 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 and Fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts in the last Session of the last Parliament and of the Treasury Minute and Northern Ireland Memorandum on those Reports (Command Papers Nos. 5786 and 5823).—(Mr. Edward du Cann.)

Prices,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Butter Prices Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1984), dated 29th November 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December be annulled—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop : 22.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Thomas Cox : 136.

So the Question was negatived.

Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr. J. Enoch Powell be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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. Jack Dormand)

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

[Adjourned at 10.11 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:

European Communities (No. 18, 1974).—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 31st May 1974 between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway, on customs arrangements to be applied to certain fishery products originating in Norway.


Pakistan (No. 1, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Rawalpindi on 29th May 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for air services between and beyond their respective territories (the Agreement is not in force).

Pollution (Miscellaneous No. 1, 1975).—Copy of a Convention, signed at Paris on 4th June 1974, for the prevention of marine pollution from land-based sources (the Convention has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 3, 1975).—Copy of a draft Headquarters Agreement between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the International Cocoa Organisation.
Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 5, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Berne on 11th and 13th November 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Universal Postal Union regarding the application in the United Kingdom of section 10 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialised Agencies of the United Nations of 21st November 1947 (the Exchange of Notes is not in force).


Spain (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of a Convention on Social Security, signed at London on 13th September 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and Spain (with Protocol on Health Care) (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged).

Switzerland (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at London on 2nd August 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Swiss Confederation amending the Convention for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income, signed at London on 30th September 1954, as modified by the Protocol signed at London on 14th June 1966 (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged).

Treaty Series (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd July 1972, between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Ireland, with Final Act.


Treaty Series (No. 4, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 11th and 13th June 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Iceland concerning the reciprocal granting of licences to amateur radio operators.

Treaty Series (No. 6, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Paris between 29th November 1924 and 31st March 1925, for the establishment in Paris of an International Wine Office, with Protocol of Signature.

Treaty Series (No. 7, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Islamabad on 27th March 1974, concerning an interest-free development loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Pakistan (United Kingdom—Pakistan (Tarbela No. 8) Loan 1974).


Administration of Justice (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report of the Committee on County Courts and Magistrates' Courts in Northern Ireland.


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 :

23rd December 1974

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th December, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 24) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2164) [by Act].

Crofters, Cottars and Small Landholders (Scotland),—Copy of a Scheme, dated 18th December 1974, entitled the Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) (No. 4) Scheme 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2152) [by Act].

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1974, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Residential Rents) (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2157) [by Act].

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th December 1974, entitled the Explosive Acts 1875 and 1923 etc. (Repeals and Modifications) (Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2166) [by Act].
24th December 1974

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th December, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 21) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2163) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 23rd December 1974, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (Quota and Other Reliefs) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2181), and
(2) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 9) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2188) [by Act].

30th December 1974

Social Security,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th December 1974, entitled the Social Security (Women's Class 2 Contributions) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2123) [by Act].

Copyright,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December 1974, entitled the Copyright Royalty (Records of Musical Works) (Inquiries Procedure) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2190) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Rules, dated 20th December 1974, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2185) [by Act].

Maintenance of Dependents,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th December 1974, entitled the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Republic of Ireland) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2140) [by Act].

31st December 1974

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th December 1974, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Wool, Jute and Flax) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2133) [by Act].

Mines and Quarries,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th December 1974, entitled the Coal Mines (Precautions Against Inflammable Dust) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2124) [by Act].

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st December 1974, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (No. 3) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2195) [by Act].

2nd January 1975

Hallmark,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st January 1975, entitled the Hallmarking (Small Silver Articles) (Exemption) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1) [by Act].

6th January 1975

Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1974, entitled the Medicines (Interim Prescription Only) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2167) [by Act].

Matrimonial Causes,—Copy of Rules, dated 17th December 1974, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2168) [by Act].

7th January 1975

Police,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1974, entitled the Police (Grant) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2184) [by Act].

8th January 1975

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st December 1974, entitled—
(1) the Motor Vehicles (Compulsory Insurance) (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2186), and
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2187) [by Act].

9th January 1975

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th December 1974, entitled the Social Security (Short-Term Benefits) (Transitional) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2192) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th December 1974, entitled the National Health Service (Local Health Councils) (Scotland) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2177) [by Act].
10th January 1975

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th January 1975, entitled the National Health Service Re-organisation (Retirement of Senior Officers) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 7) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of Orders, dated 30th December 1974, entitled—
(1) the West Coast Herring (Licensing and Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2208), and
(2) the West Coast Herring (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2207)
[by Act].

Insurance,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th December 1974, entitled the Insurance Companies (Valuation of Assets) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2203) [by Act].

3. Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 13th January 1975:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

British Council,—Copy of a Statement on Indemnities for borrowed objects (British Council) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths,—Copy of the Report of the Registrar General for Scotland for 1973—
Part I, Mortality Statistics, and
Part II, Population and Vital Statistics
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces),—Copy of a Statement showing the financial position of Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associations on 31st March 1974 [by Command].

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 17th December 1974, providing for an Amendment to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th January 1975, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Business Rents) (Decontrol) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 21) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Housing,—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd January 1975, entitled—
(1) the Housing (Improvement Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 1), and
(2) the Housing on Farms (Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 2)
[by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 14th December 1974, entitled—
(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Family Pensions) Order 1974,
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions Increase) (No. 1) Order 1974, and
(3) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions Increase) (No. 2) Order 1974
[by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on 1st October 1974, amending the Statutes of the House, and
(2) made by the Governing Body of University College, Oxford, on 16th October 1974, amending the Statutes of the College
[by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Fergus Montgomery (nominated in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. R. Graham Page.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 13th January 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr Speaker has appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Oil Taxation Bill.

[No. 45.]

Tuesday, 14th January, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Provisional Order Bills (No Standing Order applicable).—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 First Reading thereof, no Standing Order is applicable thereto, viz.:

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill.

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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. 21-ix].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. Julius Silverman reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-vi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-vi].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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. 22-ix].

Reservoirs Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Reservoirs Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee. (Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Battered Wives (Rights to Possession of Matrimonial Home).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the courts to make an order giving the wife of a man who has been convicted of an act of violence against her the complete right of possession of the matrimonial home if she applies for such an order; and for purposes connected therewith; And that Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. John Hannam, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Neil Marten, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mrs. Renée Short, Mr. David Steel, and Mr. Philip Whitehead, do prepare and bring it in.
Battered Wives (Rights to Possession of Matrimonial Home).—Mr. Jack Ashley accordingly presented a Bill to require the courts to make an order giving the wife of a man who has been convicted of an act of violence against her the complete right of possession of the matrimonial home if she applies for such an order; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 59].

Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Saving for local planning policies)—(Mr. Grimond)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 40) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, to leave out the word “exploitation” and insert the words “extraction and onward despatch”—(Mr. Alexander Fletcher),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Fred Silvester: 169.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 204.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, to leave out the words “include in particular” and insert the words “consist of”—(Mr. Gordon Wilson),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. George Thompson: 163.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 206.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 20, at the end, to insert the words “but such an order shall not be made in respect of land already being used for oil-related purposes”—(Mr. Grimond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Steel, Mr. A. J. Beith: 167.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. James Hamilton: 202.

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 8, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

“(2) No order under this section shall be made unless a draft of it has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament”—(Mr. Grimond),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Steel, Mr. A. J. Beith: 161.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 191.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 29, after the word “aforesaid”, to insert the words “but subject to subsection (7) below”—(Dr. J. Dickson Mabon.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 24, after the word “a”, to insert the words “public or”—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 23.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Ellis: 180.

Other Amendments (Nos. 12 to 15) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) In respect of any works executed or operations carried out pursuant to the provisions of this Act, section 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 (Conditional grant of planning permission) shall apply subject to the modification that for paragraph (b) of subsection (1) thereof there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

'(b) for requiring, at such time (to be specified, in case of doubt, by the local planning authority) as the use of the land so authorised has been substantially discontinued, that any buildings or works authorised by the permission be removed, and that any works required for the reinstatement of land be carried out'".—(Mr. Grimond.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

"( ) Where any land is no longer required for the purposes of this Act and where it is also no longer required for the purposes within paragraph 2(a) above, the land shall be offered to the person or body from whom it was acquired".—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 54, 20 and 21) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 46) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 29, to leave out from the word "representations" to the end of line 31 and insert the words "and the Secretary of State shall afford to any person who has made any representation an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose".—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton: 195.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) A copy of a notice published under sub-paragraph (1) above shall, within 48 hours of the date when the notice is first published, be served on any harbour authority appearing to the Secretary of State to be likely to be affected by the proposed order".—(Dr. J. Dickson Mabon.)

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

A Motion being made, That the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Secretary Ross, 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.

Mr. Secretary Ross, 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's 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:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Hamish Gray: 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill and the Motion relating to Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)
Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Revocation of Counter-Inflation Orders)—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Certain amenities to be disregarded in determining fair rent)—(Mr. Reginald Freeson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Rent allowances for tenants of the Crown and Government departments)—(Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 9, to leave out Clause 2.—(Mr. Nicholas Scott.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Benyon: 117.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 170.

Other Amendments (Nos. 4 to 8, and 10) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 8, to leave out the words “the coming into force of this section” and insert the words “27th July 1972”—(Mr. Marcus Fox), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 12 to 15) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Disregard of Amenities)—(Mr. Reginald Freeson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 18 to 46) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Miss Betty Boothroyd: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. William Benyon: 107.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments) be amended as follows:—

Line 41, after the word “hours”, insert the words “(or, in the case of an instrument or draft instrument relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, two and a half hours)”.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Race Relations and Immigration,—Ordered, That there shall be a Select Committee 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.

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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and Memoranda submitted to them.

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; 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 such Sub-committees and Memoranda submitted to them.

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

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament. — (Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Race Relations and Immigration,—Ordered, That Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Eric Mooman, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Frederick Willey, and Mr. William Wilson, be members of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration.

Ordered, That the members of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Wealth Tax,—Ordered, That Mr. Guy Barnett be discharged from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax and that Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes past Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned this day.

[Adjourned at 2.14 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 14th January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Cyprus (No. 1, 1975).—Copy of a Convention, signed at Nicosia on 20th June 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income (the Convention is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 8, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Ankara on 17th July 1974, concerning a development loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Turkey (United Kingdom-Turkey (Topraksu on-farm development) Loan Agreement 1974) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 9, 1975).—Copy of the Universal Copyright Convention, as revised at Paris on 24th July 1971 (with Protocols 1 and 2) [by Command].

United States (No. 1, 1975).—Copy of an Amendment, made at Washington on 22nd July 1974, to the Agreement of 3rd July 1958 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America for co-operation on the uses of atomic energy for mutual defence purposes (the Amendment has not entered into force) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Police,—Copies of Regulations—

(1) dated 18th December 1974, entitled the Police Cadets (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 321),

(2) dated 18th December 1974, entitled the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 322), and


Mr. Edward Short:

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

PRAYERS.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill,—The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 15th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 84-iii].

Overseas Development,—Sir Geoffrey de Freitas reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, 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).

Minutes of Proceeding of the Committee to be printed [No. 131].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Arbitration Bill [Lords],—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Arbitration Bill [Lords], 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 Arbitration Bill [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

Minutes of Proceeding of the Committee to be printed [No. 132].

Biological Standards Bill [Lords],—Sir Alfred Broughton reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Biological Standards 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 Biological Standards Bill [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

Minutes of Proceeding of the Committee to be printed [No. 133].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. John Spence reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (General) Order 1974 (S.1., 1974, No. 2036), referred to a Committee on 17th December.

Minutes of Proceeding of the Committee to be printed [No. 134].

Industrial Democracy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Companies Act 1967 and to make further provision, in regard to companies and nationalised industries, for trade union representation on supervisory boards—(Mr. Giles Radice);

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. Ernest Perry, Mr. James Sillars: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Nicholas Ridley: 124.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. James Sillars, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. J. W. Rooker, and Mr. Michael English, do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Industrial Democracy Bill.—Mr. Giles Radice accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Companies Act 1967 and to make further provision, in regard to companies and nationalised industries, for trade union representation on supervisory boards: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th February and to be printed [Bill 60].

Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 5 (Income tax: alteration of additional rates for 1974-75).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 3, line 33, to leave out from the word "the" to the end of line 39 and insert the words "addition after paragraph (b) of the following provision, that is to say—".—(Mr. David Howell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Dr. Gerard Vaughan: 256.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Ellis: 267.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 4, line 1, after the word "more", to insert the words "or that she is a widow with children in full-time education".—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Cyril Smith: 248.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. John Ellis: 267.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 4, line 1, after the word "more", to insert the words—

"or
(ii) he is a disabled person or a registered blind person; and for the purposes of this section a disabled person shall be an individual who suffers at any time of the year of assessment from any physical or mental handicap as a result of any injury or the medical administration of drugs of any kind or has been physically or mentally handicapped since birth and a registered blind person means a person registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 or under any corresponding enactment for the time being in force in Northern Ireland.".—(Sir John Hall.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 255.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 270.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 4, line 1, after the word "more", to insert the words—

"or
(i) he was retired from an occupation in which persons customarily retire before attaining the age of 65, or
(ii) he was retired and his retirement was caused by redundancy, or
(iii) he was retired and upon his retirement he received a lump sum from such a scheme or fund as is mentioned in sections 208, 218, subsection (1) or subsection (2) of section 221 or section 226 of the Taxes Act or from an exempt approved scheme or statutory scheme as defined in Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the Finance Act 1970 or under such policies or contracts as are mentioned in the proviso to section 19(3) of the Taxes Act, or
(iv) he was retired and upon his retirement he received a lump sum in consideration or in consequence of or otherwise in connection with the termination of an office or employment".—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 254.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Walter Johnson: 271.
Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 4, line 1, after the word "more", to insert the words—

"or

(ii) she was a widow with a child or children in respect of which she was entitled to relief under the Income Tax Acts; or

(iii) she was a widow in receipt of National Insurance widow's benefit; or

(iv) she was the widow of such a person as is mentioned in paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to this Act."—(Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Miss Betty Boothroyd: 271.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 14 (Trade unions).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Miss Betty Boothroyd: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. William Benyon: 247.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donald Coleman reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.40 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 15th January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Income Tax,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th January 1975, entitled the Importation of Cattle (No. 1) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd December 1974, entitled the Valuation Lists (Proposals for Alteration) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2213) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st December 1974, entitled the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and other Mammals) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2211) [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Reservoirs Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. James Dunn, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Geraint Morgan, Sir David Renton, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (i) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Reservoirs Bill [Lords].
And the Question being accordingly put; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Harper: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. William Molloy: 191.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House pays tribute to the work of Lord O'Brien's Committee on the Export of Animals for Slaughter (Command Paper No. 5566); and considers that, in view of the progress made in establishing international welfare safeguards and of other relevant considerations, the export trade in animals destined for slaughter should now be resumed under close control to member countries of the European Economic Community and to such other countries as can provide adequate safeguards for the animals in question.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Agricultural Prices and the Motion relating to Consumer Rights and Protection may each be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Agricultural Prices.—A Motion was made, and the Question proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/3358/74, R/3470/74 and R/3408/74—(Mr. Frederick Peart);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words ' but declines to approve proposals for Regulations still subject to possible and unforeseeable alteration by the Council of Ministers before enactment, which would raise even further the price of a number of major foodstuffs, including milk, butter, pigmeat and beef, and which accepts the principle of permanent intervention buying of beef by member states including the United Kingdom '.—(Mr. Norman Buchan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Debate arising;

Mr. Norman Buchan 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. Russell Kerr, Mr. Martin Flannery: 54.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. James A. Dunn: 1.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 31 (Majority for Closure).

And, it being after one and a half hours after the Motion was entered upon, the Debate stood adjourned.

Friday, 17th January, 1975:

Consumer Rights and Protection.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/1270/74.—(Mr. Alan Williams.)

Arbitration Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Arbitration 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).

Biological Standards Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Biological Standards 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).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a body corporate having functions relating to the establishment of standards for, the provision of
standard preparations of, and the testing of biological substances, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of such sums as may be necessary to defray the expenditure of the said body corporate, and

(2) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (General) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2036), a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th December, be approved—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—It was agreed to.

Procedure.—Ordered, That Mr. Walter Clegg be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure and that Mr. Peter Emery and Mr. John Page be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Two o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.53 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 16th January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 3, 1975).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 2nd March 1973, laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco consequent on the accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community, with Final Act and Exchange of Letters [by Command].

European Communities (No. 9, 1975).—Copy of Agreements, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 20th December 1972, 30th January 1974 and 26th June 1974, pursuant to Articles 2 and 3 of Protocol No. 8 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic, signed at Brussels on 22nd July 1972 [by Command].

European Communities (No. 18, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Senegal on the supply of maize as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 12, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Geneva on 10th May 1973, establishing the European Molecular Biology Laboratory [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Migration Tables, Part I (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to Household Composition Tables, Part II (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th January 1975, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Charges) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 10) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Local Government.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th January 1975, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Specified Bodies) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 5) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1975, entitled the Cheese Prices Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 38) [by Act].
Friday, 17th January, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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


Wealth Tax,—Ordered, That Mr. Brian Walden be discharged from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax and that Mrs. Ann Taylor be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., Mr. Denzil Davies be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Bryan Gould be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Expenditure,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. Tim Sainsbury be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Robert Adley be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

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

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. Laurie Pavitt.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.13 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 17th January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Borrowing Control,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th January 1975, entitled the Control of Borrowing (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 12) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 13th January 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Developing Countries) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 26), and
(2) dated 14th January 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 31)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th January 1975, entitled the Northern Ireland Constitutional Convention (Election) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 22) [by Act].

Northern Ireland Trading and Other Accounts,—Copy of Northern Ireland Trading and Other Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon, and on other accounts printed separately [by Act]; to be printed [No. 138].
Mr. Frederick Peart:


Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1975, entitled the Agricultural Levy Reliefs (Frozen Beef and Veal) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 59) [by Act].

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th January 1975, entitled the Agriculture (Calculation of Value for Compensation) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 11) [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [13th December] from citizens of Market Weighton, concerning a By-Pass; to be printed [by Standing Order].

Agriculture,—Account of the Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

Forestry Fund (Grant in Aid),—Account of the sums paid into and the sums paid out of the Forestry Fund in the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].


[No. 49.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 20th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 139-i].

Adjournment (Abandonment of the Channel Tunnel Project),—Mr. Eric Ogden, Member for Liverpool, West Derby, 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 decision, announced by the Secretary of State for the Environment today, that the Government has unilaterally abandoned the Channel Tunnel project; but the leave of the House having been refused, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places, and not less than Forty Members having accordingly risen, and Mr. Speaker having directed that the urgency of the matter so required, the Motion stood over, under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) until Seven o'clock this evening.

Local Government (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill;

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

And it being Seven o'clock, and leave having been given to move the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), further proceeding stood postponed.

Adjournment (Abandonment of the Channel Tunnel Project),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Eric Ogden);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Peter Snape: 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 294.

So the Question was negatived.
Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the first Motion relating to the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Local Government (Scotland) Bill.—The House resumed the postponed proceeding on the Question, That the Local Government (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Adam Butler: 239.

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).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision as respects local government finance in Scotland, and to make provision for the appointment and functions of a Commissioner for the investigation of administrative action taken by or on behalf of local and other authorities, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under that Act;
(b) any increase in the sums payable out of money so provided under section 1 of the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act 1944 which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session removing the limit imposed by subsection (5) of the said section 1 as amended and as applied to Scotland on the contributions under that section towards the expenses of local authorities in Scotland;
(c) any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment.—(Mr. Walter Johnson.)

District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with as if it had been certified by Mr. Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland.—(Mr. Harry Ewing.)

District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Ross);

And not less than Ten Members having risen in their places and signified their objection thereto, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

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

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

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.6 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 20th January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Income Tax,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Cyprus) Order 1975 [by Act].
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Prisons (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Production and Trading Accounts and Balance Sheet of prisons in Northern Ireland, for—

(1) the period 1st April to 31st December 1973 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon, and

(2) the period 1st January to 31st March 1974 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
[by Act] ; to be printed [No. 140].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copies of Orders, dated 9th January 1975, entitled—

(1) the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1975,

(2) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) Order 1975, and

(3) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1975
[by Act].

Local Government Finance (Scotland),—Copies of the Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—

(1) the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1975,

(2) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) Order 1975, and

(3) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1975
[by Act] ; to be printed [No. 122 to 124].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:


Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the Governing Body of Brasenose College, Oxford, on 29th October 1974, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) made by the Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, on 16th October 1974, amending the Statutes of the College
[by Act].

Tuesday, 21st January, 1975.

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 I).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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. 21-x].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 45-vii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-vii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 10th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 152].
Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 21st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 153-i].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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. 22-x].

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

Select Committee on the European Communities,—The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Donald William Limon, Esquire, a Clerk of this House, to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by the Lords on the European Communities.

Channel Tunnel Bill,—The Order for considering, this day, the Channel Tunnel Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law of Scotland relating to divorce, dissolution of marriage and judicial separation and to the power of the court to award interim aliment; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And that Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. John F. Mackintosh, Mr. Norman Buchanan, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. George Reid, and Mr. James Sillars, do prepare and bring it in.

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Robin F. Cook accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law of Scotland relating to divorce, dissolution of marriage and judicial separation and to the power of the court to award interim aliment; 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 14th February and to be printed [Bill 62].

Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 16 (Relief for increase in stock values in financial year 1973).

Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 12, line 5, after the word “excess”, to insert the words “or such part thereof as the company shall claim”.—(Mr. Cecil Parkinson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 12, line 33, to leave out subsection (4) and insert the words—

“(4) For the purposes of the Corporation Tax Acts other than this section and Schedule 3 to this Act in any case where a company is entitled to relief under this section—

(a) the company’s opening stock value shall be treated as increased by an amount equal to its 1973 increase in stock value, and

(b) the value of the company’s trading stock at the end of a period of account which ends on the day before that on which the opening stock value is determined shall not be increased by a like amount,

and all such adjustments shall be made in any assessment to Corporation Tax for any relevant accounting period as are necessary to give effect to any relief under this section”.—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Hamish Gray: 239.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Joseph Harper: 273.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed, in page 12, line 38, to leave out from the word “value” to the word “and” in line 39.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Fred Silvester : 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Joseph Harper : 263.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed, in page 12, line 44, at the end, to insert the words " so that, however, the additional tax payable in that year shall not exceed the amount of relief given ".—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed, in page 12, line 44, at the end, to insert the words—

" (c) Where as a result of this section the advance corporation tax set-off exceeds the corporation tax due, the balance shall be repaid ".—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 81) proposed, in page 13, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

" (5) Where the company is entitled to relief under this section and to set off a loss against the profits of a preceding accounting period by virtue of section 177 of the Taxes Act 1970 it shall be entitled to group relief by virtue of sections 258-264 of that Act and to set off the amount of its loss against the profits of another company which is a member of the same group, and, for this purpose, the corresponding accounting period for the purposes of section 259 of the Taxes Act shall be the accounting period for the claimant company which corresponds to such preceding accounting period of the surrendering company ".—(Mr. Peter Hordern.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Adam Butler : 245.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Walter Johnson : 262.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed, in page 13, line 6, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Richard Luce : 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox : 258.

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed, in page 13, line 23, to leave out the words " three months " and insert the words " two years ".—(Mr. Peter Hordern.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed, in page 13, line 41, to leave out from the word " stock " to the end of line 6 on page 14.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 73) proposed, in page 14, line 15, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. John Cope.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (Capital transfer tax).

Amendment (No. 43) proposed, in page 14, line 37, to leave out the words " transferred by a chargeable transfer " and insert the words " of a chargeable transfer received by a person (" the transferee ") ".—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. John Pardoe : 76.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis : 259.

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

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. John Peyton),—put and agreed to.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Laurie Pavitt reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the Committee.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes to Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.50 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 21st January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

National Debt,—Copy of Papers relative to the position, as at 31st March 1974, of certain Funds left in trust for the reduction of the National Debt [by Command].

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 12th November 1974,
(2) 15th November 1974,
(3) 22nd November 1974,
(4) 29th November 1974,
(5) 3rd December 1974,
(6) 6th December 1974, and
(7) 10th December 1974,
relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 141 to 147].

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th October 1973 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 148].

Duchy of Cornwall,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1974 [by Act].

Duchy of Lancaster,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended 29th September 1974, with a separate Account of the capital of the said Duchy to the same date [by Act].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th January 1974 on loans raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 149].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Dangerous Drugs,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 19, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Democratic Republic of the Sudan on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 20, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 6th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees on the supply of flour of common wheat and milled rice as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 21, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 19th October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Upper Volta on the supply of food aid in the form of maize [by Command].

European Communities (No. 26, 1975),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Florence on 19th April 1972, setting up a European University Institute (with Protocol and Final Act) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Building and Buildings,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Noise Insulation (Scotland) Regulations 1975 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th January 1975, entitled the Aerodromes (Designation) (Facilities for Consultation) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 30) [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Statements of determination of the pension payable to two former members of the British Airports Authority [by Act].

General Lighthouse Fund,—Statement of the Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended 31st March 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 120].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Wool Industries Research Association for the year ended 30th September 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


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 Hampshire Compulsory Purchase (Education No. 2) Order 1972,
(2) the Peterborough New Town No. 11 (Queen Street Area "B") Compulsory Purchase Order 1973, and
(3) the Montrose Harbour Revision Order 1974 [by Act].

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

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on "Subject to Contract" Agreements [by Act]; to be printed [No. 119].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. John Ryman (nominated in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Ward.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 21st January 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Arbitration Bill [Lords] and the Biological Standards Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B, the Local Government (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee, and the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1974 and the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1974 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.
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British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—A Bill to empower the British Railways Board to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Board and the Trinity House; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Transport Docks Bill,—A Bill to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Waterways Bill,—A Bill to confer further powers on the British Waterways Board and make further provision for the control and regulation of the Board's waterways; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Corn Exchange Bill,—A Bill to provide for the alteration of the share capital, the extension of the objects and powers and otherwise to increase the powers of the Corn Exchange Company Limited; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill,—A Bill to constitute and incorporate the Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority and to amalgamate under the jurisdiction of that Authority the undertakings of the Dartmouth Harbour Commissioners and the River Dart Navigation Commissioners; to confer upon the Authority powers and duties in relation to the amalgamated undertakings; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Friends' Provident Life Office Bill,—A Bill to provide for the control and management of the Friends' Provident Life Office; 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; to confer further powers on the Executive; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill,—A Bill to confer further powers on the London Transport Executive in relation to manufacture, repair and supply; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Milford Haven Conservancy Bill,—A Bill to confer further powers and duties on the Milford Haven Conservancy Board; to amend the Milford Haven Conservancy Act 1958; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants) Bill,—A Bill to enable Ocean Transport & Trading Limited, Panocan Shipping & Terminals Limited, Overseas Containers Limited and Arbuthnot Storage Limited and their subsidiary companies to issue transferable certificates and warrants for the delivery of goods; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Standard and Chartered Bank Bill,—A Bill to provide for the transfer to Standard and Chartered Banking Group Limited of parts of the undertakings of The Standard Bank Limited and The Chartered Bank; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 22nd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-i].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 22nd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 84-iv].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer 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 22nd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 155-i].
Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report Memoranda submitted to the Energy Resources Sub-Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 156-i].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Reservoirs Bill [Lords],—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Reservoirs 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 Reservoirs 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. 157].

Select Committee on the European Communities,—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 21st January requesting the attendance of Donald William Limon, Esquire, a Clerk of this House, before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the European Communities be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Resolved, That Mr. Limon, a Clerk of this House, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Standing Orders (Public Business),—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business, as amended, be printed [No. 154].

Prices Bill,—Mrs. Secretary Williams, supported by Mr. Secretary Foot, Mrs. Secretary Castle, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Fred Peart, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Robert Maclean, presented a Bill to amend sections 1, 2 and 9(b) of the Prices Act 1974 and to make consequential amendments in the Schedule to that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 63].

Social Security (Status of Members of Parliament) Bill,—Mr. Eldon Griffiths, supported by Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Ralph Howell, and Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, presented a Bill to provide that Members of Parliament shall be treated as self-employed earners for the purpose of calculating their contributions under Part I of the Social Security Act 1973: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 65].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Ships and Mobile Offshore Installations Construction Credits (Increase of Limit) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. (Mr. Edward Short.)

Members of the House of Commons (Remuneration and Conditions of Service),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the setting up of a new permanent review body to examine and make recommendations to Parliament from time to time upon the emoluments, expenses, pensions and conditions of service of Members of the House of Commons: And that Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Peter Doig, and Mr. Alan Beith, do prepare and bring it in.

Members of the House of Commons (Remuneration and Conditions of Service) Bill,—Mr. Evelyn King accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the setting up of a new permanent review body to examine and make recommendations to Parliament from time to time upon the emoluments, expenses, pensions and conditions of service of Members of the House of Commons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th May and to be printed [Bill 64].

Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 17 (Capital transfer tax).

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

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Miss Betty Boothroyd: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Adam Butler: 239.
Clause No. 33 (Rate of tax).

Amendment (No. 44) proposed, in page 25, line 36, after the word "transferor", to insert the words "to the same transferee."—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Adam Butler: 238.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 256.

Another Amendment (No. 65) proposed, in page 25, line 36, after the word "such rate or rates as may be determined annually by Parliament and shall for the period from 26th March 1974 to 5th April 1975 be charged at":—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Cyril Smith: 244.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. Walter Johnson: 256.

Another Amendment (No. 90) proposed, in page 26, line 3, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that no transfers of value for the benefit of charities shall be aggregated for the purposes of this section."—(Mr. Anthony Steen.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—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. John Ellis 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 Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Finance Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 33 (Rate of Tax).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 90) be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed, in page 26, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

"(c) where the transfer is within section 20(1) of this Act, the rate or rates applicable under that table to the aggregate of the value of his estate immediately before his death and excluding the value of any transfers within paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection":—(Mr. David Howell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed, in page 26, to leave out lines 11 to 27 and insert—

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Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;
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Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Walter Johnson: 252.

Another Amendment (No. 56) proposed, in page 26, line 27, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that in the case of a lifetime transfer the rate of tax shall be the rate shown in the third column of the above Table reduced by the relevant factor set out in a Discount Table based on life expectancy such as the Treasury shall on the coming into force of this Act prescribe and may from time to time vary by order made by statutory instrument".—(Mr. Jerry Wiggins.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 88) proposed, in page 26, line 27, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Where the value transferred by a chargeable transfer is determined by reference to the value of shares in a trading company not quoted on a recognised stock exchange, or by an interest in a partnership or business where the total value of all the shares in the company or companies or all the interests in the partnership or partnerships or business or businesses does not exceed £250,000, then any rate shown in the third column of the Table set out above shall be halved".—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 49 (Local loans).

Amendment (No. 66) proposed, in page 35, line 3, to leave out "£2,000" and insert "£1,000".—(Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49) to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Miss Betty Boothroyd reported, That the Committee had gone through Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49 of the Bill, and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49 of the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Ways and Means.—Borrowing in foreign currency by statutory corporations (income tax),—Resolved, That provision be made about borrowing in foreign currency by statutory corporations.—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on the Finance Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes past Two o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.16 a.m.]
APPENDIX I
Wednesday 22nd January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Bank Notes.—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 12th December 1974,
(2) 13th December 1974, and
(3) 16th December 1974 relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 158 to 160].

Gas.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 8th November 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 162 and 163].

Iron and Steel.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th November 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 164 and 165].

National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 12th December 1974 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 166].

New Towns.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 15th November 1974 on loans raised by Redditch Development Corporation,
(2) on 22nd November 1974 on loans raised by Central Lancashire Development Corporation, and
(3) on 27th November 1974 on loans raised by Northampton Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 167 to 169].

New Towns (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th December 1974 on loans raised by East Kilbride and Stonehouse Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 170].

Water.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th October 1974 on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 171].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Cinematograph Films.—Copy of the Report of the Cinematograph Films Council for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 127].

Industrial Development.—Copy of an Order, dated 15th January 1975, entitled the Investment Grants Termination (No. 5) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 32) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Acquisition of Land.—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 19th November 1974, entitled the M180 South Humberside Motorway (Tudworth-Sandtoft Section) Compulsory Purchase Order (CNE No. 4) 1974, and
(2) dated 23rd December 1974, entitled the M18 Motorway (Hatfield Service Area) Compulsory Purchase Order (CNE No. 5) 1974, with Certificates by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th January 1975, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Rear Markings) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 29) [by Act].

Water.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th January 1975, entitled the Yorkshire Water Authority (Grimwith Reservoir Discharge) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 28) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary John Morris:

New Towns.—Copy of the Reports of the Cwmbran and Newtown (Mid-Wales) Development Corporations for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 26].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on 30th October 1974, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, on 30th October 1974, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Arbitration Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. F. P. Crowder, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Percy Grieve, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Michael Noble, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. George Park, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, and Mr. John Stradling Thomas.

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Biological Standards Bill [Lords], viz.: Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Bryan Davies, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Alec Jones, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. McCusker, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, and Mrs. Ann Taylor.

First Scottish Standing Committee.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Bruce Millan, Mr. George Reid, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. James White.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1974 and the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1974, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Kenneth Warren.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Ships and Mobile Offshore Installations Construction Credits (Increase of Limit) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. John Evans, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Michael Grylls, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. David James, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Frank Maguire, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. John Stanley, Mr. Neville Trotter, and Mr. Tom Urwin.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 22nd January 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Ships and Mobile Offshore Installations Construction Credits (Increase of Limit) Order 1975 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. John Wells Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill, Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1974 and the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1974, and Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Ships and Mobile Offshore Installations Construction Credits (Increase of Limit) Order 1975.
Thursday, 23rd January, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. William Wilson reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords] and the Supply Powers Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That they had gone through the Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords] and had made no Amendment thereunto, and that they had gone through the Supply Powers Bill [Lords] 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. 161].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 161].

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 68].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 174].

Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 67].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 173].

Coal Industry Bill,—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by Mr. Secretary Crosland, Mrs. Secretary Castle, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Fred Peart, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Albert Booth and Mr. Alex Eadie, presented a Bill to provide for grants to the National Coal Board to meet expenditure under a scheme providing for compensation for pneumoconiosis; to enable the Board to withdraw support to enable coal to be worked and to work coal in former copyhold land; to make further provision in relation to opencast operations; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time and to-morrow to be printed and to be printed [Bill 66].

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) 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 Friday morning;

Friday, 24th January, 1975:

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 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.
Reservoirs Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reservoirs 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).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision against escapes of water from large reservoirs or from lakes or lochs artificially created or enlarged, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the amounts so payable under any enactment by way of rate support grant; and

(b) to authorise, in connection with any provision made by the Act for there to be panels of civil engineers qualified to act for purposes of the Act—

(i) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State, including sums required by him for reimbursing expenses incurred by any institution for purposes connected with consultations he is required to have; and

(ii) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any fees received by the Secretary of State on applications by civil engineers to be placed on any panel.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Ten o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 10.28 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 23rd January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

New Towns.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 28th November 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by Bracknell Development Corporation,

(2) on 28th November 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by Telford Development Corporation, and

(3) on 5th December 1974 on loans raised by Peterlee Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 175 to 177].

New Towns (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th December 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by Glenrothes Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 178].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 22, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Upper Volta on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 23, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 6th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Upper Volta concerning the supply of maize as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 24, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Upper Volta concerning the supply of maize as food aid [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:

National Museums and Galleries.—Copy of a Statement on indemnities for borrowed objects (British Museum) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th January 1975, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 36) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rees:

Rates,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th January 1975, entitled the Rates (Regional Rate, Reduction of Regional Rate on Dwelling-houses and Belfast Special Abatement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 5) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st September to 30th November 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 125].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 23rd January 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Arbitration Bill [Lords].

[No. 53.

Friday, 24th January, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

Mr. Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day’s sitting.

Whereupon Mr. George Thomas, the 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.

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

Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill,—The Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection 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).

Unsolicited Goods and Services (Amendment) Bill,—The Unsolicited Goods and Services (Amendment) 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).

Mental Health (Amendment) Bill,—The Mental Health (Amendment) 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).

Farriers (Registration) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Farriers (Registration) 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. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Alan Clark: 30.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Cocks, Mr. Thomas Cox: 0.

And it appearing on the report of the Division that Forty Members were not present, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Bill,—The Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) 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).

International Road Haulage Permits Bill,—The International Road Haulage Permits 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).
Assistance to Private Members,—Ordered, That Mr. George Reid be added to the Select Committee on Assistance to Private Members.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th December relating to nomination of members of the Public Accounts Committee, Mr. Richard Buchanan be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Norman Buchanan be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Wealth Tax,—Ordered, That Mr. Tam Dalyell be discharged from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, and that Mr. John Garrett be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 24th January 1975

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mrs. Secretary Castle :

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to Migration Tables, Part I (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

[No. 54.]


PRAYERS.

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

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 27th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 139-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the Environment in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Supply [8th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Standards in Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the salaries of the Secretary of State for Education and Science and of the Secretary of State for Scotland should each be reduced by the sum of £1,000.—(Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas : 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 293.

So the Question was negatived.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.
27th January 1975

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.38 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 27th January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 17th January 1975, providing for an Amendment to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Wages Councils,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1975, entitled the Paper Box Wages Council (Great Britain) (Abolition) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 41) [by Act].

Wages Councils,—Copy of a Report by the Commission on Industrial Relations concerning the Paper Box Wages Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th January 1975, entitled the Traffic Signs (Temporary Obstructions) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 49) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1975, entitled the Meters (Periods of Certification) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 56) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Lincoln College, Oxford, on 17th October 1974, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st January 1975, entitled the Importation of Pigs (No. 1) Order 1975 [by Act].

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th January 1975, entitled—
(1) the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Act 1952 (Repeals and Modification) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 45), and
(2) the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act 1956 (Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 46) [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Miss Margaret Jackson (nominated in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jim Callaghan.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 27th January 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill, the Unsolicited Goods and Services (Amendment) Bill, the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Bill, and the International Road Haulage Permits Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 55.]

Tuesday, 28th January, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the British Railways (No. 2) 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.

Corn Exchange Bill,—The Corn Exchange Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill,—The Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill was read a second time and committed.

Friends' Provident Life Office Bill,—The Friends' Provident Life Office Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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.

London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill,—Ordered, That the London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Milford Haven Conservancy Bill,—The Milford Haven Conservancy Bill was read a second time and committed.

Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants) Bill,—The Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants) Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Standard and Chartered Bank Bill,—The Standard and Chartered Bank Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 28th January and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report).
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xi].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-viii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-viii].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xi].

Arbitration Bill [Lords].—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Arbitration Bill [Lords], 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. 182].

Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemption).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt turbanned-wearing followers of the Sikh religion from the requirement to wear a crash-helmet when riding a motor-cycle: And that Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Miss Janet Fookes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Davydd Thomas, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Churchill, Sir George Sinclair, and Mr. Andrew Faulds, do prepare and bring it in.

Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill.—Mr. Sydney Bidwell accordingly presented a Bill to exempt turbanned-wearing followers of the Sikh religion from the requirement to wear a crash-helmet when riding a motor-cycle: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st February and to be printed [Bill 69].

The Right Honourable Member for Walsall North.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the position of Mr. John Stonehouse as Member for Walsall North:

That the Committee do consist of Ten Members:

That Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. Edward du Cann, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. John Peyton, Sir David Renton, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Michael Stewart, and Mr. George Strauss, be members of the Committee:

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records; to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House; to report from time to time; and to report Minutes of Evidence from time to time:

That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Edward Short);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Maxwell-Hyslop: 30.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the position of Mr. John Stonehouse as Member for Walsall North.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Ten Members.

And the Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. Edward du Cann, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. John Peyton, Sir David Renton, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Michael Stewart, and Mr. George Strauss.

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

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.

Local Government (Scotland).—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Ross.)
Local Government (Scotland).—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved. (Mr. Bruce Millan.)

Local Government (Scotland).—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved. (Mr. Bruce Millan.)

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1957.—Resolved, That Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1957, in its application to this House, be amended as follows:—

'Amendments of Part II

1. Insert at the appropriate places in alphabetical order:—
   "The Advisory Board for the Research Councils.
   The Health and Safety Executive.
   The Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce and every committee of the Board performing functions of the Board.
   The Metrication Board.
   The Northern Ireland Electricity Service.
   The Review Board for Government Contracts".

2. Omit the entries relating to the Electricity Board for Northern Ireland, the Great Northern Railway Board, the Panel of Referees, a standing committee appointed under section 4 of the Merchandise Marks Act 1926, and the Ulster Transport Authority.

3. In the entry beginning "A Development Corporation", add at the end, "or the New Towns (Scotland) Act 1968".

   In the entry beginning "An Independent Schools Tribunal", for the words from "or under" to the end substitute "or under Schedule 7 to the Education (Scotland) Act 1962".

   In the entry relating to the Industrial Estates Corporations, for "by the Local Employment Act 1960" substitute "in accordance with the Local Employment Act 1972".

   In the entry beginning "The White Fish Authority", for the words from "under section 1" to the end substitute "in accordance with section 1 of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 and the committee constituted in accordance with section 2 of that Act".

'Amendments of Part III

4. Insert at the appropriate places in alphabetical order:—
   "Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards.
   Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards in Northern Ireland.
   Paid Chairman of an Economic Development Committee.
   Chairman of a Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16 of the Health and Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.
   Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the National Seed Development Organisation Limited.
   Chairman of the Northern Ireland Central Services Agency for the Health and Social Services.
   Chairman of the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives.
   Chairman of the Northern Ireland Staffs Council for the Health and Social Services.
   Chairman of a Regional Economic Planning Council.
   Chairman of the Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards in Northern Ireland.
   Chief Electoral Officer or Deputy Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland.
   Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner appointed under section 50(1) or (2) of, or Schedule 4 to, the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972.
   Crown Solicitor for Northern Ireland.
   Director of International Computers (Holdings) Limited nominated or appointed by a Minister of the Crown or government department.
   Director of the Peterhead Bay (Management) Company Limited.
   Director or Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.
   The Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints.
   The Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration."
5. Omit the entries beginning "Accountant appointed by the Secretary of State", "Chairman of the Technical Personnel Committee", "Director of Beagle Aircraft", "Director of Fairfields", "Director of National Cold Stores", "Lecturer or teacher", "Legal Adviser", "Secretary or deputy secretary" (in the composite entry relating to local government officers), "Town clerk or deputy town clerk" (in the same composite entry), "Secretary of the First Scottish", "Solicitor for the Scottish Hospital" and "Superintendent registrar".

6. For the entry beginning "Agent in Great Britain", substitute "Agent for Northern Ireland in Great Britain".

For the entry beginning "Chairman or Reserve Chairman of an Appeal Tribunal", substitute "Chairman of an Appeal Tribunal constituted under Schedule 3 to the Ministry of Social Security Act 1966 or Schedule 3 to the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966".

In the entry beginning "Director of any company", for "or the Local Employment Acts 1960 to 1966" substitute "the Shipbuilding Industry Act 1967, the Local Employment Act 1972 or Part II of the Industry Act 1972".

In the entry relating to local government officers, for "the council of an urban or rural district" substitute "a district council".

In the second entry beginning "Member of an Agricultural Marketing Board", omit "by the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland".

In the entry beginning "Member appointed by the Secretary of State", omit from "or of an agricultural" to the end.

In the entry beginning "Member appointed by the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland", for "Minister" substitute "Head of the department or Minister".

In the entry beginning "Officer of the Board of Referees", for "287 of the Income Tax Act 1952" substitute "26 of the Capital Allowances Act 1968".——(Mr. Charles R. Morris.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 28th January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 5, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Niger on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 25, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 1st October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the World Food Programme on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to developing countries (with Exchange of Letters) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 50, 1974),—Copy of the Second Supplementary List of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc. for 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Police,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th January 1975, entitled the Transfer of Constables, etc. (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 60) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1974, entitled the Hertfordshire County Council (Rickmansworth Central Primary School) Compulsory Purchase Order 1974, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Education and Science under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th January 1975, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (Temporary Suspension) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 54) [by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Williams:


Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of the Queen's College, Oxford, on 30th October 1974, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

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

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th January 1975, entitled the Dutch Elm Disease (Local Authorities) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 55) [by Act].

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1974 and the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1974, in the place of Sir Donald Kaberry.

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[No. 56.]

Wednesday, 29th January, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) 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._

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

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

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

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. Julius Silverman reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 29th January.

_Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87-ii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 29th January.

_Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-ii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 29th January.

_Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 84-v].
Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 29th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 189-i].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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. 190].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer 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 29th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 155-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 29th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 185-i].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1974 and the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1974, referred to a Committee on 16th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 186].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Ships and Mobile Offshore Installations Construction Credits (Increase of Limit) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 22nd January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 187].

Expenditure,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Stokes to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee. 
(No. 190).

Lotteries Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkins, supported by Mr. Secretary Crosland, Mr. Secretary Prentice, Mr. Secretary Ross, Dr. John Gilbert, and Dr. Shirley Summerskill, presented a Bill to make further provision with regard to lotteries promoted on behalf of societies or as incidents of entertainments ; to authorise local authorities to promote lotteries ; 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 70].

Requisitioning of Empty Houses,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give local authorities the power to requisition all dwellings when unoccupied for six months, except an empty flat in an owner-occupied house—(Mr. Frank Allaun) ;

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. Dan Jones, Mr. Mike Noble : 223.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nick Budgen, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams : 204.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Arthur Blekinshaw, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mrs. Audrey Wise, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Mike Noble, and Mr. Julius Silverman do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Requisitioning of Empty Houses Bill,—Mr. Frank Allaun accordingly presented a Bill to give local authorities the power to requisition all dwellings when unoccupied for six months, except an empty flat in an owner-occupied house: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th February and to be printed [Bill 71].
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to basic scheme benefits and benefits in respect of industrial injuries and diseases; to increase family allowances; and to amend Parts I and III of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966, it is expedient to authorise any payment out of moneys provided by Parliament which is attributable to provisions for extending the non-contributory invalidity pension under the said Act of the present Session to women who are incapable of performing normal household duties. — (Mr. Brian O'Malley.)

Social Security Benefits Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Social Security Benefits Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Recovery of family allowances)—(Mr. Alec Jones)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (First child allowance for one-parent families)—(Sir Brandon Rhys Williams)—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, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis: 275.

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 14, to leave out from the word "substituted" to the end of line 19 and insert "£13.00");—(Mr. Brian O'Malley)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 280.

And it being after Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Social Security Benefits Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Social Security Benefits Bill,—The House proceeded further to consider the Social Security Benefits Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 24, to leave out subsections (4) and (5).—(Mr. Brian O'Malley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 258.

Other Amendments (Nos. 6 to 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 12, to leave out from the word "employed" to the end of line 15.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Adam Butler: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 198.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

"(b) in the case of a person receiving full-time education at school, except in the case of a person described in (a) above, by the whole amount of his earnings").—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 16) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

“(c) £2.00 of any non-contributory invalidity pension”.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 23) made to the Bill.

Title amended, as follows: A Bill to make further provision with respect to basic scheme benefits and benefits in respect of industrial injuries and diseases; to increase family allowances and amend section 8 of the Family Allowances Act 1965; to amend Parts I and III of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966; and for purposes connected with those matters.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to One o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.53 a.m.

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APPENDIX I

Wednesday 29th January 1975

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to—

(1) introductory notes, and

(2) coal mining

[by Act].

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APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Arthur Benskin, Mr. Arthur Carmanich, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Tim Dalyell, Mr. Tom Ellis, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. David James, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. John Parker, Mr. David Price, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. Gavin Strang.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Unsolicited Goods and Services (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. Alan Williams.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Jack Ashley, Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. John Forrester, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. Carol Mather, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. David Owen, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Win Ross, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. David Watkins, and Mr. William Whitlock.

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Reservoirs Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Reginald Eyrre, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Geraint Morgan, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Sir David Renton, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated One Member to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Environment in Wales, viz.: Mr. Peter Thomas.
First Scottish Standing Committee.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the First Scottish Standing Committee Mr. George Reid (nominated in respect of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Iain Mac Cormick.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 29th January 1975.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Sir Alfred Broughton Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Biological Standards Bill [Lords], Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill and Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Environment in Wales.

[No. 57.]

Thursday, 30th January, 1975.

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).

Assistance to Private Members.—Mr. van Straubenzee reported from the Select Committee on Assistance to Private Members, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 30th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 191-i].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

Expenditure Committee.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Stokes to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee of the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit.

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:

Consolidated Fund Act 1975.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Noise Insulation (Scotland) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Prices Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prices 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, believing that indiscriminate food subsidies have proved an extravagant way of helping those in need, are liable to create distortions and shortages, and conceal rather than deal with inflation, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fails sufficiently to secure their progressive reduction”—(Mr. Timothy Raison),—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Fred Silvester: 214.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 281.

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. Thomas Cox, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 270.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. David Steel: 50.

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).

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Jack Dornand.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend sections 1 and 2 of the Prices Act 1974, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(1) any increases attributable to the said Act of the present Session, not exceeding in the aggregate £1,000 million, in the sums payable out of such moneys under the said Act of 1974 for the purpose of reducing, or preventing or limiting increases in, food prices in the United Kingdom;

(2) any increases attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the administrative expenses of a Government department under the said Act of 1974 and in the sums payable under any other Act out of moneys so provided.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Ways and Means.—Prices, Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend sections 1 and 2 of the Prices Act 1974, it is expedient to authorise any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums which, under the said Act of 1974, are payable to a Minister of the Crown or into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Counter-Inflation,—Resolved, That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2113), a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved.—(Mrs. Secretary Williams.)

Counter-Inflation,—Resolved, That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2158), a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved.—(Mrs. Secretary Williams.)

Industrial Development,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the draft Ships and Mobile Offshore Installations Construction Credits (Increase of Limit) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—It was agreed to.

Sea Fisheries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—It was agreed to.

Sea Fisheries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—It was agreed to.

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 31st January, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.23 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Thursday 30th January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:
   Public Expenditure,—Copy of a Statement on Public Expenditure to 1978-79 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
   Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st January 1975, entitled the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 64) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
   European Communities (No. 6, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 10th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Niger on the supply of maize as food aid [by Command].
   European Communities (No. 8, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 19th October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Chad on the supply of food aid in the form of common wheat [by Command].
   European Communities (No. 10, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Chad on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].
   Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
   Accident and Emergency Services,—Copy of Government Observations on the Fourth Report of the Expenditure Committee Session 1973-74, relating to Accident and Emergency Services [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
   Protection of Aircraft,—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade of the number of notices served by him under Section 8 and the number of directions given by him under Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Protection of Aircraft Act 1973, during 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
   Northern Ireland,—Copy of the Report of the Gardiner Committee on measures to deal with terrorism in Northern Ireland [by Command].
   Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copies of Orders, dated 22nd January 1975, entitled—
   (1) the Electricity (Advertising Lighting) (Control) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 63), and
   (2) the Fuel and Electricity (Heating) (Control) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 62) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
   Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Second Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1974-75 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 126].

MEMORANDA

Thursday 30th January 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker has allocated the Reservoirs Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee E.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Reservoirs Bill [Lords].
Friday, 31st January, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Industry Bill.—Mr. Secretary Benn, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Foot, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Frederick Peart, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, and Mr. Michael Meacher, presented a Bill to establish a National Enterprise Board; to confer on the Secretary of State power to prohibit the passing to persons not resident in the United Kingdom of control of undertakings engaged in manufacturing industry, and power to acquire compulsorily the capital or assets of such undertakings where control has passed to such persons or there is a probability that it will pass; to amend the Industry Act 1972 and the Development of Inventions Act 1967; to make provision for the disclosure of information relating to manufacturing undertakings to the Secretary of State or the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and to trade unions; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 73].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Local Lotteries Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Lotteries Bill;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Tony Durant):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Bill withdrawn.

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:

Mr. Patrick Cormack 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 it being Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Farriers (Registration) Bill.—The Farriers (Registration) 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).

Nationalised Industries.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 15th November relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, Mr. David Stoddart be discharged from the Committee and Miss Jo Richardson be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 15th November relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), Miss Margaret Jackson be discharged from the Committee and Mrs. Millie Miller be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

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

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 31st January 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 23rd January 1975, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 73) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Medicines,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Medicines (Dental Filling Substances) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Transport,—Statements of redetermination of the pension supplements payable to—
   (1) ten members of the British Railways Board, and
   (2) a member of the National Freight Corporation
by Act.

Water,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1975, entitled the North West Water Authority (Lune and Wyre Transfer of Water) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 40) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland,—Copies of Reports on the conduct of—
   (1) the Northern Ireland Border Poll 1973, and
   (2) the Northern Ireland General Elections 1973
by Command.

[No. 59.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 3rd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 139-iii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Education Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Education Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Education Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 74].

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

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

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. 5) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2020), dated 4th December 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be annulled—(Mr. Douglas Jay);
The House divided:
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Nigel Spearing: 34.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Thomas Cox: 0.

And it appearing on the report of the Division that Forty Members were not present, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Walter Harrison);
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning,

Tuesday, 4th February, 1975:

And the Question being put;
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.7 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 3rd February 1975

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Guy Barnett (nominated in respect of the Reservoirs Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Caerwyn Roderick.

MEMORANDA

Monday 3rd February 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker has allocated the Farriers (Registration) Bill to Standing Committee C and the draft Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Biological Standards Bill [Lords] in the place of Sir Alfred Broughton.

[No. 60.]

Tuesday, 4th February, 1975.

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

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 Bills, referred after the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:

Friends' Provident Life Office Bill.
Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants) Bill.
 Standard and Chartered Bank Bill.

Bills committed.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) 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.

London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Transport (Additional Powers) 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. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 Memoranda laid before them and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 4th February: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Report, together with a Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xiii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with a Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xiv].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-ix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 29th January and 4th February to be printed [No. 45-ix].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Tenth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xii].

Biological Standards Bill [Lords],—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Biological Standards Bill [Lords] and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 76].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 195].

Disablement Commissioner, Bill,—Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, supported by Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Donald Stewart, and Mr. Dafydd Thomas, presented a Bill to increase the powers of the Secretary of State in respect of a local authority which is in default of its duties under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 72].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. John Ellis.)
Health and Safety at Work (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Health and Safety at Work &c. Act 1974 so as to ensure that no provisions of that Act shall in any way remove, reduce or limit the application of any provisions, in force at the commencement of that Act, imposing absolute liability in respect of health and safety at work: And that Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mrs. Audrey Wise, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. Alex Wilson, Mr. Andrew Bennett, and Mr. Bryan Davies, do prepare and bring it in.

Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Bob Cryer accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Health and Safety at Work &c. Act 1974 so as to ensure that no provisions of that Act shall in any way remove, reduce or limit the application of any provisions, in force at the commencement of that Act, imposing absolute liability in respect of health and safety at work: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st February and to be printed [Bill 75].

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

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Less Favoured Farming Areas and the Motion relating to Imports from Third Countries of Beef and Veal may each be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Less Favoured Farming Areas.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/27/75 but declines to approve any restriction on the subsidy payments to pensioners—(Mr. Gavin Strang);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Donald Coleman and Mr. John Ellis 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.

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/27/75 but declines to approve any restriction on the subsidy payments to pensioners.

Imports from Third Countries of Beef and Veal.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/82/75—(Mr. Edward Bishop);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 5th February, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/82/75.

Race Relations and Immigration.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 14th January relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration Mrs. Lynda Chalker be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Alfred Hall-Davis be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Donald Coleman):— 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 three minutes to One o’clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.57 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 4th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Income Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th January 1975, entitled the Income Tax (Reserve and Auxiliary Forces) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 91) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 11, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 5th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the supply of food aid in the form of skimmed milk powder [by Command].

European Communities (No. 12, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 6th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 13, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 10th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on the supply of common wheat and maize as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 13, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Jakarta on 8th February 1974, concerning wheat to be supplied by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Indonesia within the framework of the Cereals Food Aid Programme of the European Economic Community (United Kingdom Food Aid Grant: Indonesia Agreement 1973) [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th January 1975, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 75) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Local Employment,—Account of the financial results, for the year ended 31st March 1974, of certain activities of the Department of 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. 197].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Statement of Exchequer Payments in Aid of Schemes for Agriculture in Northern Ireland for the year ending 31st March 1975 [by Act].

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

National Loans Fund,—Copy of Accounts relating to Issues from the National Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 196].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 4th February 1975

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

[No. 61.]

Wednesday, 5th February, 1975.

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 I).
Ordered, That leave be given to the Committee on Unopposed Bills to make a Special Report relative to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill.

The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, 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.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill,—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to be considered upon Tuesday next.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 5th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-iii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 5th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 84-vi].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 5th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-iii].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer 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 5th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 155-iii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 5th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-iii].

Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to provide for the protection and conservation of wild creatures and of plants growing wild and to amend section 9 of the Badgers Act 1973.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 18th April and to be printed [Bill 79].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 206].

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Environment in Wales, referred to them on 27th January, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 200].

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

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill be referred to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill,—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary Callaghan, Mrs. Secretary Williams, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Eric Deakins, and Mr. S. Clinton Davis, presented a Bill to make provision for establishing a fund from which payments may be made in certain cases in respect of
losses or liabilities incurred by customers of air travel organisers in consequence of the inability of the air travel organisers to meet their financial commitments in respect of certain descriptions of travel contracts, and for establishing an agency to hold, manage and apply the fund; to provide for requiring contributions from air travel organisers for the purposes of the fund; to provide for loans to the agency by the Secretary of State; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 77].

Abolition of Peerage.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide (except in respect of members of the Royal Family) for the extinction of all titles attaching to peerages, for the cessation on death or statutory renunciation of all hereditary rights to attend as a Member of the House of Lords, and for the appointment of Senators as Members of the House, including the conversion of present life Peers—(Mr. John Lee):

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. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Eddie Loyden: 150.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Michael Brotherton: 168.

So the Question was negatived.

Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Limitation of rent increases under rent agreement where no rent is registered for dwelling-house under regulated tenancy)—(Mr. Hugh D. Brown)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

‘ (c) have regard to the general level of rents charged by comparable housing authorities and by the Scottish Special Housing Association and by new town development corporations’.—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. James Hamilton: 241.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 5, to leave out Clause No. 5.—(Mr. Hugh D. Brown.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Ellis: 214.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Fred Silvester: 183.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 17, to leave out from the word ‘surplus’ to the word ‘after’ in line 18, and insert the words ‘on capital account’—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton),—instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 5 and 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 39, to leave out from the word ‘by’ to the end of the subsection, and insert the words ‘such sum as the rent officer considers reasonable having regard to the sum expended on repairs’—(Mr. Teddy Taylor),—instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 8 to 36) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart: 212.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Adam Butler: 147.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords]:

A Motion was 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 District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Question being again proposed, That the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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).

District Courts (Scotland) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to District Courts (Scotland) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of this Session to make provision as respects district courts and justices of the peace in Scotland, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under the said Act; and
(b) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other enactment.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.3 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Electricity.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 2nd January 1975 on a loan raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 201].

New Towns.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 19th December 1974, on loans raised by Skelmersdale Development Corporation, and

(2) on 10th January 1975, on loans raised by Cwmbran Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 202 and 203].

Post Office.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 20th December 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 204].

Water.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th December 1974 on loans raised by the Anglian Water Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 205].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Monopolies and Restrictive Practices.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies Commission on the supply of contraceptive sheaths in the United Kingdom [by Act]; to be printed [No. 135].
Mr. Edward Short:

 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of St. Peter's College, Oxford, on 12th November 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(2) made by the Governing Body of Wadham College, Oxford, on 13th November 1974, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(3) made by the Governing Body of Downing College, Cambridge, on 8th November 1974, amending the Statutes of the College
(by Act).

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


Medical Research Council,—Statement of Account of the Medical Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].


Social Science Research Council,—Statement of Account of the Social Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Prices Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. John Biffen, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. Robert Maclean, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mrs. Secretary Williams.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Bill, viz.: Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. van Straubenzee, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the International Road Haulage Permits Bill, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Neil Carnichael, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. William Hamling, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, and Mr. James Wellbeloved.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on First Standing Committee C in respect of the draft Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Richard Body, the Reverend Robert Bradford, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Carson, Mr. William Craig, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Stanley Orme, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. Wm Ross, and Mr. A. W. Stallard.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Noise Insulation (Scotland) Regulations 1975, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M.
MEMORANDA

Wednesday 5th February 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee, the draft Noise Insulation (Scotland) Regulations 1975 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, and the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1975 and the draft International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Unsolicited Goods and Services (Amendment) Bill; Mr. W. W. Hamilton Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Noise Insulation (Scotland) Regulations 1975; and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1975 and the draft International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975.

[No. 62]

Thursday, 6th February, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Oil Taxation Bill,—Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Oil Taxation 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. 209].

Reservoirs Bill [Lords],—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Reservoirs Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 78].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 207].

Local Government (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Local Government (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 80].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 208].
Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill,—Ordered, That the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill, as amended in the Committee on Unopposed Bills, be printed [Bill 81].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Cyprus) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Supply [9th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Housing,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the salary of the Secretary of State for the Environment should be reduced by the sum of £1,000—(Mr. Nicholas Scott);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Richard Luce, Dr. Gerard Vaughan : 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Thomas Cox : 295.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Doctors and Dentists may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Doctors and Dentists,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the draft EEC Directives on doctors and dentists contained in COM(69) 127 and R/2610/74 and in particular observes:

(i) that the Directives raise important questions of principle which relate to the special circumstances of medical practice in the United Kingdom;

(ii) that the effect of the Directives on the movement of doctors into and out of the National Health Service is not clear.—(Mr. Alec Jones.)

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr. Reginald Eyre be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments and that Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 7th February, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.11 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 6th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Isle of Man,—Account of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs and Excise with the Government of the Isle of Man for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 14, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 5th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco concerning the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].
European Communities (No. 15, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 19th October 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Niger on the supply of food aid in the form of maize [by Command].

European Communities (No. 16, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of the Philippines on the supply of common wheat and of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Merchant Shipping,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Hector Munro, Mr. Malcolm Rilkind, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Harry Selby, and Mr. William Small.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Michael English (nominated in respect of the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jack Dunnett.

[No. 63.]

Friday, 7th February, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence,—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. George Thomas, the 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.

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

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill;

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

Dr. J. Dickson Mabon 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. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Anthony Fell: 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. William Hamling: 45.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.
Transplant of Human Organs Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transplant of Human Organs Bill:  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st January, That the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill be now read a second time;  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill do consist of Eleven Members.

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 report from time to time; and to report Minutes of Evidence from time to time.

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

Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 5th February communicating the Resolution, That the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c. Bills, be now considered.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

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. Thomas Cox): 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 five minutes to Five o’clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 7th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd February 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Turkey) (Reductions and Exemptions) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 85) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th February 1975, entitled the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 122) [by Act].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd February 1975, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (Temporary Suspension) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 113) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd February 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Diving Operations) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 116) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Coal Industry.—Copy of the Report of the Domestic Coal Consumers’ Council for 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 128].
Mr. Edward Short:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 18th December 1974, entitled—
(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Family Pensions) (No. 2) Order 1974, and
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Redundancy) Order 1974 [by Act].

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

Magistrates’ Courts,—Copies of Rules, dated 3rd February 1975, entitled—
(1) the Magistrates’ Courts (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 126), and
(2) the Magistrates’ Courts (Forms) (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 127) [by Act].

Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Rules, dated 5th February 1975, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment) 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 128) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Michael Alison and Mr. Tim Sainsbury (nominated in respect of the Prices Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Giles Shaw and Mr. John Wakeham.

[No. 64.]

Monday, 10th February, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 10th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 139-iv].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Medicines (Dental Filling Substances) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Public Support for the Arts,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House draws attention to the fact that we are now in a period, like the Second World War, which is an appropriate time to multiply public support for the arts; and calls on the Government to take appropriate measures to this end and to encourage local authorities to do likewise—(Mr. Bryan Magee);—

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

Export Guarantees Amendment Bill,—The Export Guarantees Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Commitment of Bills).

Export Guarantees Amendment [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Export Guarantees Amendment [Money];—

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision in connection with the powers and duties of the Secretary of State under the Export Guarantees Acts 1968 and 1970, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Secretary of State for making—
   (a) loans in connection with the provision of financial facilities in respect of export contracts;
   (b) grants—
      (i) for supplementing interest received or receivable as consideration for the provision of such facilities;
      (ii) in respect of interest paid or payable under such contracts;
(2) any increase in the sums payable out of such moneys or charged on the Consolidated Fund under the Export Guarantees Act 1968 which is attributable to new provisions replacing section 4 of that Act;
(3) payments into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Arbitration Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Arbitration Bill [Lords], 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, without Amendment.

Biological Standards Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Biological Standards Bill [Lords], as 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, with an Amendment.

Education Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Education Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That—
(1) There shall be a Standing Committee to be called the Northern Ireland Committee which shall consider such specified matters relating exclusively to Northern Ireland as may be referred to them and shall consist of all Members sitting for constituencies in Northern Ireland, together with not more than Twenty other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, who shall have power from time to time to discharge the Members so nominated by them and to appoint others in substitution for those discharged.
(2) A motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of public business to the effect that a specified matter or matters relating exclusively to Northern Ireland be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee for their consideration and the question thereon shall be put forthwith.
(3) If such a motion be agreed to, the Committee shall consider the matter or matters to them referred on not more than four days in a Session and shall report only that they have considered the said matter or matters.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Margaret Jackson):

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.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.21 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 10th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th January 1975, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Family Benefits) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 98) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1975, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 140) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Iron and Steel.—Statement of determination of the remuneration of a part-time member of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th January 1975, entitled the Heather and Grass Burning (Amendment) (Northumberland and Durham) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 112) [by Act].
[No. 65.]

Tuesday, 11th February, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) 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.

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

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

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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 4th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 153-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Biological Standards Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Abolition of Cohabitation Rule,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the cohabitation rules contained in the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act 1965, the Supplementary Benefits Acts 1966 to 1974 and the Social Security Act 1973, and for purposes connected therewith: And that Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. John Moore, Mrs. Helene Hayman, and Mr. Sydney Tierney, do prepare and bring it in.

Abolition of Cohabitation Rule Bill,—Miss Jo Richardson accordingly presented a Bill to repeal the cohabitation rules contained in the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act 1965, the Supplementary Benefits Acts 1966 to 1974 and the Social Security Act 1973, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th April and to be printed [Bill 83].

Energy Policy,—Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Commission Documents Nos. R/446/74 and R/3333/74 and of the Government's intention, whilst co-operating in the development of a Community energy policy, of ensuring that such a policy is consistent with the aims of the United Kingdom's domestic energy policy. (Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Violence in Marriage,—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the extent, nature and causes of the problems of families where there is violence between the partners or where children suffer non-accidental injury; and to make recommendations.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Thirteen Members.

And the Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. John Cronin, Sir William Elliott, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. William Hamilton, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Eric Moonman, Sir George Sinclair, Mrs. Ann Taylor, and Sir George Young.
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 report from time to time; and to report Minutes of Evidence from time to time.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.26 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 11th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Civil Estimates, 1975-76,—Estimates for Civil Departments for the year ending 31st March 1976 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 210].

Defence Estimates, 1975-76,—Estimates for Defence Services for the year ending 31st March 1976 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 198].

Defence (Votes A), 1975-76,—Estimate of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for the year ending 31st March 1976 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 184].

Dr. John Gilbert:

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 23rd January 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 86), and

(2) dated 5th February 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 131)

[by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 14th January 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 211 to 213].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 17, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th November 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Senegal on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 3, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Paris on 29th January 1973, concerning the voluntary contributions to be given for the execution of the project to preserve Borobudur [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 10, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Vientiane on 30th April 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Provisional Government of the National Union of Laos, concerning the participation of the United Kingdom in the Foreign Exchange Operations Fund for Laos [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 35, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Rawalpindi on 29th May 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for air services between and beyond their respective territories [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd July 1974, entitled the Borough of Scunthorpe (West Common Lane) Appropriation Order 1974, with a Certificate 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,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1975, entitled the Dover Harbour Revision Order 1975, 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. Frederick Peart:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 3rd February 1975, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1975 [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 M180 South Humberside Motorway (Tudworth-Sandtoft Section) Compulsory Purchase Order (CNE No. 4) 1974, and
(2) the M18 Motorway (Hatfield Service Area) Compulsory Purchase Order (CNE No. 5) 1974 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Jack Ashley (nominated in respect of the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier.

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Export Guarantees Amendment Bill to Standing Committee D; the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1975 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Cyprus) Order 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments; and the draft Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1975 and the draft Medicines (Dental Filling Substances) Order 1975 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, in the place of Mr. Michael English.

Wednesday, 12th February, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill,—The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Medway Ports Authority Revision Order 1974 (Petitions for Amendment).—Mr. Richard Body reported from the Joint Committee, to whom two Petitions for Amendment of the Medway Ports Authority Revision Order 1974 were referred, pursuant to the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Acts 1945 and 1965, That they had considered the said Petitions; and had made Amendments to the Order and directed him to report the Order, as amended, to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Order, as amended, and Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendments be printed [No. 218].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 12th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-iv].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 12th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 84-vii].
Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 12th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-iii].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer 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 12th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 155-iv].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-iii].

Unsolicited Goods and Services (Amendment) Bill,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Unsolicited Goods and Services (Amendment) Bill, and had directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday next.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 214].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 31st January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 217].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Noise Insulation (Scotland) Regulations 1975, referred to a Committee on 30th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 215].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 30th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 216].

Historic Churches Preservation Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Historic Churches Preservation Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Standing Orders (Public Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Order (Northern Ireland Committee) made on 10th February be printed [No. 154].

Social Security Act 1973 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend section 1(7) of the Social Security Act 1973 so that those holding elective office revert to being classed as self-employed: And that Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Norman Lamont, and Mr. Eldon Griffiths, do prepare and bring it in.

Social Security Act 1973 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Nicholas Ridley accordingly presented a Bill to amend section 1(7) of the Social Security Act 1973 so that those holding elective office revert to being classed as self-employed: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 84].

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Dr. Gerard Vaughan: 257.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis: 299.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. James Prior.)

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 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the proposed Amendment (No. 2) be made:—Debate resumed.

Question put.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 298.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 45, to leave out from the word ‘have’ to the end of line 47 and insert the words ‘been identified as such by the parties to the agreement or arrangement by reference to any characteristic or circumstances they have in common’—(Mr. Leon Brittan),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 4, at the end, to insert the words ‘and after the words “religious belief” there shall be inserted the words “or conscience” ’.—(Mr. Christopher Tugendhat.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton: 288.

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 divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Stoddart: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes past One o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.13 a.m.]
Commons under section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 27th day of November 1974, namely, the Aberdeen Corporation Order, the British Railways Order, the Dundee Harbour Order, the Dundee Port Authority Order, the Fraserburgh Harbour Order, the Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Order, the Inverness Harbour Order, the Mallaig Harbour Order, the Port Askiaq Pier Order and the Stornoway Trust Order, and are of opinion that the Orders should be allowed to proceed subject to such Recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Orders [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of the Report to the Secretary of State for Scotland of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Scotland for 1974 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 151].

Mr. Secretary Prentice :

Libraries,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 3rd February 1975, entitled the District Councils in Wales (Libraries) (Llanelli Borough Council) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 120), and
(2) dated 4th February 1975, entitled the District Councils in Wales (Libraries) (Borough Councils in Mid Glamorgan) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 119) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle :

Social Security,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th February 1975, entitled the Social Security Act 1973 (Commencement No. 5) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 124) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th February 1975, entitled the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 125) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland :

Transport,—Copies of the Reports for 1974 of—
(1) the Central Transport Consultative Committee for Great Britain,
(2) the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Scotland, and
(3) the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Wales [by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 179 to 181].

Mr. Secretary John Morris :

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th December 1974, entitled the Welsh Office Highways Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 29) (The M4 Motorway, Stormy Down to Groes Section (No. 3)) 1974, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Wales under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short :

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Body of the University of Oxford on 19th November 1974, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mrs. Margaret Thatcher (nominated in respect of the Finance Bill except Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49); and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Mitchell.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Export Guarantees Amendment Bill, viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Terence Higgins, Mr. Michael Hogg, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Geoffrey Pattle, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Tim Renton, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. John Stanley, Mr. Tom Urwin, and Mr. Peter Iliggers.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1975 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Cyprus) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Robert Banks, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Ifor Davies, Mr. Jack Dorman, Mr. Geoffrey Edge, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. John Pardon, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Peter Tapsell, and Mr. Neville Trotter.
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1975 and the draft Medicines (Dental Filling Substances) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. James Boyden, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Alan Clark, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Alec Jones, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. George Reid, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mrs. Ann Taylor, and Mr. William Whitlock.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 12th February 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. W. T. Williams Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Export Guarantees Amendment Bill, and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1975 and the draft Medicines (Dental Filling Substances) Order 1975.
Quality and Cost of Public Administration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls for an immediate review by Her Majesty's Government of public administration, particularly in local government and the National Health Service, in the light of its deterioration in quality, increasing cost, and growing remoteness from the people—(Mr. Emlyn Hooson):—Debate arising;

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Building and Buildings (S.I., 1974, No. 1944) may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Building and Buildings.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Building (Second Amendment) Regulations 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 1944), dated 22nd November 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th December—(Mr. Marcus Fox):—Debate arising;

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Dangerous Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Building and Buildings.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Noise Insulation (Scotland) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 21st January, be approved—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

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

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

Thursday 13th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Civil Estimates (Supplementary Estimates) 1974-75,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the Service of the year ending 31st March 1975, for Civil Departments [by Command]; to be printed [No. 193].

Defence Estimates (Supplementary Estimates) 1974-75,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the Service of the year ending 31st March 1975, for Defence Services [by Command]; to be printed [No. 194].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 29, 1975),—Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at Brussels on 10th October 1974, to the Agreement of 28th July 1956 between the Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation, of the one part, and the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community, of the other part, on the introduction of through international railway tariffs for the carriage of coal and steel through Swiss territory (the Supplementary Protocol is not in force) [by Command].

European Communities (No. 30, 1975),—Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at Brussels on 10th October 1974, to the Agreement of 26th July 1957 between the Austrian Federal Government, of the one part, and the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community, of the other part, on the introduction of through international railway tariffs for the carriage of coal and steel through the territory of the Republic of Austria (the Supplementary Protocol is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 15, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Islamabad on 29th June 1974, on revised arrangements for the repayment of the development loans made in 1966 by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Pakistan [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 16, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Islamabad on 29th June 1974, on revised arrangements for the payment of debts due from the Government of Pakistan to Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom under certain credit agreements [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross :
Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to the Gaelic language [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1975, entitled the Local Government (Scotland) (Transport Undertakings) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 129) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn :
Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to provisional results [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees :
Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Community Relations (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, and
(2) the Selective Employment Premium (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

Juries,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th February 1975, entitled the Juries (Area Jurors Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 22) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mrs. Secretary Williams :
Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th February 1975, entitled the Bread Prices (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 166) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :
Ecclesiastical Law,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th February 1975, entitled the Clergy Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 156) [by Measure].

Ecclesiastical Law,—Copy of Rules, dated 6th February 1975, entitled the Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 135) [by Measure].

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Thursday 13th February 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1975 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Cyprus) Order 1975.
FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Litigants in Person (Costs) Bill,—The Litigants in Person (Costs) 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).

Dogs Bill,—The Dogs 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).

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill;

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

Mr. Patrick Cormack 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 it being Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill;

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

Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st January, That the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 28th February.

Unsolicited Goods and Services (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Unsolicited Goods and Services (Amendment) 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.

Social Security Act 1973 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security Act 1973 (Amendment) 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. Michael Cocks):—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-nine minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Police,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Northern Police (Amalgamation) Order 1975, and
(2) the South-Eastern Police (Amalgamation) Order 1975 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders)—Report by the Secretary of State for the Environment of his Proceedings during the year ended 31st January 1975 under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Gas—Copy of a Report by the British Gas Corporation under Section 4(1) of the Gas Act 1972 on the efficiency of the Corporation [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. A. J. Beith and Mr. John Stanley (nominated in respect of the Export Guarantees Amendment Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Stradling Thomas and Mr. Hamish Watt.

[No. 69.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 17th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 139-v].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 17th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 221-i].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 122) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Industry Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industry 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 Industry Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.28 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Monday 17th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971: Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample), relating to—
(1) East Anglia, Part I,
(2) East Midlands Region, Part I,
(3) North-West Region, Part I, and
(4) Yorkshire and Humberside Region, Part I [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 Hertfordshire County Council (Rickmansworth Central Primary School) Compulsory Purchase Order 1974 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments Dr. John Gilbert (nominated in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1975 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Cyprus) Order 1975); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Sheldon.

[No. 70.]

Tuesday, 18th February, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) 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.

London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 27th February at Seven o'clock.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Bob Cryer reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 (Tenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xv].

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European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Tenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-x].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-x].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Bob Cryer 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 (Eleventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xiii].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 88].

Town and Country Planning (Enforcement Orders).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give further powers to local authorities with regard to planning application enforcement orders: And that Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Patrick Cormack, and Mr. Peter Rost, do prepare and bring it in.

Town and Country Planning (Enforcement Orders) Bill.—Mr. Michael Marshall accordingly presented a Bill to give further powers to local authorities with regard to planning application enforcement orders: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 87].

Industry Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the Industry Bill be now read a second time; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 313.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 299.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 300.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 311.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Industry [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Industry [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a National Enterprise Board, to confer on the Secretary of State power to prohibit the passing to persons not resident in the United Kingdom of control of undertakings engaged in manufacturing industry, and power to acquire compulsorily the capital or assets of such undertakings where control has passed to such persons or there is a probability that it will pass, to amend the Industry Act 1972 and the Development of Inventions Act 1967, to make provision for the disclosure of information relating to manufacturing undertakings to the Secretary of State or the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and to trade unions, and for connected purposes, it is expedient to authorise, subject to the prescribed limits—

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

(a) of any expenses of the Secretary of State or the Minister incurred in consequence of the provisions of the said Act of the present Session,
(b) of any other sums so payable by either of them, including any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act in sums payable under any other Act;

(2) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of sums required for making loans to the National Enterprise Board; and

(3) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required for fulfilling any guarantee given by the Treasury in respect of sums borrowed by that Board;

and in this Resolution 'the prescribed limits' means—

(a) the limit of £1,000 million imposed by the said Act of the present Session on the aggregate amount outstanding, otherwise than by way of interest, in respect of—

(i) the general external borrowing (as defined in the Act) of the National Enterprise Board and their wholly owned subsidiaries;

(ii) sums issued by the Treasury in fulfilment of guarantees in respect of sums borrowed by the Board from a person other than the Secretary of State;

(iii) sums paid to the Board as public dividend capital (as defined in the said Act); and

(iv) loans guaranteed by the Board otherwise than in the exercise of powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 7 and 8 of the Industry Act 1972 and exercisable by the Board by virtue of the said Act of the present Session; and

(b) the limit of £1,800 million imposed by virtue of the said Act of the present Session on liabilities of the Secretary of State under guarantees given by him under section 10 of the Industry Act 1972 and section 7 of the Shipbuilding Industry Act 1967;

And that it is expedient to authorise any payment into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund under the said Act of the present Session—(Mr. Walter Harrison);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. David Stoddart: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Adam Butler: 280.

So the Question was agreed to.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 18th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 7, 1975)—Copy of a Trade Agreement, signed at Luxembourg on 2nd April 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay [by Command].
Federal Republic of Germany (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Bonn on 19th November 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on the provision of benefits in kind within sickness insurance (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 21, 1975),—Copy of a Health Services Convention, signed 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) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission for the year ended 15th June 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 183].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Retail Prices Index,—Copy of a Report by the Retail Prices Index Advisory Committee on housing costs, weighting and other matters affecting the retail prices index [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1974, entitled the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Revision Order 1974, 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 John Morris:

Historic Buildings,—Copy of the Report of the Historic Buildings Council for Wales for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 121].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Edward Short:

University of London,—Copy of a Statute made by the Senate of the University of London on 19th November 1974, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Food and Drugs,—Copies of Orders, dated 17th February 1975, entitled—
(1) the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 179), and
(2) the Milk (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 180) [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission for the year ended 30th September 1973 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 188].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 18th February 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Litigants in Person (Costs) Bill and the Dogs Bill to Standing Committee C, and the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 122) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.
Wednesday, 19th February, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 19th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 87-iii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 19th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 172-v].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 19th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 84-viii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 19th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 189-iv].

Overseas Development,—Sir Geoffrey de Freitas 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 (First Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 223].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer 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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 155-v].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, 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. 229].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 19th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 185-iv].

Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49),—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 14, 16, 17, 33 and 49), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, not amended in the Committee, and 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. 224].

Mental Health (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. W. T. Williams reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday next.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 226].
First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1975 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Cyprus) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 6th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 225].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1975 and the draft Medicines (Dental Filling Substances) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 10th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 227].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 4th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 228].

Town and Country Planning (Enforcement Orders) Bill, —The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement Orders) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 28th February.

Statutory Instruments, —Ordered, That the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Life Insurance (Interests on Benefits), —Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the payment of interest on delayed payments of life insurance benefits: And that Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Ron Thomas, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Ray Carter, and Mr. Ernest Perry, do prepare and bring it in.

Life Insurance (Interests on Benefits) Bill,—Mr. Russell Kerr accordingly presented a Bill to require the payment of interest on delayed payments of life insurance benefits: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th April and to be printed [Bill 89].

Coal Industry Bill,—The Coal Industry 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).

Coal Industry [Money], —Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Coal Industry [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for grants to the National Coal Board to meet expenditure under a scheme providing for compensation for pneumoconiosis, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of grants to the National Coal Board towards expenditure incurred by the Board under or for the purposes of the industry's pneumoconiosis compensation scheme, as defined in the said Act.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Local Government (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Government (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Publication of accounts)—(Mr. Teddy Taylor),—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. Hamish Gray, Mr. Richard Luce : 103.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart : 141.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3) made to the Bill.

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

"(aa) to give effect to any alteration in the rateable value of any lands and heritages to make allowance for any alterations carried out thereto prior to the time when the roll was made up and which had not been declared to the assessor ".—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

"(ee) to give effect to any alteration in the rateable value of any lands and heritages whether or not an appeal under the Valuations Act is pending with respect thereto, in order to achieve uniformity of valuations with any other lands and heritages in the same valuation area with respect to which an appeal to the Lands Valuation Appeal Court has been determined".—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 6 to 10) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 19, at the end, to insert the words "This subsection shall not apply in cases where reports relate to fires imposed by the courts on authorities".—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

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 (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Local Government (Scotland) Bill,—Question again proposed, That the proposed Amendment (No. 13) be made to the Local Government (Scotland) Bill:—Debate resumed;

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Adam Butler: 86.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 129.

Other Amendments (Nos. 15 to 41) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 42) proposed to the Bill, in page 53, line 12, at the end, to insert the words "and for the purposes of the valuation roll for the year 1975-76 or any subsequent years, the definition of 'lands and heritages' in the said section shall not include appliances for space heating, double glazing and wall and ceiling insulation which is situated or fitted in a building other than one occupied for any trade, business or manufacturing process".—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 55, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

"20. The rules applicable to ascertainment and proof of value of lands and heritages in appeals taken in revaluation years shall be extended to appeals taken in non-revaluation years on the ground of a material change of circumstances affecting value, and sections 9(7) and 10 shall be construed accordingly".—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 44 to 46) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 47) proposed to the Bill, in page 59, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

"45A. In section 146 (police), in subsection (7), in the Table in the new subsection 21A(2) inserted in the Police (Scotland) Act 1967, the words 'South Eastern . . . Borders and Lothian' shall be omitted".—(Mr. David Steel.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Geraint Howells: 12.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 96.

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.

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning:
Thursday, 20th February, 1975:

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 twenty-seven minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.27 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 19th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Mr. Secretary Prentice:
Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1972, entitled the Hampshire Compulsory Purchase (Education No. 3) Order 1972, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Education and Science under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Census,—Copy of Government proposals for a Census of Population in 1976 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Town and Country Planning,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th February 1975, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) (Amendment) and (Trees in Conservation Areas) (Exempted Cases) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 148) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1975, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 23) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
Northern Ireland,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th February 1975, entitled the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 155) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Pearl:
Agriculture,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) (Variation) Scheme 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Farriers (Registration) Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. Nicholas Budgen, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. David James, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Frank Maguire, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Thirty-five Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Industry Bill, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Michael Heseltine, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Douglas Hoyle, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Tom King, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Coerswyn Roderick, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. John Stanley, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.
First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 122), viz.: Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. Frank R. White.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1975, viz. : Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Anthony Fell, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Peter Snape, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. John Watkinson, Mr. William Wilson, and Mr. Robert Woof.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 19th February 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Industry Bill to Standing Committee E, and the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1975 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. John Wells Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Evidence (Proceedings in other Jurisdictions) Bill, Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Industry Bill, Mr. John Spence Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 122), and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1975.

[No. 72.]

Thursday, 20th February, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. Edward Lyons reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to whom the Social Security Bill [Lords], the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], the Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Old Cases) Bill [Lords], the Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Old Cases) (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] and the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That they had gone through the Bills 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. 222].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 222].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 20th February.

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 20th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 219-ii].
Export Guarantees Amendment Bill,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Export Guarantees Amendment Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 90].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 230].

Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill,—The Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Commital of Bills).

Air Travel Reserve Fund [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Air Travel Reserve Fund [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for establishing a fund from which payments may be made in certain cases in respect of losses or liabilities incurred by customers of air travel organisers in consequence of the inability of the air travel organisers to meet their financial commitments in respect of certain descriptions of travel contracts, and for establishing an agency to hold, manage and apply the fund, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Secretary of State for making loans to the agency; but the sums so authorised to be paid shall not in the aggregate exceed £15 million.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Ways and Means,—Air Travel Reserve Fund,—Resolved, That any Act of the present Session to make provision for establishing a fund from which payments may be made in certain cases in respect of losses or liabilities incurred by customers of air travel organisers in consequence of the inability of the air travel organisers to meet their financial commitments in respect of certain descriptions of travel contracts, and for establishing an agency to hold, manage and apply the fund, may make provision—

(a) for requiring contributions from air travel organisers for the purposes of the fund; and

(b) for the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by the Secretary of State in repayment of any loans made by him to the agency under that Act.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to Milk may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

Milk,—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission documents COM(71) 64 and COM(71) 1012 and of the Government's purpose to secure necessary adjustments to meet United Kingdom requirements.—(Mr. Edward Bishop.)

Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malta) Order 1975 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 15th January—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

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,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Cyprus) Order 1975 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 20th January—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

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.

Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd February, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Medicines,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Medicines (Dental Filling Substances) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.
Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the International Cocoa Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th January be approved.—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Violence in Marriage.—Ordered, That Sir George Sinclair be discharged from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage and that Mr. Cyril D. Townsend be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., Mr. James Spicer be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Malcolm Rifkind be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12 midnight.

APPENDIX

Thursday 20th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Gas.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th January 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 231 to 233].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Civil Aviation.—Copies of Orders, dated 12th February 1975, entitled—

(1) the Policing of Airports (Stansted) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 168), and
(2) the Policing of Airports (Stansted) (First Supplementary) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 169)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Costa Rica (No. 2, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at San José on 30th September 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica amending the United Kingdom-Costa Rica Loan 1973 (the exchange of Notes is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 18, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Lima on 22nd March 1972, concerning a development loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Peru for studies for the new works of the port system of the Chinbote area (United Kingdom-Peru Loan Agreement No. 2, 1972) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 22, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Beirut on 11th July 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Lebanese Republic revising the Schedule to the Air Services Agreement signed at Beirut on 15th August 1951 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 48, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Oslo on 30th January 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, concerning the creation of certain trawler-free zones in areas adjacent to the present Norwegian fishery limit [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of an Order, dated 14th February 1975, providing for Amendments to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Pensions.—Copy of the Report of the Occupational Pensions Board, pursuant to Section 66 of the Social Security Act 1973, on solvency, disclosure of information and member participation in occupational pension schemes [by Command].

Census.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Census Order 1975 [by Act].


Nurses and Midwives.—Copy of an Instrument, dated 12th February 1975, entitled the General Nursing Council (Election Scheme Amendment) Rules, Approval Instrument 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 167) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Protection of Wrecks.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th February 1975, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 174) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 20th November 1974, entitled the District Council of Rochford, Land at Malting Villas Estate Appropriation Order 1974, 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 Rees:

Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th February 1975, entitled the Housing (Determination of Unfitness) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 21) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Sea Fisheries.—Copies of Orders, dated 11th February 1975, entitled—
(1) the Foreign Sea-Fishery Officers (Norway) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 171), and
(2) the Sea Fishing (Waters off Norway) (Prohibition of Trawling) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 170) [by Act].

Friday, 21st February, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Television Licensing (Elderly and Disabled People) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Television Licensing (Elderly and Disabled People) Bill;
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was negatived.

Youth and Community Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Youth and Community Bill;
A Motion was 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 18th April.

Motor-cycle Crash-helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor-cycle Crash-helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 14th February, That the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill;

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

Mental Health (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Mental Health (Amendment) 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.

Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—Ordered, That the Order of the House of 7th February relating to the membership of the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill be amended by leaving out the word “Eleven” and inserting the word “Fifteen”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

APPENDIX

Friday 21st February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

War Pensions,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th February 1975, entitled the War Pensions Committees (Amendment) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st February 1975, entitled the Cycle Racing on Highways (Special Authorisation) (England and Wales) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 202) [by Act].

[No. 74.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydén reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 24th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 139-vi].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydén reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 24th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 221-ii].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Television Broadcasting of Proceedings may be made after the time for opposed business and, if so made, the Question thereon shall be put forthwith.—(Mr. Edward Short.)
Sound Broadcasting of Proceedings.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House authorises an experiment in the public sound broadcasting of its proceedings, to be held in accordance with conditions approved by the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services)—(Mr. Edward Short).—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. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Philip Whitehead: 354.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. John Stokes: 182.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House authorises an experiment in the public sound broadcasting of its proceedings, to be held in accordance with conditions approved by the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services).

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Edward Short)

Television Broadcasting of Proceedings.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Order this day, That this House authorises an experiment in the public broadcasting of its proceedings by television, to be held in accordance with conditions approved by the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services)—(Mr. Edward Short);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Philip Whitehead: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Dr. Colin Phipps: 275.

So the Question was negatived.

Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 2, line 3, leave out from “circumstances” to end of line 5.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Reginald Freeson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. W. Benyon: 237.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 7 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 8 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 9, in page 7, line 7, leave out “paragraph” and insert “paragraphs”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Reginald Freeson);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. John Ellis: 407.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. George Cunningham: 42.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 10 to 12 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 13, in page 8, line 1, leave out Clause 10.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Stoddart: 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Adam Butler: 216.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 14 and 15 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 16 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 17 to 21 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 22, in page 12, line 31, leave out from “Act” to end of line 33 and insert “extends to the Isles of Scilly, except—

section 2;
sections 8 to 11;
Schedules 2 to 4,” was amended, by adding at the end thereof the words “together with subsection (5) above so far as it relates to the repeals contained in Part III of Schedule 6”—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman)—and, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 23 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 24 to 32 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 33 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 34 to 38 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 39 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 40 and 41 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 42 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 43, in page 29, line 24, leave out from “to” to end of line 32 and insert “the following provisions of the Housing Rents and Subsidies Act 1975, namely—

section 2 (reserve power to limit rents);
section 8 and Schedule 2 (phasing of rent increases for private sector housing);
section 9 and Schedule 3 (certain amenities to be disregarded in determining fair rent);
section 11 and Schedule 4 (increases of rent under controlled tenancy permitted towards cost of repairs),” was amended in line 6, by inserting at the end thereof the words—

“Section 10 (termination of decontrol of tenancies by reference to rateable value)”—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);

and in line 8, by adding at the end thereof the words “together with section 15(5) so far as it relates to repeals contained in Part II of Schedule 6”—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman)—and, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 44 to 46 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 47 to 52 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 53 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 54, page 35, leave out lines 1 to 12.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Miss Margaret Jackson: 114.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Tony Durant: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 55 to 61 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Reginald Freeson, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Timothy Raison, and Mr. Hugh Rossi.

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

Committee to withdraw immediately.
Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill.—Mr. Reginald Freeson reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 3, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment would enable local authorities to make a profit on their Housing Revenue Account.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 8, line 1, and in page 35 to leave out lines 1 to 12, for the following Reason:

Because it is wrong that a tenancy should cease to be controlled by reference only to rateable value.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

H. P. Bulmer and Showerings Limited v. J. Bollinger and Champagne Lanson père et fils,—A Petition of Maximilian John Alexander Thum, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature, of 17 Throgmorton Avenue, London, on behalf of H. P. Bulmer and Showerings Limited who are Plaintiffs in a pending action in the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Group A, 1970 H. No. 9347, against J. Bollinger and Champagne Lanson père et fils (sued on behalf of themselves and of all persons who produce wine in the district of France known as the Champagne District and ship such wine to England and Wales), the Defendants to the said action, which is listed for hearing in London on the 24th day of February 1975, was presented and read; setting forth, That the said Plaintiffs claim in the said action declarations that they are entitled to use the expressions "champagne cider" and "champagne perry" upon and in relation to cider and perry respectively, provided that such is not contrary to any Government Regulation that is in force at the relevant time; and that reference is desired to be made at the hearing of the said action to the Official Report of Debates of the House for the 17th day of October 1950 in respect of a Motion, praying that the Order, dated 27th June 1950, entitled the Labelling of Food Order 1950 (S.I., 1950, No. 1061), be annulled, so that the views of Members may be gathered as to the use of the expressions "champagne cider" and "champagne perry"; and praying, That leave be given for reference to be made to the said Official Report of Debates of the House.

Ordered, That leave be given for reference to be made to the said Official Report of Debates of the House.—(Mr. Esmond Bulmer.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.47 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 24th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

New Towns,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 24th January 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by Warrington New Town Development Corporation, and
(2) on 29th January 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by Aycliffe Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 235 and 236].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Soviet Union (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of a joint Statement by the Governments of the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the visit of the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the Soviet Union between 15th and 17th February 1975, with texts of related documents signed by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Post Office,—Statement of re-appointment of the Chairman of the Post Office [by Act].
Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the Governing Body of Magdalene College, Cambridge, on 28th November 1974, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, on 3rd December 1974, amending the Statutes of the College

[by Act].

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Coal Industry Bill to Standing Committee A and the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill to Standing Committee D.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Michael English an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Prices 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 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 122) in the place of Mr. John Spencer, and Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1975 in the place of Mr. Michael English.

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Tuesday, 25th February, 1975.

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

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.:

Corn Exchange Bill.

Bill committed.

Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill,—Ordered, That the Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered upon Tuesday next.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) 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 Thursday 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.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 (Eleventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xvi].
European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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. 234].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Eleventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 19th and 25th February to be printed [No. 45-xi].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 25th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87-iv].

Nationalised Industries,—Sir Donald Kaberry 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 had directed him to report certain Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 237].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

So much of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee as relates to the Report to be printed [No. 237].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to certain of the Lords Amendments to the Housing Rents and Subsidies Bill, without Amendment; and they do not insist on their Amendments to the Bill to which the Commons have disagreed.

Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 91].

Conspiracy (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that the maximum sentence which may be imposed on any person convicted of conspiracy shall not exceed the maximum sentence which could have been imposed if he had committed the crime which he was charged with conspiring to commit; and for connected purposes—(Mr. Stan Thorne);

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. Martin Flannery, Mr. Ian Mikardo: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook: 166.

So the Question was negatived.

Supply [11th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Energy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the salary of the Secretary of State for Energy should be reduced by the sum of £1,000—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin);

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:

1 Education Act 1975.
3 Biological Standards Act 1975.
4 General Rate Act 1975.
5 Housing Rents and Subsidies Act 1975.
Supply.—The House again proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Energy.—The Question being again proposed, That the salary of the Secretary of State for Energy should be reduced by the sum of £1,000:—Debate arising;

Mr. Humphrey Atkins 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. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. John Ellis: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to the Town and Country Planning (Industrial Development Certificates Exemption) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2028) may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. Jack Dormand.)

Town and Country Planning.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Town and Country Planning (Industrial Development Certificates Exemption) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2028), dated 4th December 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December—(Mr. Eric S. Heffer);

The Question was amended, in line 4, at the end, by adding the words “and desires that in so far as its operation in Greater London is concerned, applications for an industrial development certificate of up to 10,000 square feet shall not be refused, save on the intervention of the Secretary of State after consultation with the appropriate local authorities.”—(Mr. Ronald Brown.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Town and Country Planning (Industrial Development Certificates Exemption) (No. 2) Order 1974 (S.I., 1974, No. 2028), dated 4th December 1974, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, and desires that in so far as its operation in Greater London is concerned, applications for an industrial development certificate of up to 10,000 square feet shall not be refused, save on the intervention of the Secretary of State after consultation with the appropriate local authorities.

Violence in Marriage,—Ordered, That Mrs. Lena Jeger be discharged from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage and that Mrs. Audrey Wise be added to the Committee. —(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Science and Technology,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 21st November relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, Mr. Airey Neave be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Anthony Nelson be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Race Relations and Immigration,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 14th January relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, Mr. Norman Fowler be discharged from the Committee and Mr. David Lane be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12 midnight.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 25th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th February 1975, entitled the Police (Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 183) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Costa Rica (No. 1, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at San José on 30th September 1974, on technical co-operation between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 24, 1975).—Copy of Notes exchanged at Banjul on 27th September 1974, concerning cereals to be supplied to Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of the Gambia within the framework of the Cereals Food Aid Programme of the European Economic Community (United Kingdom Food Aid Grant: The Gambia Agreement 1974) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Ross:
Transport.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1975, entitled the Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Area (Adaptation of Enactments and Instruments) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 177) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Mines and Quarries.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th February 1975, entitled the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 181) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:
Acquisition of Land.—Copies of Orders, dated 5th November 1974, entitled—
(1) the Welsh Office Highways Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 34) (M4 Motorway, Bridgend Northern By-Pass) 1974, and
(2) the Welsh Office Highways Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 35) (M4 Motorway, Bridgend Northern By-Pass No. 2) 1974,
with Certificates by the Secretary of State for Wales under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
Referendum.—Copy of Government proposals for a Referendum on United Kingdom membership of the European Community [by Command].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
[No. 76.]

Wednesday, 26th February, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

British Transport Docks Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the British Transport Docks Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House; and the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords] and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 26th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-vi].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 26th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 84-ix].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 26th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-vi].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer 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 26th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 155-vi].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 26th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-v].

Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Bill.—Mr. John Wells reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday next; and to be printed [Bill 94].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 243].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 122), referred to a Committee on 17th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 240].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1975, referred to a Committee on 19th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 242].
Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the British Railways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Social Security Pensions Bill,—Mrs. Secretary Castle, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary Foot, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Brian O'Malley, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Alfred Morris, and Mr. Alec Jones, presented a Bill to provide for relating the rates of social security retirement pensions and certain other benefits to the earnings on which contributions have been paid; to enable employed earners to be contracted-out of full social security contributions and benefits where the requisite benefits are provided by an occupational pension scheme; to make provision for securing that men and women are afforded equal access to occupational pension schemes; and to make other amendments in the law relating to social security and to occupational pensions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 93].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Mr. Speaker shall put the Question on the Second Reading of the Lotteries Bill not later than Seven o'clock; and if the proceedings on the Second Reading of the Lotteries Bill shall have been concluded before Seven o'clock Mr. Speaker shall put the Question on the Motion relating to Lotteries [Money] not later than Seven o'clock, but that if the Question on the Second Reading of the Lotteries Bill shall have been put at Seven o'clock Mr. Speaker shall put the Question forthwith on the Motion relating to Lotteries [Money]; and that Mr. Speaker shall put any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Civil List (Increase of Financial Provision) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 133) not later than Ten o'clock. [Mr. Donald Coleman.]

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Transfer of Constables, &c. (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 60) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. —[Mr. Edward Short.]

Conveyancers (Homes for the People),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the acquisition or exchange of small residential properties by the establishment of a new conveyancing service under a Conveyancers Council with appropriate powers and duties, for the reduction of charges and delays in such matters, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. James Wellbeloved, Mr. James Marshall, Mr. Frank Allain, Mr. Ivor Clementson, Mr. John Cartwright, and Mr. Bruce Grocott, do prepare and bring it in.

Conveyancers (Homes for the People) Bill,—Mr. Ken Weetch accordingly presented a Bill to make better provision for the acquisition or exchange of small residential properties by the establishment of a new conveyancing service under a Conveyancers Council with appropriate powers and duties, for the reduction of charges and delays in such matters, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th April and to be printed [Bill 95].

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Leo Abse, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Sir Bernard Braine, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Dr. M. S. Miller, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. David Steel, Mr. James White, and Mr. Frederick Willey, be members of the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill—[Mr. Teddy Taylor];

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), That the Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart : 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Kevin McNamara : 167.

So the Question was negatived.

The Original Question being again proposed:—Debate resumed.

Mr. Teddy Taylor 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;

The House proceeded to a Division.
Mr. Laurie Pavitt and Mr. David Stoddart were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Division (No Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

And the Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Teddy Taylor: 260.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar: 125.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill was accordingly nominated of Mr. Leo Abse, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Sir Bernard Braine, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Dr. M. S. Miller, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. David Steel, Mr. James White, and Mr. Frederick Willey.

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

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

And it being Seven o'clock, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Order this day;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 305.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. George Rodgers: 64.

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).

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Order this day, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with regard to lotteries promoted on behalf of societies or as incidents of entertainments, and to authorise local authorities to promote lotteries, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred in consequence of, or in connection with, the provisions of the said Act by the Gaming Board for Great Britain, and

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any fees—(Mr. Tom Pendry):—It was agreed to.

Crown.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Civil List (Increase of Financial Provision) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 133), dated 5th February 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th February, be annulled—(Mr. James Wellbeloved);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. William Molloy: 90.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 427.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 1, line 8, leave out from "for " to " the " in line 11 and insert " purposes relating to exploration for or exploitation of offshore petroleum in ".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Stoddart: 161.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Fred Silvester: 142.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 2 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 3, in page 2, line 34, at end insert—
“( ) An expedited acquisition order shall not be made in respect of any land or part thereof which has been declared to be inalienable by virtue of any enactment”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Bruce Millan);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 135.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Fred Silvester: 121.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 13 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 to 17 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Bruce Millan, and Mr. Secretary Ross.

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

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Bruce Millan, and Mr. Secretary Ross.

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

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 1, line 8, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment would restrict excessively the purposes for which land may be acquired under the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 2, line 34, and in page 10, line 41, for the following Reason:

Because the possibility cannot be excluded that land which is inalienable might have to be acquired urgently under the Bill.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

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

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

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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 three minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.3 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 26th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

British Council,—Copy of a Statement on Indemnities for borrowed objects (British Council) [by Command].

European Communities,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security Pensions Bill,—Copies of—
(1) an Explanatory Memorandum on the Social Security Pensions Bill 1975, and
(2) a Report by the Government Actuary on the financial provisions of the Bill [by Command].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Selection (Committee on Unopposed Bills) (Panel).—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had appointed a further Four Members to 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. Michael Grylls, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. David Muird, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Coal Industry Bill, viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. J. D. Dornand, Mr. Alex Edie, Tom Ellis, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. John Golding, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Alexander Wilson, Mr. Alec Woodall, and Mr. Robert Woolf.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Hugh Rossi (nominated in respect of the International Road Haulage Permits Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Marcus Fox.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. John Carson, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Michael Shersby, and Mr. Norman Tebbit.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Transfer of Constables, &c. (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 60), viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Mr. Peter Doig, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Harry Gowlay, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. David Lamie, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. David Steel, and Mr. James White.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 26th February 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Transfer of Constables, &c. (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 60) 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. Michael English Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Coal Industry Bill, and Mr. John Wells Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill.

[No. 77.]

Thursday, 27th February, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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.

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

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 27th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 219.iii].
Violence in Marriage.—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 26th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-i].

Prices Bill.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Prices Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 96].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 246].

District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 92].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 245].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the outstanding provisions of the Ministry of Supply Act 1939 and enactments and instruments amending those provisions, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Supply Powers Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to promote the reform of the statute law by the repeal, in accordance with recommendations of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission, of certain enactments which are no longer of practical utility, and to make other provision recommended by the Commissions in connection with those repeals; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords].

Supply Powers Bill [Lords].—The Supply Powers Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 97].

Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords].—The Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 98].

Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 18th April.

Budget Corrective Mechanism.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R340/75.—(Mr. Secretary Callaghan.)

London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Transport (Additional Powers) 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. George Cunningham, Mr. Ernest Perry: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Neil Macfarlane: 104.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Regional Development may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Regional Development.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2055/73, taking account of further developments brought to the attention of the House.—(Mr. Roy Hattersley.)

Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Amendment) Scheme 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th February, be approved.—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 27th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th February 1975, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for Health and Personal Social Services (England), Health and Personal Social Services (Wales), Health, &c. (Scotland), and the Northern Ireland Office [by Act].

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 31st January 1975, on loans raised by Washington Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 247].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:


Mr. Secretary Callaghan:


Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th February 1975, entitled the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 193) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the Governing Body of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, on 5th December 1974, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) made by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Cambridge, on 9th December 1974, amending the Statutes of the College

[by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 27th February 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the International Road Haulage Permits Bill and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Transfer of Constables, &c. (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 60).
The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Leicester, for the provision of a youth and community centre, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the parts of Holland in the County of Lincoln, for elimination of the drainage rate levied on the ratepayers and for other relief for ratepayers, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Mobile Homes Bill.—The Mobile Homes 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).

Rating Reform Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating Reform Bill;

            Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th May.

Industrial Democracy Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Democracy Bill;

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

Requisitioning of Empty Houses Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Requisitioning of Empty Houses Bill;

            Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th May.

Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st January, That the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill be now read a second time;

            Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 16th May.

Town and Country Planning (Enforcement Orders) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement Orders) Bill;

            Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 18th April.

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 14th February, That the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

            Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 18th April.

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill;

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

Evidence (Proceedings in other Jurisdictions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Evidence (Proceedings in other Jurisdictions) Bill, as 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.

Expenditure.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Miss Jo Richardson be discharged from the Committee and Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

            Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
European Parliament (Membership)—Ordered, That, with effect from 10th March next, notwithstanding the Orders of the House of 8th February and 24th July 1974 relating to the Members designated members of the European Parliament, Mr. John Brewis, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, and Mr. S. James A. Hill, be discharged from membership of the European Parliament and that Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. John Osborn, and Mr. Jim Spicer, be designated members of the European Parliament.

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

Privileges—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Committee of Privileges, Mr. Edward Heath be discharged from the Committee and Mrs. Margaret Thatcher be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.51 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 28th February 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Beef and Veal) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 263) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
National Health Service (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th February 1975, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Common Services Agency; Membership and Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 196), and

(2) the National Health Service (Health Boards; Membership, Procedure and Payment of Subscriptions) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 197) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces),—Copy of an amending Scheme, dated 17th February 1975, made by the Defence Council for the Lothian, Borders, Dumfries and Galloway Regions and part of the Strathclyde Region (the Districts of the City of Glasgow, Monklands, Motherwell, Hamilton, East Kilbride, Eastwood, Lanark, Renfrew, Inverclyde, Cunninghame, Kilmarnock, and Loudon, Kyle and Carrick and Cannock and Doon Valley) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Insurance,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th February 1975, entitled the Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 194) [by Act].

Wages Councils,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th February 1975, entitled the Hollow-ware Wages Council (Great Britain) (Abolition) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 199) [by Act].

Wages Councils,—Copy of a Report by the Commission on Industrial Relations concerning the Hollow-ware Wages Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations—

(1) dated 17th February 1975, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 186), and

(2) dated 25th February 1975, entitled the Road Vehicles (Use of Lights during Daytime) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 245) [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report for 1974 of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints [by Act]; to be printed [No. 129].

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of the Account of the receipts and expenses of the Law Society paid into and out of the Legal Aid Fund in the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 249].

National Insurance,—Accounts of the National Insurance Fund, the National Insurance (Reserve) Fund and the Industrial Injuries Fund for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 250].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report for 1974 of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 130].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. W. Benyon (nominated in respect of the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Anthony Berry.

[No. 79.]


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).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, 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. 253].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 3rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 139-vii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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 for preventing the introduction or spreading, through imports into Great Britain, of diseases of animals and poultry, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords].

Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords],—The Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 99].

Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee, and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Finance Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses not relating to capital transfer tax or estate duty, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 18 and 50 to 56 and to Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 and 12, new Clauses relating to capital transfer tax or estate duty, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 19 to 49, new Schedules, and Amendments relating to Schedules Nos. 4 to 11.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

An Amendment proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 16, to leave out Clause No. 1.—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 12, to leave out "25" and insert "15"—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. David Steel: 54.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 275.

Another Amendment (No. 332) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, to leave out lines 1 to 5 and insert the words—

"(a) is made within such reasonable time and in such appropriate form and manner, and
(b) contains such relevant information, and
(c) is accompanied by such available evidential documents"—(Mr. R. Graham Page)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Fred Silvester: 247.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jack Dormand, Mr. John Ellis: 274.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned—(Mr. Joel Barnett);

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Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. John Ellis: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Adam Butler: 257.

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Monday 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 five minutes to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.55 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 3rd March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th February 1975, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 209), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 210)
[by Act].

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th February 1975, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 208) [by Act].

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 4th February 1975 on loans raised by Mid-Wales Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed (No. 252).

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Telegraphs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th February 1975, entitled the Wireless Telegraphy (Broadcast Licence Charges and Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 212) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces).—Copy of an Amending Scheme, dated 17th February 1975, made by the Defence Council for the Highlands, Grampian, Fife and Central Regions and part of the Strathclyde Region (the Districts of Dunbarton, Clydebank, Bearsden and Milngavie, Bishopbriggs and Kirkintilloch, Cumbernauld and Argyll) and the Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles Island Area [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Lighthouses, &c. (Local Inspections).—Copies of Reports by the Corporation of Trinity House, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Commissioners of Irish Lights of their Inspections of Local Lighthouses, etc. in 1974 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd March 1975, entitled the Butter Prices (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 279) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on 3rd December 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(2) made by the University of Cambridge, on 11th December 1974, amending the Statutes of the University,
(3) made by the Governing Body of Girton College, Cambridge, on 12th December 1974, amending the Statutes of the College,
(4) made by the Governing Body of King's College, Cambridge, on 18th December 1974, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(5) made by the Governing Body of Selwyn College, Cambridge, on 19th December 1974, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Sea Fisheries.—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of his proceedings in 1974 under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 [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 Borough of Scunthorpe (West Common Lane) Appropriation Order 1974, and
(2) the Dover Harbour Revision Order 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar (nominated in respect of the Industry Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. R. E. Bean.

[No. 80.]

Tuesday, 4th March 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the British Railways Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.
British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) 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.

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 Thursday next.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 (Twelfth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xvii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twelfth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xii].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Twelfth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xiv].

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Offshore Petroleum Development (Scotland) Bill to which this House has disagreed.

Privilege,—Complaint having been made yesterday by Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Member for Crewe, of a passage in the Travel Trade Gazette newspaper of 28th February, which, she submitted, disclosed a breach of the privileges of this House;

A copy of the said newspaper was delivered in, and the passage referred to was read, as follows:

"Now comes the news that ABTA leaders are suspicious of the motives of a former Labour junior minister in a surprise attack in the House of Commons on the association. It is being openly suggested that Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody was 'primed' well in advance of her speech by outside influences.

Cynics point to her close friendship with former ABTA chairman Dennis Walsh, now leading the other trade association, the Institute of Travel Agents.

Mutterings of vested interests and power-politics are being bandied about. Nothing, of course, can be conclusively proved. But in situations such as this there is usually no smoke without fire.

The question being asked is: What is the real significance of the Dunwoody broadside? Is she speaking for the holidaymaker at large when she claims they could eventually need protection from tour operator collapse by the intervention of a national government?

Or is she being used as a powerful pawn in a protracted battle of travel trade chess aimed at dethroning the present ABTA leadership?"

Ordered, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Sitting suspended.—Grave disorder having arisen in the House, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 26 (Power of Mr. Speaker to adjourn the House or suspend sitting), suspended the sitting until fifteen minutes past Four o'clock.
Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

Crown Department.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Crown Department of State—(Mr. W. W. Hamilton);

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. Bob Cryer, Mr. James Johnson: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Michael Mates: 207.

So the Question was negatived.

Finance Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining Proceedings on the Bill:

Report and Third Reading

1.—(1) The remaining proceedings on Consideration and the proceedings on Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in four allotted days and (subject to paragraph 5(2) of this Order) shall be brought to a conclusion or interrupted, as the case may be, at the times shown in the following Table:

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<td>To be brought to a conclusion at midnight on the second allotted day.</td>
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(2) Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order.

(3) The Third Reading of the Bill may be taken immediately after the Consideration of the Bill, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the interval between the stages of a Finance Bill.

Dilatory motions

2. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on the Bill shall be made on an allotted day except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Standing Order No. 13

3. Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business) shall not apply on an allotted day.

Private Business

4. Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration at Seven o'clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Private Business for a period of three hours from the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or, if those proceedings are concluded before Ten o'clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven o'clock and the completion of those proceedings.

Conclusion of Proceedings

5.—(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, Mr. Speaker shall forthwith proceed to put the following Questions (but no others), that is to say—

(a) the Question or Questions already proposed from the Chair, or necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed (including, in the case of a new Clause or new Schedule which has been read a second time, the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill);
(b) the Question on any Amendment or Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of any Member, if that Amendment or Motion is moved by a member of the Government;

c) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded;

and on a Motion so moved for a new Clause or a new Schedule, Mr. Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not be interrupted under paragraph 1(1) of this Order.

(3) If an allotted day is one to which a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over from an earlier day, the bringing to a conclusion or interruption of any proceedings which under this Order are to be brought to a conclusion at a stated time on that day shall be deferred for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion under Standing Order No. 9.

(4) If a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over to Seven O'clock on an allotted day, the bringing to a conclusion or interruption, as the case may be, of any proceedings on the Bill which under this Order, are to be brought to a conclusion or interrupted on that day at any hour falling after the beginning of the proceedings on that Motion shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

Supplemental orders

6.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and the last foregoing paragraph shall apply as if the proceedings were proceedings on the Bill on an allotted day.

(2) If on an allotted day on which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before that time no notice shall be required of a Motion moved at the next sitting by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provision of this order.

Saving

7. Nothing in this Order shall—

(a) prevent any proceedings to which the Order applies from being taken or completed earlier than is required by the Order, or

(b) prevent any business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day after the completion of all such proceedings on the Bill as are to be taken on that day.

Interpretation

8. In this Order—

"allotted day" means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the day provided that a Motion for allotting time to the proceedings on the Bill to be taken on that day either has been agreed on a previous day, or is set down for consideration on that day;

"the Bill" means the Finance Bill—(Mr. Edward Short);

The Question was amended, in line 26, by leaving out paragraph 3.—(Mr. Christopher Price.)

And the main Question, so amended, being put;

The House proceeded to a Division; but it appearing that the Division bells had not been rung correctly, Mr. Deputy Speaker directed the House to proceed again to a Division.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Stoddart : 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 287.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Bill:—

Report and Third Reading

1.—(1) The remaining proceedings on Consideration and the proceedings on Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in four allotted days and (subject to paragraph 4(2) of this Order) shall be brought to a conclusion or interrupted, as the case may be, at the times shown in the following Table:—
Proceedings | Time for conclusion or interruption
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New Clauses not relating to capital transfer tax or estate duty, and the Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 18 and 50 to 56 and to Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 and 12. | To be brought to a conclusion at midnight on the first allotted day.
New Clauses relating to capital transfer tax or estate duty. | To be brought to a conclusion at midnight on the second allotted day.
Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 19 to 49, new Schedules, Amendments relating to Schedules Nos. 4 to 11, and Third Reading. | (a) To be interrupted at midnight on the third allotted day;
(b) to be brought to a conclusion at midnight on the fourth allotted day.

(2) Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order.

(3) The Third Reading of the Bill may be taken immediately after the Consideration of the Bill, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the interval between the stages of a Finance Bill.

**Dilatory motions**

2. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on the Bill shall be made on an allotted day except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

**Private Business**

3. Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration at Seven o'clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Private Business for a period of three hours from the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or, if those proceedings are concluded before Ten o'clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven o'clock and the completion of those proceedings.

**Conclusion of Proceedings**

4.-(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, Mr. Speaker shall forthwith proceed to put the following Questions (but no others), that is to say—

(a) the Question or Questions already proposed from the Chair, or necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed (including, in the case of a new Clause or new Schedule which has been read a second time, the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill);

(b) the Question on any Amendment or Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of any Member, if that Amendment or Motion is moved by a member of the Government;

(c) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded; and

on a Motion so moved for a new Clause or a new Schedule, Mr. Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not be interrupted under paragraph 1(1) of this Order.

(3) If an allotted day is one to which a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over from an earlier day, the bringing to a conclusion or interruption of any proceedings which under this Order are to be brought to a conclusion at a stated time on that day shall be deferred for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion under Standing Order No. 9.

(4) If a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over to Seven o'clock on an allotted day, the bringing to a conclusion or interruption, as the case may be, of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order, are to be brought to a conclusion or interrupted on that day at any hour falling after the beginning of the proceedings on that Motion shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

**Supplemental orders**

5.-(1) The proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and the last foregoing paragraph shall apply as if the proceedings were proceedings on the Bill on an allotted day.
(2) If on an allotted day on which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before that time no notice shall be required of a Motion moved at the next sitting by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

_Saving_

6. Nothing in this Order shall—
   (a) prevent any proceedings to which the Order applies from being taken or completed earlier than is required by the Order, or
   (b) prevent any business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day after the completion of all such proceedings on the Bill as are to be taken on that day.

_Interpretation_

7. In this Order—
   "allotted day" means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the day provided that a Motion for allotting time to the proceedings on the Bill to be taken on that day either has been agreed on a previous day, or is set down for consideration on that day;
   "the Bill" means the Finance Bill.

Finance Bill [1st allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 15, at the end, to insert the words " unless one or more new dwellings are provided by such conversion, reconstruction, alteration or enlargement ".—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. William Benyon, Mr. Fred Silvester: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis: 284.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 15, at the end, to insert the words " where the total cost, exclusive of value-added tax, of such conversion, reconstruction, alteration or enlargement does not exceed £400 ".—(Mr. Wm Ross.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 327) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 23, after the word " provisions ", to insert the words " (but only in respect of such countries as the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs shall certify as offering reciprocal alleviation of taxation to British diplomatic and consular staff) ".—(Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 349) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 39, to leave out " 10 " and insert " 5 ".—(Mr. Nigel Lawson), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fairgrieve, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 282.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 1, after the word " more ", to insert the words " or was in receipt of an invalidity pension or unemployed and in receipt of an attendance allowance ".—(Mr. David Howell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

_Wednesday, 5th March, 1975:_

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. William Benyon: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart: 274.

And it being after Twelve o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, successively to put the Questions on Amendments, moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 18 and 50 to 56 and to Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 and 12.
Amendments (Nos. 21, 29, 30, 32 to 34, 36 to 38, 113 and 118) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 128) proposed to the Bill, in page 50, line 26, at the end, to insert the words "(and if the policy is one falling within subsection (2) of section 394, those results shall follow under section 8 of this Act, whether or not a gain would be treated as arising on the surrender)".—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. John Ellis and Mr. David Stoddart 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.

Other Amendments (Nos. 130, 134 and 294 to 296) made to the Bill.

Further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be further considered this day.

Violence in Marriage,—Ordered, That Mr. Eric Moonman be discharged from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage and that Mr. Ronald Atkins be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Wealth Tax,—Ordered, That Mrs. Ann Taylor be discharged from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax and that Mr. John Cartwright be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Hamilton):—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 seventeen minutes to One o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.43 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 4th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Civil Estimates (Supplementary Estimates) 1974-75,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1975 for Civil Departments [by Command]; to be printed [No. 239].

Defence Estimates (Supplementary Estimates) 1974-75,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1975 for Defence Services [by Command]; to be printed [No. 238].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th February 1975, entitled the Police (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 211) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 2, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 27th June 1974, renewing 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 [by Command].


Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th February 1975, entitled the Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 219) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Acquisition of Land.—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 18th December 1973, entitled the County Borough of Rochdale (St. Mary's) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973, and
(2) dated 7th February 1975, entitled the M25 (Lyne-Chertsey Section) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSE1) 1975,
with Certificates by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st February 1975, entitled—
(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 239), and
(2) the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 238) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prices.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Prices Act 1974 (Continuation of Section 2) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on 13th December 1974, amending the Statutes of the House, and
(2) made by the Governing Body of Somerville College, Oxford, on 13th November 1974, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

University of London.—Copy of a Statute made by the Senate of the University of London on 12th December 1974, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

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

Bankruptcy.—Copy of Rules, dated 17th February 1975, entitled the Bankruptcy (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 213) [by Act].

Companies.—Copy of Rules, dated 17th February 1975, entitled the Companies (Winding-up) (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 214) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 4th March 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Lotteries Bill to Standing Committee B and the Mobile Homes Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 81.]

Wednesday, 5th March, 1975.

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

PAPERS.

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

Corn Exchange Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Corn Exchange Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.
Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants) Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants) Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Standard and Chartered Bank Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on the Standard and Chartered Bank Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 5th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-vii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 5th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 84-x].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 5th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-vii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

International Road Haulage Permits Bill.—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the International Road Haulage Permits Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 14th March; and to be printed [Bill 100].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 254].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Transfer of Constables, &c., (Scotland) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 26th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 256].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Protection of Mentally Retarded Persons (Evidence).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the admissibility of statements in evidence of mentally retarded persons: And that Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Anthony Steen, and Mr. Dalyd Thomas, do prepare and bring it in.

Protection and Mentally Retarded Persons (Evidence) Bill.—Mr. Christopher Price accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the admissibility of statements in evidence of mentally retarded persons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th April and to be printed [Bill 101].

Finance Bill [2nd allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Relief for successive charges)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (4(a)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 3, to leave out the first words "his death" and insert the words "the transfer"—(Mr. David Howell),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry : 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 284.
Another Amendment ((m)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 6, at the end to insert the words—

"(a) by 100 per cent. if the period between the previous transfer and the death was two months or less;
(b) by 90 per cent. if that period was more than two months but not more than six months".—(Mr. John Fardoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Richard Wainwright : 263.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis : 272.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Conditional exemption for certain buildings, etc., on death)—(Mr. Joel Barnett)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment ((k)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 79, at the end, to add the words—

"( ) The Treasury shall, by statutory instrument laid before Parliament within three months of the passing of this Act, make provision for leaving out of account the value of a transfer of value on death consisting of property of any description to be attached to such property as may fall in subsection (1) above to be a source of income for the upkeep of that property and transferred to the owner of that property to hold for that purpose (in this section referred to as endowment property) and for the application to such a transfer of the provisions of this section with modifications and enlargements thereto as may be appropriate".—(Mr. David Howell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Richard Luce : 254.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton : 268.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Disposition for maintenance of family)—(Dr. John Gilbert)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment ((o)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 14, to leave out the word "dependant".—(Mr. John Nott.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. W. Benyon : 238.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. David Stoddart : 286.

An Amendment ((i)) made to the proposed Clause.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Relief for woodlands)—(Mr. Joel Barnett)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Debate arising;

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to Financial Assistance for Industry (Norton Villiers Triumph Limited) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Three o'clock or three hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Finance Bill,—Question again proposed, That the Clause (Relief for woodlands) proposed on consideration of the Finance Bill, be read a second time:—Debate resumed.

Question put and agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Agricultural assets)—(Mr. Francis Pym)—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. Adam Butler, Mr. W. Benyon : 267.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart : 277.
Another Clause (Provisions as to transfer of property)—(Mr. David Howell)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Fred Silvester: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis: 277.

And it being after Twelve o’clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be further considered this day.

Financial Assistance for Industry (Norton Villiers Triumph Limited).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay or undertake to pay by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972 in respect of the business carried on by Norton Villiers Triumph Ltd. sums exceeding £5 million but not exceeding £12,872 million—(Mr. Secretary Benn):—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. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Jack Dormand: 116.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve: 76.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay or undertake to pay by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972 in respect of the business carried on by Norton Villiers Triumph Ltd. sums exceeding £5 million but not exceeding £12,872 million.

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

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 ten minutes to Four o’clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.50 a.m.]

**APPENDIX I**

**Wednesday 5th March 1975**

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Friendly Societies,—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th February 1975, entitled—
(1) the Friendly Societies Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 205), and
(2) the Friendly Societies (Northern Irish Societies) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 206)

(by Act).

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Trade Marks,—Copy of Rules, dated 25th February 1975, entitled the Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 229) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th February 1975, entitled the Rating Surcharge (Exemption) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 226) [by Act].
Mr. Attorney General:

Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords].—Report of the Attorney General on the Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords] (pursuant to Standing Order 158 relating to Private Business (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)).

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 Welsh Office Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 29) (The M4 Motorway, Stormy Down to Groes Section (No. 3)) 1974 [by Act].

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

Irish Land Purchase Fund,—Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the National Debt Commissioners, and Statements of Liabilities outstanding, in respect of the Irish Land Purchase Fund, for the year ended 31st March 1974, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 255].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Lotteries Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. John Farr, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. George Reid, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Ron Thomas, Dr. David Weitzman, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Eric Deakins, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Roy Hattersley, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. John Osborn, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, and Mr. Terry Walker.

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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1975 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 Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Lotteries Bill, Mr. John Spence Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Farriers (Registration) Bill and Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1975.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 106 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr. Speaker has nominated Mr. Victor Goodhew to be an additional member of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

[No. 82.]

Thursday, 6th March, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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 Thursday next at Seven o'clock.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).
Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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 (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 259].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 153-iii].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 6th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 219-iv].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Social Security Benefits Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to create extra-territorial offences under the law of Northern Ireland, to amend as respects those and other offences the criminal law of Northern Ireland, to provide for obtaining evidence in Northern Ireland for the trial of offences in the Republic of Ireland and to amend the Backing of Warrants (Republic of Ireland) Act 1965, the Explosive Substances Act 1883 and the law about the prosecution of offences; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords].

Social Security Benefits Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Social Security Benefits Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 102].

Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 103].

Finance Bill [3rd allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 42, 43, 46, 47, 49, 51, 52 and 54) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 502) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) A dwelling is excluded property if on the death of the person with an interest in possession of that said dwelling and which is occupied by him at the time of his death it passes to an ancestor or descendant, brother or sister, or spouse thereof who has lived with him for not less than two out of the three years preceding."

(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Ellis: 272.

Another Amendment (No. 55) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 18, to leave out from the word "provisions" to the end of line 21.—(Mr. Nigel Lawson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 56) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 25, after the word "transferee", to insert the words—

" Provided always that the transferor and the transferee or, when appropriate, the personal representatives of either of them, may within two years of the date of a chargeable transfer, jointly state by notice in writing to the Board that one or the other shall be primarily liable, in which event the other shall be discharged from all liability unless and until the one made primarily liable shall fail to pay the tax assessed on him."

(Mr. Nigel Lawson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Richard Luce: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Tom Pendry: 264.

Other Amendments (Nos. 57 to 59, 61, 62, 64, 66, 67, 497, 796, 69 to 72 and 76) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 77) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

" (1A) Except as otherwise provided the First Table set out in subsection (2) below is the appropriate Table for a transfer made on or at any time within three years of the death of the transferor, and the Second Table set out in that subsection is the appropriate Table for any other transfer ".—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made ;

Amendment (d) proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end, to add the words—

" Provided that only the second table shall apply for a transfer made in respect of shares in a close trading company or assets used in a trade, profession or vocation ".—(Mr. John Nott.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve : 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. David Stoddart : 228.

Question, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

Other Amendments (Nos. 78 and 79) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 80) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, to leave out lines 13 to 30 and add—

" Slice of Chargeable Transfers  Rate on slice
£000     %
0–15      —
15–20     5
20–25     7½
25–30     10
30–40     12½
40–50     15
50–60     17½
60–80     20
80–100    22½
100–120   27½
120–150   35
150–200   42½
200–250   50
250–300   55
300–500   60
500–1,000 65
1,000–2,000 70
2,000+ 75".—(Mr. John Pardoe),

—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. David Steel : 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis : 229.

Another Amendment (No. 81) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 92) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 35, at the end, to insert the words " but no period beginning before 6th April 1976 shall be a chargeable period ".—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Debate arising ;

Friday, 7th March, 1975:

And it being Twelve o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings pursuant to Order [4th March].

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday next.

Wealth Tax.—Ordered, That Mr. John Nott be discharged from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax and that Mr. Nigel Lawson be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. David Stoddart):—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 half-past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12:30 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 6th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Government Trading Funds.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Royal Mint Trading Fund Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 1, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1972, between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt; with Protocol, signed at Brussels on 19th December 1972, laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt consequent on the accession of new member states to the European Economic Community (with Final Acts) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 25, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Bonn on 21st October 1971, to amend the Agreement of 3rd August 1959 to supplement the Agreement between the parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the status of their Forces with respect to foreign Forces stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 32, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 3rd May 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the avoidance of double taxation of air transport undertakings and their employees [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 21st February 1975, entitled the River Purification Boards (Transitional Provisions etc.) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 250) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Royal Navy).—Copy of Rules, dated 21st February 1975, entitled the Naval Detention Quarters (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 227) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Housing.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th February 1975, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 246) [by Act].

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th February 1975, entitled the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provision) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 244) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:


[No. 83.]

Friday, 7th March, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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. 262].
Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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 (Fourth Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 263].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 5th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 260-i].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, that they had directed him to report Memoranda submitted to the Science Sub-Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 261-i].

Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Crosland, supported by Mr. Edward Short, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Reginald Freeson, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to prevent surcharges under the Local Government Act 1933 arising out of the Housing Finance Act 1972; to substitute other means of making good losses or deficiencies in respect of which such surcharges would fall to be made; to terminate any disqualification for election to a local authority arising from a surcharge made in consequence of failure to implement the said Act of 1972; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 104].

Insurance Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House, recognising the contribution made by the insurance industry in providing long-term savings and security for millions of policyholders, appreciates the efforts of the field and managerial staffs in building up confidence in the industry; and calls upon the Government to be cautious and prudent before it compels policyholders to contribute their savings in subsidising insurance companies that have by their own action forfeited the confidence of the insurance industry—(Mr. Ernest Perry): Debate arising;

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

Industrial Democracy Bill.—The Industrial Democracy 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).

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 21st March.

Public Accounts.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Committee of Public Accounts, Mr. John MacGregor be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Robert Taylor be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Expenditure.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. Michael Alison be discharged from the Committee and Mr. John MacGregor be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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-two minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.38 p.m.]
Friday 7th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
Civil Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1974-75.—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1975, for Civil Departments [by Command]; to be printed [No. 257].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th February 1975, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 269) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1975, entitled the National Health Service Reorganisation (Retirement of Senior Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 302) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Sugar,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1975, entitled the Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 261) [by Act].

Monday, 10th March, 1975.
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).

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 10th March.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 139-viii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on 26th February: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 265].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on 26th February: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 266].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill,—Ordered, That the Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th April.

Expenditure,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Belstead to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)
Finance Bill [4th allotted Day].—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment (No. 92) proposed on 6th March on consideration of the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee;

Which Amendment was, in page 30, line 35, at the end, to insert the words " but no period beginning before 6th April 1976 shall be a chargeable period ";

Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate resumed.

Question put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 93, 95 and 97) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 539) proposed to the Bill, in page 32, line 32, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) Where a transfer is made between spouses, then any two or more operations including that operation shall not be associated operations if they would not have been associated operations but for the transfer between spouses ".—(Mr. John Nott.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 100, 104, 832 and 110) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Relief for woodlands)—(Mr. Joel Barnett)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (jjj) proposed to the proposed Schedule, in line 42, to leave out the word " highest " and insert the word " mean "—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Schedule.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. James Molyneaux: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 272.

Schedule added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 135, 137, 138 and 494) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 697) proposed to the Bill, in page 57, to leave out lines 9 to 27 and insert the words—

" 4.—(1) Where a settlement is made after 26th March 1974 by a settlor who was at the time domiciled in the United Kingdom and the trustees of the settlement are not resident in the United Kingdom the settlor shall within three months of the making of the settlement or, if it was made before the passing of this Act, within three months of the passing of this Act, send a copy of the settlement to the Board and give the Board such particulars thereof as the Board may require for the purposes of this Part of this Act.

(2) Where the trustees of a settlement made by a person domiciled in the United Kingdom at the time the settlement was made become not resident in the United Kingdom the settlor shall make a return to the Board within the time specified in sub-paragraph (1) above as if references therein to the making of the settlement were to the trustees becoming not resident in the United Kingdom.

(3) If the settlor fails to comply with sub-paragraphs (1) or (2) above, within the times therein stated or such longer period as the Board shall allow, the settlement shall be void.

(4) This paragraph shall not apply to the creation of any resulting, implied or constructive trusts or to the creation of any settlement by will.

(5) Paragraph 12(5) of Schedule 5 to this Act applies for the purposes of this paragraph "—(Sir Geoffrey Howe),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division, but no Member being willing to act as Teller Teller for the Ayes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

Another Amendment (No. 139) proposed to the Bill, in page 57, to leave out lines 9 to 27.—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Cyril Smith: 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. John Ellis: 264.

Other Amendments (Nos. 140, 144, 499, 497, 797, 148, 149, 496, 787, 801, 788, 789 to 791, 802, 154 to 157, 792, 161, 803 to 805, 162, 806, 798, 165, 166, 168 to 173, 175, 179 to 185, 187, 189, 191, 192, and 194 to 196) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 198) proposed to the Bill, in page 86, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

“Transitional relief for settlements made before 27th March 1974

13A.—(1) In relation to a settlement made before 27th March 1974 paragraphs 6 to 12 above shall apply with the following modifications.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) to (5) below, the rate at which tax is chargeable on any capital distribution made before 1st April 1980 out of property comprised in the settlement (but not on any capital distribution which, under paragraph 9 above, is treated as made out of property comprised in a separate settlement made after 26th March 1974) shall be the following percentage of the rate at which it would be chargeable apart from this paragraph, that is to say—

(a) 10 per cent. if the capital distribution is made before 1st April 1976;
(b) 12 per cent. if it is made after 31st March 1976 but before 1st April 1977;
(c) 15 per cent. if it is made after 31st March 1977 but before 1st April 1978;
(d) 17\frac{1}{2} per cent. if it is made after 31st March 1978 but before 1st April 1979; and
(e) 20 per cent. if it is made after 31st March 1979.

(3) Where any capital distribution made after 31st March 1976 but before 1st April 1977 could not have been made except as the result of some proceedings before a court, this paragraph shall have effect in relation to it as if it had been made before 1st April 1976.

(4) Sub-paragraph (2) above does not apply in relation to a capital distribution treated as made under paragraph 12(2) above.

(5) Sub-paragraph (2) above does not apply—

(a) in relation to a capital distribution treated as made under paragraph 6(2) above, unless the person becoming entitled as mentioned therein; or
(b) in relation to a capital distribution treated as made under paragraph 14(3) below, unless each of the beneficiaries referred to therein; or
(c) in relation to a distribution payment made for the benefit of any person, unless that person is an individual who is domiciled in the United Kingdom at the time the capital distribution is made and resident (within the meaning of the Income Tax Acts) in the United Kingdom in the year of assessment in which it is made.

(6) In this paragraph expressions defined for the purposes of paragraphs 6 to 10 above have the same meanings as in those paragraphs.”—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 12, to leave out “ 12 ” and insert “ 1 ”.—(Mr. David Howell), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 293.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 198) be made, put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 199, 200, 204, 206 to 209, 211 and 215) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 218) proposed to the Bill, in page 92, line 20, after the word “ values ”, to insert the words “ (if any) fall short of £1,000, the amount by which they so fall short shall, in relation to the next following year, be added to the £1,000 mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) above; and where they”:—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 4, after the word “ above ”, to insert the words “ and if in the following year relief has not been fully given for the amount by which these values fall short of £1,000 on the basis that all transfers of value in that year are first attributed to the sum of £1,000 applicable to that year a person may make a claim requiring any portion by which those values fell short to be carried forward and, as far as may be, deducted from chargeable transfers made in any of the six subsequent years”:—(Mr. David Howell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Fred Silvester: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Stoddart: 293.
Question, That the Amendment (No. 218) be made, put and agreed to.

Tuesday, 11th March, 1976:

It being Twelve o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th March], to put forthwith the Questions on the Amendments to the Bill, moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given; and Amendments Nos. 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 233, 237, 239, 243, 244, 245, 247, 249, 251 to 253, 257, 241, 261, 262, 264, 270, 276, 277, 279, 284, 286 and 288 to 293 were made to the Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th March], to put forthwith the Question, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart : 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Fred Silvester : 253.

So the Question 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. J. D. Dormand.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.38 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 10th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Civil Estimates (Excesses), 1973-74,—Statement of the sums required to be voted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for Civil Services for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 258].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th February 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Developing Countries) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 207) [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd March 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax (Supplies by Retailers) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 274) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:


Transport,—Statement of the appointment of, and salary payable to, a Deputy Chairman and full-time member of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd March 1975, entitled the Teachers' Superannuation (War Service, etc.) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 276) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Army),—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th February 1975, entitled the Army Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 281) [by Act].

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th February 1975, entitled the Royal Air Force Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 224) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to Household Composition Tables Part III (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th March 1975, entitled the National Health Service (Transferred Local Authority Property) Amendment Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 325) [by Act].

Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Social Security (Mariners' Benefits) Regulations 1975 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Shore:

Companies,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Companies (Fees) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd March 1975, entitled the Slum Clearance Subsidy (Transitional Provisions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 290) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th March 1975, entitled the Rate Rebate (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 327) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th February 1975, entitled—

(1) the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 266), and

(2) the Local Authorities' Traffic Order (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 267) [by Act].


Mr. Frederick Peart:

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders),—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of his proceedings during the year ended 31st January 1975 under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

British Aid Programme,—Copy of the Text of a Memorandum by the United Kingdom to the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, concerning the British Aid Programme [by Command].

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 Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Revision Order 1974 [by Act].

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

Magistrates' Courts,—Copy of Rules, dated 27th February 1975, entitled the Magistrates' Courts (Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders) (Republic of Ireland) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 286) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had added Two Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Lotteries Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Brotherton and Mr. Kenneth Marks.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 10th March 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Industrial Democracy Bill to Standing Committee C.
Tuesday, 11th March, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be considered to-morrow.

Corn Exchange Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Corn Exchange Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants) Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Standard and Chartered Bank Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Standard and Chartered Bank Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) 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.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and a Memorandum laid before them on 4th and 11th March: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xviii].

Minutes of Evidence on 4th March to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xix].

Minutes of Evidence on 11th March, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xx].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House; And the Report was brought up and read (Thirteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xiii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xiii].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and a Memorandum laid before them on 11th March: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xv].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xvi].
The Right Honourable Member for Walsall, North,—Mr. George Strauss reported from the Select Committee on the Right Honourable Member for Walsall, North, That they had made progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 273].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 273].

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

Expenditure Committee,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Belstead to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee of the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit.

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Royal Mint Trading Fund Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Social Security (Age of Entitlement to Retirement Pension),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Social Security Act 1973 by reducing to sixty the age at which men become entitled to payment of retirement pension—(Mr. Gwilym Roberts);

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. Michael English, Mrs. Ann Taylor: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Percy Grieve, Mr. Patrick Cormack: 106.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Mrs. Millie Miller, Miss Jo Richardson, Mrs. Ann Taylor, and Mrs. Audrey Wise, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Social Security (Age of Entitlement to Retirement Pension) Bill,—Mr. Gwilym Roberts accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Social Security Act 1973 by reducing to sixty the age at which men become entitled to payment of retirement pension: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 105].

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

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o’clock and that the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords], the Supply Powers Bill [Lords] and the Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. David Stoddart: 312.

So the Question was negatived.

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee this day.
Supply Powers Bill [Lords].—The Supply Powers Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 9 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy 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.

Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords].—The Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee)

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

Mr. Deputy 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. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes past One o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.13 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 11th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Appropriations in Aid.—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated 11th March 1975, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for—
(1) the Department of Employment, and
(2) driver and vehicle licensing
by Act.

Coal Industry.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th February 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 267 to 270].

Post Office.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st January 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 271].
Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 27, 1975),—Copy of Letters, exchanged at Brussels on 23rd November 1973, amending Article 7 of Annex 6 to the Additional Protocol annexed to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Turkey (the Exchange of Letters is not in force) [by Command].

Indonesia (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Jakarta on 13th March 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 11, 1975),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Geneva on 21st December 1972, on the transitional arrangements concerning the relations between Denmark and the United Kingdom, on the one hand, and the States remaining Members of the European Free Trade Association or in association therewith, on the other hand [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th February 1975, entitled the Milk and Meals (Education) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 296) [by Act].

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1975, entitled the Housing Associations (Prescribed Form of Notice to Tenants) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 320) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd March 1975, entitled the Medicines (Advertising of Medicinal Products) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 298) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th March 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 341) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st February 1975, entitled the Docks and Harbours Act 1966 (Amendment No. 7) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 257) [by Act].

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th March 1975, entitled the Housing Associations (Prescribed Form of Notice to Tenants) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 314) [by Act].

Local Government,— Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 3rd March 1975, entitled the Local Government (Differential Precepting and Rating) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 289), and

(2) dated 10th March 1975, entitled the Local Authorities (Temporary Use of Labour) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 339) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of the University of Oxford on 5th December 1974, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1975, entitled the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 273) [by Act].


Sugar,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Sugar Board for the period 1st February to 31st December 1973 [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 Hampshire Compulsory Purchase (Education No. 3) Order 1972 [by Act].
Wednesday, 12th March, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill (Lords).—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr. William Wilson reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the House of Commons Disqualification Bill (Lords), the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Bill (Lords), the Ministerial and Other Salaries Bill (Lords) and the Ministers of the Crown Bill (Lords), now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That they had gone through the Ministerial and Other Salaries Bill (Lords) and had made no Amendment thereunto, that they had gone through the Ministers of the Crown Bill (Lords) and had made an Amendment thereunto, and that they had gone through the House of Commons Disqualification Bill (Lords) and the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Bill (Lords) 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. 275].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 275].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 12th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-viii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 12th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 84-xi].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 12th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-viii].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer 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 12th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 155-vii and 155-viii].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage.—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-ii].

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-vi].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 5th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 274].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer to United Dominions Trust Limited of the banking business of UDT Securities Limited and UDT Finance Limited; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [United Dominions Trust Bill] [Lords].

United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords].—The United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sex Discrimination Bill.—Mr. Secretary Jenkins, supported by Mr. Secretary Foot, Mrs. Secretary Williams, Mr. Secretary Frensham, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Attorney General, and Dr. Shirley Summerskill, presented a Bill to render unlawful certain kinds of sex discrimination and discrimination on the ground of marriage, and establish a commission with the function of working towards the elimination of such discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity between men and women generally; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 106].

Community Land Bill.—Mr. Secretary Crosland, supported by Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. Edmund Dell, and Mr. Gordon Oakes, presented a Bill to enable local authorities and certain other authorities to acquire, manage and deal with land suitable for development, and to make other provision for and in connection with the public ownership of land; to amend planning law and the rules for assessing the value of land for compulsory acquisition and other cases where compensation is payable; to make provision concerning unoccupied office premises; and to establish a Land Authority for Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 108].

Electricity Disconnection (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Electric Lighting Act 1882: And that Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mrs. Audrey Wise, Miss Jo Richardson, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. John Tomlinson, and Mr. Geoff Edge, do prepare and bring it in.

Electricity Disconnection (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. J. W. Rooker accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Electric Lighting Act 1882: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th May and to be printed [Bill 109].

Prices Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Prices Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 6, to leave out ‘£1,200’ and insert ‘£1,000’—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve: 99.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 134.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 21, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Fred Silvester: 98.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. John Ellis: 133.

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.

Social Security Benefits Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Social Security Benefits Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 2, line 17, leave out from 'substituted' to 'paragraphs' in line 23 and insert "£20" and at the end there shall be inserted—

"With effect from such day as may be prescribed in the week containing 6th April in a year mentioned in the first column below, this subsection shall have effect with the substitution for '£20' of the amount specified in relation to that year in the second column below—

1976 ... ... ... '£35'
1977 ... ... ... '£50'

(4) In "".
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Brian O'Malley);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Michael Cocks : 106.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Fred Silvester : 77.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2, in page 2, line 26, at end, insert new Clause A (Rates of reduction of pension in respect of earnings of invalidity or non-contributory invalidity pensioners).

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 1, to leave out from the beginning to the word "have" in line 3 and insert the words—

"A.—(1) This section shall apply to a person entitled to an invalidity pension or a non-contributory invalidity pension who, while continuing to be incapacitated for normal full-time work, becomes capable of undertaking light work in circumstances which satisfy prescribed conditions.

(2) A person to whom this section applies shall continue to be entitled to benefit for so long as the prescribed conditions are satisfied but where his earnings "—(Mr. John Hannam),—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Hannam, Sir George Young : 54.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Tom Pendry : 109.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 and 4 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5, in page 7, line 6, leave out from "employed" to end of line 9.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alfred Morris);—Debate arising;

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Social Security Benefits Bill and the Export Guarantees Amendment Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour, and that the Motion relating to the European Monetary Co-operation Fund may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Social Security Benefits Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in their Amendment (No. 5) to the Social Security Benefits Bill;—Debate resumed;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart : 105.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Richard Luce : 76.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 to 10 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments; And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Brian O'Malley, and Mr. Alfred Morris.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Brian O'Malley.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Social Security Benefits Bill,—Mr. Brian O'Malley reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Social Security Benefits Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read as follows:
The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 2, line 26; in page 7, line 6; and in page 8, to leave out lines 15 to 17, for the following Reason:—Because they involve a charge on public funds; and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Export Guarantees Amendment [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Export Guarantees Amendment [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision in connection with the powers and duties of the Secretary of State under the Export Guarantees Acts 1968 and 1970, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Secretary of State under arrangements for making payments to persons who have entered into export contracts, being payments related to increases in the cost of labour, materials or other matters.—(Mr. Eric Deakins.)

Export Guarantees Amendment Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Export Guarantees Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Payments to exporters in respect of cost increases)—(Mr. Eric Deakins)—brought up and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time; Thursday, 13th March, 1975:

Question put and agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Notification to Parliament in certain cases)—(Mr. Tim Renton)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 3 and 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 37, to leave out "£12,200 million" and insert the words—

"(i) in pursuance of commercial transactions covered by section 1 of the Export Guarantees Act 1968 or section 1 of this Act, £7,200 million;
(ii) in pursuance of transactions adjudged to be in the national interest and covered by section 2 of the Export Guarantees Act 1968 or section 1 of this Act, £4,700 million;
(iii) in pursuance of liabilities arising under paragraph (d) above, £300 million"—(Mr. Terence L. Higgins), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

 '(4) The denomination in pounds sterling of the limits specified in this section shall not prevent the Export Credits Guarantee Department from assuming liabilities in currencies other than sterling; but where such non-sterling liabilities are assumed, a sterling liability equal to the sterling equivalent of the non-sterling liability, calculated at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date the liability is assumed, will be deemed to have been incurred for the purpose of calculating the aggregate of the liabilities, sums and amounts of principal moneys referred to in subsection (1) above.'—(Mr John Stanley.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 11 to 13) made to the Bill.

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

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) (Variation) Scheme 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Mr. Edward Bishop);
And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Joseph Harper: 15.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Kilfedder, Mr. David Penhaligon: 0.

And it appearing on the report of the Division that Forty Members were not present, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

European Monetary Co-operation Fund,—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/3594/74 and of the Government's intention, while co-operating in the improvement of monetary consultations in the EEC, to question the suitability of the organisational measures proposed.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes to Five o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 4.42 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 12th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Dangerous Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd March 1975, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 294) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Public Health (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th February 1975, entitled the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 308) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:
Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th March 1975, entitled the Provision of Milk and Meals (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 311) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th March 1975, entitled the Protection of Eyes (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 303) [by Act].
Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd March 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Iron and Steel) Order 1975 (S.I., No. 293) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th March 1975, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 342) [by Act].
Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th March 1975, entitled the Rating (Water Hereditaments) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Rates,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd March 1975, entitled the Rate Rebate (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 42) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Coal Industry,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1975 [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 District Council of Rochford, Land at Malting Villas Estate Appropriation Order 1974 [by Act].

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

Magistrates' Courts.—Copies of Rules, dated 4th March 1975, entitled—

1. the Justices' Clerks (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 300), and
2. the Magistrates' Courts (Forms) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 301)

[by Act].

Nature Conservancy Council.—Account of the Nature Conservancy Council showing the Payments and Receipts for the period 1st November 1973 to 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 276].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Dogs Bill, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. Peter Doig, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. John Farr, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Donald Stewart, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, and Mr. James White.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Litigants in Person (Costs) Bill, viz.: Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. John Golding, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Edward Lyons, Sir David Renton, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, and Mr. David Weitzman.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Royal Mint Trading Fund Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Alf Bates, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. David Howell, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. John Nott, Mr. George Park, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Ian Stewart, and Mr. John Wakeham.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 12th March 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Royal Mint Trading Fund Order 1975 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. R. Bonner Pink an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill.

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

PRAYERS.

Income Tax.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 20th February 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) (Malta) Order 1975 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Cyprus) Order 1975 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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. 278].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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. 279].

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 219-v].

Coal Industry Bill.—Mr. Michael English reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Coal Industry Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 110].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 277].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Social Security Benefits Bill to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate for England, Wales and Scotland so much of the Social Security Act 1973 as establishes a basic scheme of contributions and benefits, together with the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Acts 1965 to 1974 and other enactments relating to social security; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Social Security Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Old Cases) Acts 1967 to 1974 and related enactments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Old Cases) Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate for Northern Ireland so much of the Social Security Act 1973 as establishes a basic scheme of contributions and benefits, together with the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Measures (Northern Ireland) 1966 to 1974 and other enactments relating to social security; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Social Security (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) Measures (Northern Ireland) 1966 to 1974 and related enactments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Northern Ireland Old Cases) Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provisions consequential on, and in connection with, the Social Security Act 1975, the Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Old Cases) Act 1975, the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975 and the Industrial
Injuries and Diseases (Northern Ireland Old Cases) Act 1975; to which the Lords
desire the concurrence of this House [Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill
[Lords]].

Social Security Bill [Lords].—The Social Security Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and
ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 111].

Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Old Cases) Bill [Lords].—The Industrial Injuries and
Diseases (Old Cases) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a
second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 112].

Social Security (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Bill
[Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to
be printed [Bill 113].

Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Northern Ireland Old Cases) Bill [Lords].—The Industrial
Injuries and Diseases (Northern Ireland Old Cases) Bill [Lords] was read the first time;
and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 114].

Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Social Security (Consequential
Provisions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time
to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 115].

Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords] be
referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Business of the House (Supply).—Ordered, That this day, as soon as the House has entered
upon the Business of Supply, Mr. Speaker shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Stand-
ing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply), put forthwith the Questions on the votes or
amounts that have been put down for consideration this day.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Supply [12th 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
on the votes or amounts put down for consideration this day.

Defence Estimate, 1975-76 (Navy)

Vote A: Numbers

1. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1976 a number
not exceeding 81,000 Officers, Ratings and Royal Marines be maintained for Naval
Service:—It was agreed to.

Defence Estimate, 1975-76 (Army)

Vote A: Numbers

2. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1976 a
number not exceeding 187,500 all ranks be maintained for Army Service, a number
not exceeding 65,000 for the Regular Reserve, a number not exceeding 87,000 for the
Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve and a number not exceeding 10,000 for the
Ulster Defence Regiment:—It was agreed to.

Defence Estimate, 1975-76 (Air)

Vote A: Numbers

3. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1976 a
number not exceeding 98,900 all ranks be maintained for Air Force Service, a number
not exceeding 10,600 for the Royal Air Force Reserve and a number not exceeding
400 for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force:—It was agreed to.

Civil and Defence Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1974-75

4. The Question being put, That a further Supplementary sum, not exceeding
£830,577,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, to defray the
charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March
1975 for expenditure on Civil and Defence Services as set out in House of Commons
Papers Nos. 193, 194, 238, 239 and 257:—It was agreed to.

Civil and Defence Estimates, Excesses, 1973-74

5. The Question being put, That a sum, not exceeding £17,982,685-50, be granted to
Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, to make good excesses on certain grants
for Civil and Defence Services for the year ended 31st March 1974, as set out in
House of Commons Paper No. 258:—It was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the two foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Dr. John Gilbert, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill.—Dr. John Gilbert 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 107].

Supply.—The House again proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Ellis); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Adam Butler: 252.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton: 276.

So the Question was negatived.

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:


Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 25th February, be approved—(Mr. Roland Moyle); 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 Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 25th February, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Selective Employment Premium (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved. (Mr. Roland Moyle.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Community Relations (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Mr. Roland Moyle); And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 14th March, 1975:

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

Resolved, That the Community Relations (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved.

European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr. John Ellis):—It was agreed to.

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

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

Adjourned at 1.9 a.m.

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Thursday 13th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 13th March 1975, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for the Department of Employment and the Northern Ireland Office [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:


Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 28, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 17th January 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Miscellaneous (No. 8, 1975),—Copy of Amendments made at London on 17th October 1974, to Articles 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 28, 31 and 32 of the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation, signed at Geneva on 6th March 1948, adopted by the Assembly of the Organisation (the United Kingdom has not accepted the Amendments) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 33, 1975),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Jakarta on 13th March 1974 concerning an interest-free development loan from Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia (United Kingdom—Indonesia Loan Agreement (No. 3) 1973 Project Development) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th March 1975, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 368) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th March 1975, entitled the Rent Control (Notice of Increase) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 315) [by Act].


Mr. Frederick Peart:


Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the under-mentioned 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)]:

(1) the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 368), and

(2) the Land Registration (Capital Transfer Tax) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 367).

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

Land Registration,—Copy of Rules, dated 13th March 1975, entitled the Land Registration (Capital Transfer Tax) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 367) [by Act].

Severn Bridge Tolls,—Copy of the Operating Account of the Severn Bridge Tolls for the year ended 31st March 1974 and Balance Sheet as at that date: with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 280].

Legal Aid and Advice (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of receipts and expenses of the Incorporated Law Society of Northern Ireland paid into and out of the Legal Aid (Northern Ireland) Fund during the period 1st January to 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 281].
PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the National Association of Ladies’ Circles of Great Britain and Ireland, for limitation of excess packaging of non-perishable goods and the encouragement of re-cycling of waste material, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Rates.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, in view of the intolerable rate burden now being announced by many local councils, believes that steps should now be taken to phase out domestic rates and replace them by a more broadly based and fairer system; and, in the meantime, urges the greatest economies on local councils and calls upon the Government to place no further burdens upon local authorities.—(Colonel Sir Harwood Harrison):—Debate arising;

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

International Road Haulage Permits Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the International Road Haulage Permits Bill, as 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.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three Minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 14th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Savings Banks.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th March 1975, entitled the Birmingham Municipal Bank (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 388) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd March 1975, entitled the River Purification Boards (Allowances to Members) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 332) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:


Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, on 9th January 1975, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) made by the Governing Body of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, on 3rd January 1975, amending the Statutes of the College
[by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments Mr. Robert Sheldon (nominated in respect of the draft Royal Mint Trading Fund Order 1975); and had appointed in substitution Dr. John Gilbert.

MEMORANDUM

Friday 14th March 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Royal Mint Trading Fund Order 1975.

[No. 89.]

Monday, 17th March 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 17th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 139-ix].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 17th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 282-i].

Sittings of the House,—Resolved, That this House do meet on Thursday 27th March at Eleven o'clock, that no Questions be taken after Twelve o'clock, and that at Five o'clock Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Adjournment (Easter),—Resolved, That this House, at its rising on Thursday 27th March, do adjourn till Monday 7th April.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Business of the House (Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill),—Ordered, 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 the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill ;

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

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

Tuesday, 18th March, 1975:

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.
(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Ellis 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 Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

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

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

(Appended at 5.25 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 17th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Pensions,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th March 1975, entitled the Superannuation (Assistant Chancery Registrars) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 338) [by Act].

Dr. John Gilbert:

Exchange Control,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th March 1975, entitled the Exchange Control (Purchase of Foreign Currency) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 313) [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax (Terminal Markets) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 385) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Criminal Procedure,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1975, entitled the Road Traffic (Owner Liability) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 324) [by Act].

Licences and Licensing,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1975, entitled the Berkshire County Council Act 1953 (Variation of Licence Fees) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 336) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1975, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 381) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1975, entitled the Rate Rebate (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 382) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

National Assistance Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1975, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 347) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th March 1975, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (Revocation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 373) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th March 1975, entitled the Rent Rebates and Rent Allowances (Students) (England and Wales) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 343) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Consumer Protection,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th February 1975, entitled the Pencils and Graphic Instruments (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 40) [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 Welsh Office Highways Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 34) (M4 Motorway, Bridgend Northern By-Pass) 1974, and
2. the Welsh Office Highways Compulsory Purchase Order (No. 35) (M4 Motorway, Bridgend Northern By-Pass No. 2) 1974 [by Act].

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

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 31st January 1975, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 1) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 31) [by Act].

Tuesday, 18th March, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Corn Exchange Bill,—The Corn Exchange Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill,—A Motion being made, That the Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill be now read the third time;

And Notice being taken, that the interest of Her Majesty, in right of Her Duchy of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as 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.

Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants) Bill,—The Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Standard and Chartered Bank Bill,—The Standard and Chartered Bank Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.
British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) 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.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 (Fourteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxi].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 18th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87-v].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-ii].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Fourteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xvii].

Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill.—Mr. John Wells reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Air Travel Reserve Fund 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. 283].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Unsolicited Goods and Services (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (Fishguard and Goodwick Harbour) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the removal of restrictions attaching to the Queen’s Road Burial Ground in the borough of Brighton; to authorise the use thereof for other purposes; and for purposes incidental thereto; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Queen’s Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords].

Queen’s Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords].—The Queen’s Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Business of the House (Consolidation Bills).—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House, Amendments proposed to be moved to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], the Social Security Bill [Lords] and the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bills have been read a second time.—(The Prime Minister.)
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Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Social Security (Mariners' Benefits) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Companies (Fees) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 368) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967: And that Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. Walter Clegg, and Mr. Neil Marten, do prepare and bring it in.

Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Ian Gow accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd May and to be printed [Bill 116].

Social Security Pensions Bill,—The Social Security Pensions 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).

Social Security Pensions [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Social Security Pensions [Money]:

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for relating the rates of social security retirement pensions and certain other benefits to the earnings on which contributions have been paid and to make other amendments in the law relating to social security and to occupational pensions, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—
(a) any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State or any other government department under that Act;
(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums falling to be paid out of moneys so provided under any other Act;
(c) any sums required by the Secretary of State for making payments to the chairman and members of the Reserve Pension Board in consequence of its abolition;

(2) payments into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Brian O'Malley.)

Prices,—Resolved, That the Prices Act 1974 (Continuation of Section 2) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 4th March, be approved.—(Mr. Robert MacLennan.)

Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Old Cases) Bill [Lords].—The Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Old Cases) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 15 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. 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.

Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Northern Ireland Old Cases) Bill [Lords].—The Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Northern Ireland Old Cases) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. John Ellis.)
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 10 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.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Northern Ireland Old Cases) Bill [Lords], the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], the Social Security Bill [Lords] and the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Northern Ireland Old Cases) Bill [Lords],—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Northern Ireland Old Cases) Bill [Lords] be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords],—The Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Repeals).

An Amendment made, in page 11, line 20, by leaving out “ (4) ” and inserting “ (6) ”.

Another Amendment made, in page 6, by leaving out lines 15 to 17.

Another Amendment made, in page 11, line 34, column 3, at the end, by inserting the words “ In Schedule 5, paragraphs 1 to 4 ”.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 (Consequential Amendments of Enactments).

An Amendment made, in page 14, by leaving out lines 30 to 33.

Another Amendment made, in page 15, by leaving out lines 31 to 35.

Another Amendment made, in page 24, line 4, at the end, by inserting the words—

" Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 (c. 56)

46A. In Schedule 2 to the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971, for paragraph 26 substitute—


Another Amendment made, in page 24, line 43, by leaving out “ 15 ” and inserting “ 16 ”.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 (Transitional Provisions and Savings).

An Amendment made, in page 40, by leaving out lines 3 to 6 and inserting the words—

“ (2) Sections 139(1), 166(1) to (3) and 167(3) of the new Act (provisions about regulations, including reference to NIAC and Parliamentary control) apply to regulations under this Part of this Schedule as they apply to regulations under that Act, except that section 139(1) does not apply to such regulations made within a period of 12 months beginning with the appointed day ”.

Another Amendment made, in page 43, by leaving out lines 31 to 39.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

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, with Amendments.

Social Security Bill [Lords],—The Social Security Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 18 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 19 (Loss of employment due to stoppage of work).

An Amendment made, in page 21, line 12, by leaving out the word “section” and inserting the word “Act”.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 20 to 29 agreed to.
Clause No. 30 (Category A and B pensions (supplementary)).

An Amendment made, in page 34, line 3, by leaving out the words “the appropriate figure” and inserting “£20”.

Another Amendment made, in page 34, line 15, by leaving out from the beginning to the first word “week” in line 20 and inserting the words “In this subsection”.

Another Amendment made, in page 34, line 23, at the end, by inserting the words—
“(2) With effect from such day as may be prescribed in the week containing 6th April in a year mentioned in the first column below, subsection (1) above shall have effect with the substitution for ‘£20’ of the amount specified in relation to that year in the second column below—

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 31 to 44 agreed to.

Clause No. 45 (Pension increase (wife)).

An Amendment made, in page 50, line 15, by leaving out the words “the appropriate figure” and inserting “£20”.

Another Amendment made, in page 50, line 23, at the end, by inserting the words—
“(4) With effect from such day as may be prescribed in the week containing 6th April in a year mentioned in the first column below, subsection (3) above shall have effect with the substitution for ‘£20’ of the amount specified in relation to that year in the second column below—

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 46 to 65 agreed to.

Clause No. 66 (Adult dependants).

An Amendment made, in page 62, line 27, by leaving out “£13” and inserting “£20”.

Another Amendment made, in page 62, line 34, at the end, by inserting the words—
“(4A) With effect from such day as may be prescribed in the week containing 6th April in a year mentioned in the first column below, subsection (4) above shall have effect with the substitution for ‘£20’ of the amount specified in relation to that year in the second column below—

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.
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Clauses Nos. 67 to 105 agreed to.
Clause No. 106 (Review of, and appeal from, Board's decision).
An Amendment made, in page 91, line 20, after the word "paragraph", by inserting the words "or paragraph (b) below".
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 107 to 123 agreed to.
Clause No. 124 (Power to increase rates of benefit).
An Amendment made, in page 106, line 24, by leaving out the words "30(1), 45(3) and 66(4)" and inserting the words "30(1) and (2), 45(3) and (4) and 66(4) and (4A)".
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 125 (Duty to increase certain benefits).
An Amendment made, in page 107, line 8, by leaving out "1" and inserting "1(a)".
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 126 to 146 agreed to.
Clause No. 147 (General provisions as to prosecutions).
An Amendment made, in page 123, by leaving out lines 36 to 39.
Another Amendment made, in page 124, line 7, at the end, by inserting the words "(4A) For the purposes of subsections (3) and (4) above, a certificate purporting to be signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State as to the date on which the evidence in question came to his knowledge is conclusive evidence of the date on which it did so."
Another Amendment made, in page 124, line 24, by leaving out the word "paragraph" and inserting the word "subsection".
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 148 to 169 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 14 agreed to.
Schedule No. 15 (National Insurance Advisory Committee).
An Amendment made, in page 173, line 18, at the end, by inserting the words "11A. Regulations made by virtue of section 30(2) or 45(4) of this Act for the purpose only of prescribing a day."
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 16 (Industrial Injuries Advisory Council).
An Amendment made, in page 174, line 40, at the end, by inserting the words "2A. Regulations made by virtue of section 66(4A) of this Act for the purpose only of prescribing a day."
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 17 to 20 agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

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, with Amendments.

Social Security (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.
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Another Amendment made, in page 34, line 9, at the end, by inserting the words—

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 31 to 36 agreed to.

Clause No. 37 (Invalid care allowance).

An Amendment made, in page 41, line 25, by leaving out from the word "prescribed" to the end of line 29.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 38 to 44 agreed to.

Clause No. 45 (Pension increase (wife)).

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 67 to 105 agreed to.

Clause No. 106 (Review of, and appeal from, Board's decision).

An Amendment made, in page 91, line 3, after the word "paragraph", by inserting the words "or paragraph (b) below".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 107 to 120 agreed to.
Clause No. 121 (Supplementary provisions as to up-rating).

An Amendment made, in page 101, line 18, by leaving out from the word “altered” to the end of line 22 and inserting the words—

“(a) by any Act passed, or Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly enacted, subsequent to this Act, or by an up-rating order; or

(b) in consequence of any such Act, Measure or order altering any maximum rate of benefit.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 122 to 158 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 13 agreed to.

Schedule No. 14 (Provisions applicable on alteration of benefit rates).

An Amendment made, in page 161, line 26, after the word “after”, by inserting the words “the passing of the relevant Act”.

Another Amendment made, in page 161, line 39, after the word “of”, by inserting the words “the passing of an Act”.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 15 to 17 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

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, with Amendments.

Violence in Marriage.—Ordered, That Mr. John Cronin be discharged from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage and that Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—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 two minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 18th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Appropriation in Aid.—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated 18th March 1975, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for—

(1) the Department of Energy, and

(2) other environmental services (Scotland)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Miscellaneous (No. 10, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Geneva on 15th November 1974, for the joint financing of North Atlantic Ocean Stations (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Foot:

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1975, entitled the Health and Safety Inquiries (Procedure) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 335) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

National Insurance (Industrial Injuries),—Copy of the Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council on the vibration syndrome [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Transport,—Copy of the Report of the Transport Tribunal for 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Annual Review of Agriculture for 1975 [by Command].

Legal Aid (Scotland),—Account of the receipts and expenses of the Law Society of Scotland paid into and out of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Fund in the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 285].

[No. 91.]

Wednesday, 19th March, 1975.

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).

British Waterways Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the British Waterways Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House; and the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table. Report to be printed.

Friends' Provident Life Office Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Friends' Provident Life Office Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 19th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-ix].
Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer 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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 155-ix and 155-x].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report further Memoranda submitted to the Energy Resources Sub-Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 156-ii].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage.—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 19th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-iii].

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 19th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-vii].

Farriers (Registration) Bill.—Mr. John Spence reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Farriers (Registration) Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 18th April; and to be printed [Bill 118].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 288].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Royal Mint Trading Fund Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 11th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 286].

Business of the House (Oil Taxation Bill).—Ordered, That the Third Reading of the Oil Taxation Bill may be taken immediately after the consideration of the Bill, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the interval between the stages of Bills brought in upon Ways and Means Resolutions.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Rating (Water Hereditaments) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Social Security (Abolition of Wage Stop Rule).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the wage stop rule in relation to the payment of social security benefits: And that Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. Robin Cook, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Stanley Newens, and Mrs. Audrey Wise, do prepare and bring it in.

Social Security (Abolition of Wage Stop Rule) Bill.—Mr. John Ovenden accordingly presented a Bill to abolish the wage stop rule in relation to the payment of social security benefits: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July, and to be printed [Bill 117].

Oil Taxation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Oil Taxation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Oil allowance) (Mr. Edmund Dell) brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (aa) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 69, at the end, to add the words—

"(9) Notwithstanding subsection (1) above a participator shall be entitled to the cash equivalent of his share of the oil allowance for a field for each chargeable period from and including the first chargeable period (as defined in section 1(3) of this Act) and if for any chargeable period a participator is not able to utilise or fully utilise under subsection (1) above his share of the cash equivalent of the oil allowance calculated under subsection (3) above, and for which an election has been made under subsection (4) above,
he shall be entitled on so claiming to carry forward such unutilised cash equivalent to reduce the said amount of any succeeding chargeable period”. (Mr. Patrick Jenkin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Fred Silvester: 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Joseph Harper: 267.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Annual limit on amount of tax payable by participator)—(Mr. Edmund Dell)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Allowance of unrelievable loss from abandoned field)—(Mr. Edmund Dell)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Interest on tax overpaid to be disregarded in computing income)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1, 2 and 153) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 10, to leave out the words “one-half of” and insert the words “the cost or if lower”—(Mr. Hamish Gray), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 182 to 184) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 22, to leave out from the word “is” to the end of line 34 and insert the words “the sum of the amounts mentioned in subsection (9) below”—(Mr. John Hannam), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Richard Luce: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 247.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 44, to leave out from the word “time” to the word “and” in line 45.—(Mr. Michael Alison.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. W. Benyon: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 250.

Other Amendments (Nos. 14, 19, 145, 185, 186, 187 and 167) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that nothing in paragraphs (d) and (e) above shall prevent the allowance of any amount payable under an agreement made before 19th November 1974 and paid not later than six years after the date on which tax is first due on the profits from the field”. (Mr. Patrick Jenkin.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 168, 169, 232 and 239) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 240) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 37, at the end, to add the words—

“(7) The Treasury may from time to time by order with respect to expenditure allowable under this section add expenditure on any purpose other than those specified in subsection (1) above as allowable expenditure; and any such order may contain provision for consequential relief from tax and may from time to time be varied or revoked by a new order under this subsection”. (Mr. Patrick Jenkin.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 19, to leave out the words “and

(c) the asset is not a mobile asset”. (Mr. Patrick Jenkin.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 34 and 38) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 11, to leave out from the word “including” to the end of line 12 and insert the words “the earlier of the following periods, that is to say—

(a) the claim period immediately preceding the claim period in which the asset is disposed of; and

(b) the claim period in which use of the asset in connection with the field permanently ceases, the proportion of”—(Mr. Hamish Gray),—instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 207, 208, 171, 188, 172 to 174, 146, 161 to 163, 189 and 204) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 1, to leave out the words “and approved.”—(Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 154 and 190) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 191) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 33, at the end to insert the words—

“initial storage”, in relation to oil won from an oil field, means the storage in the United Kingdom, the territorial sea thereof or a designated area of a quantity of oil won from the field not exceeding ten times the maximum daily production rate of oil for the field as planned or achieved (whichever is the greater) but does not include:

(a) the storing of oil as part of or in conjunction with the operation of an oil refinery; or

(b) deballasting; or

(c) conveying oil in a pipe-line;

“initial treatment”, in relation to oil won from an oil field, means the doing, at any place in the United Kingdom, the territorial sea thereof or a designated area, of any of the following things, that is to say—

(a) subjecting oil won from the field to any process of which the sole purpose is to enable the oil to be safely stored, safely loaded into a tanker or safely accepted by an oil refinery; or

(b) separating oil so won and consisting of methane gas from oil so won and consisting of gas other than methane,

but does not include—

(i) the storing of oil even where this involves the doing to the oil of things within paragraph (a) or (b) of this definition; or

(ii) any activity carried on as part of, or in association with, the refining of oil; or

(iii) deballasting’.—(Mr. Edmund Dell).

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment made to the proposed Amendment, in line 4, by inserting after the word “exceeding” the words “in the case of storage in the United Kingdom a quantity equal to”.—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin.)

Amendment (No. 191), as amended, made to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 221, 222, 233, 192, 193, 234, 235, 224 to 226, 178, 155, 156, 194, 157, 158, 195, 214, 215, 227, 229 and 228) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 89) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

“(4) Nothing in this section shall have the effect of disallowing any charge on income under the said section 248 paid under an arrangement made before 19th November 1974.

(5) Where any charge on income has been disallowed by virtue of the provisions of this section and the payment concerned would, but for this subsection, be treated as income subject to corporation tax in the hands of the recipient, then the payment shall not be treated as so subject.”—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 196, 205, 206, 197, 198, 175, 236, 200, 201, 237, 202, 176, 159, 164, 165, 203, 238, 223, 108, 209 to 213, 166, 179, 180, 181, 147 to 152 and 216) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 142) proposed to the Bill, in page 55, line 42, to leave out the word “sale” and insert the words “first delivery”—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin),—instead thereof.
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 217 to 220) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

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

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 I

Wednesday 19th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st February 1975 on loans raised by Basildon Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 287].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th March 1975, entitled the Coroners (Compensation) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 353) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Hospital Endowments,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Hospital Trust for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 251].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces),—Copy of an Amendment (No. 30) to the Regulations for the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve 1967 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

College Charter,—Copy of the Petition, Draft Charter and Statutes relating to the incorporation of Darwin College, Cambridge [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th March 1975, entitled the Beef Premiums (Protection of Payments) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 357) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th March 1975, entitled the Cod (North-East Arctic) Licensing Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 340) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Defamation,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Defamation [by Command].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Social Security Pensions Bill, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mrs. Secretary Castle, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Brian O'Malley, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. David Young, and Sir George Young.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Social Security (Mariners' Benefits) Regulations 1975, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Alec Jones, Sir John Langford-Holt, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Dennis Skinner, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Companies (Fees) Regulations 1975, and the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 368), viz.: Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. Martin Flannery, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, and Mr. John Stokes.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. Alex Wilson, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Rating (Water Hereditaments) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. McCasker, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Sydney Tierney, and Mr. Frank R. White.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Wm Ross, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. John Tomlinson, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Michael Ward, Mr. Jerry Wriggin, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

MEMORANDA

**Wednesday 19th March 1975**

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Social Security Pensions Bill to Standing Committee A, the draft Social Security (Mariners' Benefits) Regulations 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, the draft Companies (Fees) Regulations 1975 and the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 368) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1975 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments and the Rating (Water Hereditaments) Order 1975 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 Mr. W. T. Williams Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Litigants in Person (Costs) Bill, Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], Mr. Michael English Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Social Security (Mariners' Benefits) Regulations 1975, Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Companies (Fees) Regulations 1975 and the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 368), and Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payment Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of William Hamling, Esquire, Member for Greenwich, Woolwich West, 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 or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Social Security Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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 Financial Assistance to Opposition Parties not later than Seven o'clock.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Financial Assistance to Opposition Parties.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed—

1. That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that as from 1st January 1975 provision shall be made for financial assistance to any Opposition party in this House to assist that party in carrying out its Parliamentary business:

2. That for the purpose of determining the annual maxima of such assistance the following formula shall apply:—

   £500 for each seat won by the party concerned plus £1 for every 200 votes cast for it at the preceding General Election, provided that the maximum payable to any party shall not exceed £150,000:

3. That it shall be a condition of qualification for such assistance that a party must either have at least two Members elected to the House as members of that party at the preceding General Election, or that it has one such Member and received at least 150,000 votes at that Election:

4. That any party wishing to claim such assistance shall make to the Accounting Officer of the House a statement of the facts on which this claim is based:

5. That the cost of this provision shall be borne on the House of Commons Vote:

6. That parties making claims under this provision shall be required to certify to the Accounting Officer of the House that the expenses in respect of which assistance is claimed have been incurred exclusively in relation to that party's Parliamentary business:

7. That claims under these arrangements shall be made quarterly, and that the annual maxima shall be applicable to claims made in respect of expenses incurred during any one calendar year.—(Mr. Edward Short);

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:

5. Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Old Cases) Act 1975.
6. Industrial Injuries and Diseases (Northern Ireland) (Old Cases) Act 1975.
Financial Assistance to Opposition Parties.—The Question being again proposed—

1. That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that as from 1st January 1975 provision shall be made for financial assistance to any Opposition party in this House to assist that party in carrying out its Parliamentary business:

2. That for the purpose of determining the annual maxima of such assistance the following formula shall apply:—

- £500 for each seat won by the party concerned plus £1 for every 200 votes cast for it at the preceding General Election, provided that the maximum payable to any party shall not exceed £150,000:

3. That it shall be a condition of qualification for such assistance that a party must either have at least two Members elected to the House as members of that party at the preceding General Election, or that it has one such Member and received at least 150,000 votes at that Election:

4. That any party wishing to claim such assistance shall make to the Accounting Officer of the House a statement of the facts on which this claim is based:

5. That the cost of this provision shall be borne on the House of Commons Vote:

6. That parties making claims under this provision shall be required to certify to the Accounting Officer of the House that the expenses in respect of which assistance is claimed have been incurred exclusively in relation to that party’s Parliamentary business:

7. That claims under these arrangements shall be made quarterly, and that the annual maxima shall be applicable to claims made in respect of expenses incurred during any one calendar year:

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out “1975” and insert the words “following upon the first General Election held after October 1974”—(Mr. Arthur Lewis),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop: 47.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Joseph Harper: 159.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Joseph Harper: 142.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Arthur Lewis: 47.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, 1. That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that as from 1st January 1975 provision shall be made for financial assistance to any Opposition party in this House to assist that party in carrying out its Parliamentary business.

2. That for the purpose of determining the annual maxima of such assistance the following formula shall apply:—

- £500 for each seat won by the party concerned plus £1 for every 200 votes cast for it at the preceding General Election, provided that the maximum payable to any party shall not exceed £150,000:

3. That it shall be a condition of qualification for such assistance that a party must either have at least two Members elected to the House as members of that party at the preceding General Election, or that it has one such Member and received at least 150,000 votes at that Election:

4. That any party wishing to claim such assistance shall make to the Accounting Officer of the House a statement of the facts on which this claim is based:

5. That the cost of this provision shall be borne on the House of Commons Vote:

6. That parties making claims under this provision shall be required to certify to the Accounting Officer of the House that the expenses in respect of which assistance is claimed have been incurred exclusively in relation to that party’s Parliamentary business:

7. That claims under these arrangements shall be made quarterly, and that the annual maxima shall be applicable to claims made in respect of expenses incurred during any one calendar year.

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

And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock and that the Motion relating to Firearms may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

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

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

Friday, 21st March, 1975:

Firearms.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Firearm Certificates and Permits (Variation of Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1974, No. 301).—(Mr. John Farr.)

Government Trading Funds.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Royal Mint Trading Fund Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr. Michael Cocks):—It was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Two o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.56 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 20th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Exchange Control.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th March 1975, entitled the Exchange Control (Import and Export) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 369) [by Act].

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th March 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 4) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 463) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Civil Aviation.—Copies of Orders, dated 12th March 1975, entitled—
(1) the Policing of Airports (Gatwick) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 375), and
(2) the Policing of Airports (Gatwick) (First Supplementary) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 376)
(by Act).

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1975, entitled the Police (Transferred Airport Constables) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 378) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Egypt (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Cairo on 12th November 1974, on technical co-operation between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt [by Command].

European Communities (No. 4, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 26th June 1974, rectifying Annex A of Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland [by Command].

Science and Technology (Miscellaneous No. 7, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Grenoble on 19th July 1974, concerning the accession of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Convention of 19th January 1967, as amended by the Protocol of 6th July 1971, between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the construction and operation of a very high flux reactor (with Articles of Convention as amended by the Protocol and Agreement) (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords] Mr. Ralph Howell; and had appointed in substitution Mr. William Benyon.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 20th March 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Social Security Pensions Bill and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Rating (Water Hereditaments) Order 1975.

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 Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 93]

Friday, 21st March, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting.

Whereupon Mr. George Thomas, the 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.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the ratepayers of the City of Westminster for relief from the demands made upon them by the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority, and for reform of the rating system, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).
The Problem of Savings.—Resolved, That this House, recognising that the present accelerating rate of inflation represents the most serious threat to the welfare of the British people since the Second World War and observing that its harshest effects are felt by those on small and fixed incomes, particularly retired persons, who can see the benefits of a lifetime's work devalued daily by rising prices, falling dividends and sagging share values, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to ensure greater protection for the value of savings and to give every encouragement to the prime virtues of thrift and self-provision.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Alternatives to Prison.—Resolved, That this House, noting with concern the large numbers of citizens sent to prison who could more effectively and appropriately be treated in other environments, invites Her Majesty's Government to develop alternative forms of treatment for offenders and, in particular, urges a review of sentencing policy on women convicted of child stealing and on habitual drunken offenders.—(Mr. Robin F. Cook.)

National Heritage,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the division of Ministerial responsibility by which the national heritage in private hands is threatened by the Chancellor of the Exchequer's capital transfer tax (despite the New Clause added to the Finance Bill), and that what remains in private hands, following the imposition of capital transfer tax, is threatened by the wealth tax which promises to remove the remaining resources of private persons preserving the national heritage for public benefit: further regrets that whilst the Secretary of State for the Environment through the Historic Buildings Councils endeavours with slender resources to prevent the decay and loss of historic buildings of outstanding importance, there is little liaison with the Parliamentary Secretary at the Department of Education and Science, who has responsibility for the Arts, which could be enjoyed by a far wider audience than at present if more use was made of existing historic buildings to house the arts in the form of music, drama, painting and sculpture where these things find a more sympathetic home than in the expensive clinical conditions of modern purpose-built buildings which Great Britain in her present state of economic stress can ill afford when faced with the pressing need to finance the National Theatre, now nearing completion, in a manner which will enable it to meet the expectations of the public who have waited for a hundred and seventeen years for the opening and the need to maintain all those other British artistic institutions whose present standards compare favourably with anywhere in the world; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to give urgent consideration to the question of Ministerial responsibility with a view to making better use of existing resources to the benefit of the people whose interest this Government claims to serve—(Mr. Robert Cooke): —Debate arising:

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 11th April.

Wealth Tax,—Ordered, That Mrs. Millie Miller be discharged from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax and that Mr. R. B. Cant be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th December relating to nomination of members of the Committee of Public Accounts, Mr. R. B. Cant be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Caerwyn Roderick be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That Mr. Caerwyn Roderick be discharged from the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills and that Mr. Alec Woodall be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.26 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 21st March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Membership of the European Community.—Copy of a Statement on behalf of Her Majesty's Government made by the Prime Minister to the House of Commons on 18th March 1975, concerning membership of the European Community [by Command],
Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Broadcasting.—Statement of a change in the remuneration of the Chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, determined by the Home Secretary with the approval of the Minister for the Civil Service [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Patents.—Copy of Rules, dated 13th March 1975, entitled the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 371) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Pipe-lines.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th March 1975, entitled the Delyn, Clwyd, Compulsory Rights Order 1975, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Energy under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:


[No. 94.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 24th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 139-x].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 24th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 282-iii].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to raise the limit on the interest in the shares of a society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 which any one member may hold and to authorise the further alteration of that limit from time to time ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords].

Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords].—The Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 120].

Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Finance (Special 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. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 267.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Michael Roberts: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 295.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Business of the House—Ordered, That the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 19, to leave out the words "stipendiary magistrate" and insert the words "justice of the peace"—(Mr. Harry Ewing), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Miss Margaret Jackson: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Richard Luce: 140.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 31, after the word "magistrate", to insert the words "or by one or more justices".—(Mr. Harry Ewing.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division;

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Lauri Pavitt: 173.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 132.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 28, at the end, to insert the words "and the power to increase the limit set by section 3(3) in so far as that is necessary to take account of the inflation of the currency".—(Mr. David Steel.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 10, at the end, to insert the word "sheriffs".—(Mr. David Steel.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 30, to leave out subsections (2) to (8).—(Mr. Hector Monro.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. W. Benyon: 112.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. James A. Dunn: 161.

Another Amendment (No. 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 39, after the word "proceedings", to insert the words "in which the said solicitor is participating in his capacity as a justice of the peace".—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 6, after the word "peace", to insert the words "and legal assessors appointed under section 7(1) of this Act".—(Mr. David Steel.)
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Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 1, after the word “A”, to insert the words “ sheriff having jurisdiction in and a”.—(Mr. David Steel)

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Secretary Ross, 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, with Amendments.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the founder of the British Piano Museum Charitable Trust at Brentford, Middlesex, for provision to enable the British Piano Museum to be housed in the Science Theatre at Southborough, Kent, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.18 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 24th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Government Annuities and Insurances,—Account of all moneys received on account of Contracts for the grant of Deferred Life Annuities and for payments on death under the Government Annuities Act 1929, and of the disposal thereof, and of the Contracts made, for 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Constabulary (Ireland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st March 1975, entitled the Royal Irish Constabulary (Widows' Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 484) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

National Assistance Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th March 1975, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 472) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th March 1975, entitled the Medicines (Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 366) [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 14th March 1975, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 392) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th March 1975, entitled—

(1) the Social Security (Earnings Factor) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 468),
(2) the Social Security (Employed Earners' Employments for Industrial Injuries Purposes) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 467),
(3) the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Airmen's Benefits) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 469), and
(4) the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Mariner's Benefits) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 470)

[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Animals,—Return of Proceedings under the Diseases of Animals Act 1950, for 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 County Borough of Rochdale (St. Mary's) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973, and

(2) the M25 (Lyne-Chertsey Section) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSE 1) 1975 [by Act].

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


Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 10th March 1975, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 50) [by Act].

[No. 95.]


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

Mr. Speaker’s Absence,—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. George Thomas, the 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.

British Waterways Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the British Waterways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords],—The United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday 8th April.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 8th April.

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 8th April.

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

Contingencies Fund 1973-74,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund 1973-74, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1974, and (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon.—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments have leave to make a Special Report.
Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 28th February and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xixi].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 (Fifteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. Julius Silverman reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xvii].

Procedure.—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That they had made progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 294].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 294].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer 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 25th March 1975.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 155-xi].

Lotteries Bill.—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Lotteries Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 123].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 293].

Employment Protection Bill.—Mr. Secretary Foot, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Edward Short, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mrs. Secretary Castle, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, and Mr. Albert Booth, presented a Bill to establish machinery for promoting the improvement of industrial relations; to amend the law relating to workers' rights and otherwise to amend the law relating to workers, employers, trade unions and employers' associations; to provide for the extension of the jurisdiction of industrial tribunals; to amend the law relating to unemployment benefit and supplementary benefit as respects persons affected by trade disputes; to amend the Employment Agencies Act 1973 as respects the exercise of licensing functions under that Act; to amend the Employment and Training Act 1973 as respects the status of bodies established under that Act; to amend the Health and Safety at Work, &c. Act 1974 as respects the appointment of safety representatives, health and safety at work in agriculture and the disclosure of information obtained under that Act; to provide for the extension of employment legislation to certain areas outside Great Britain; 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 119].

Liquor Licensing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to liquor licensing—(Mr. Mike Thomas): 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. Roger Stott, Mr. Neville Sandelson: 122.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. E. Fernyhough, Mr. John Lee: 35.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. John Tomlinson, Mr. Ted Graham, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, and Mr. David Marquand, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Liquor Licensing Bill.—Mr. Mike Thomas accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to liquor licensing: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 122].

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. David Stoddart);
And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) (Variation) Scheme 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Mr. Edward Bishop);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. David Stoddart: 71.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Cyril Smith: 11.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) (Variation) Scheme 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved.

Census.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That items 7, 8, 9(d)(e)(f) (g)(h)(l)(j), 10, 11(a)(b)(c)(d), 14, 15, 17(a)(b), 18 viii), 19, 20, 21(a)(b)(c) in Schedule 2 and items 6, 8, 10(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h)(l), 11 vii), 12, 13, 14(a)(b)(c)(d)(e), 16 and 17 in Schedule 4 to the Order in Council, entitled the Census Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th February, be approved—(Dr. David Owen);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of line 3 and insert the words "item 17(a) in Schedule 2"—(Mr. A. J. Beith),—instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning;

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And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted Business);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. David Steel: 13.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Donald Coleman: 66.
So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Jack Dormand: 66.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. David Steel: 13.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That items 7, 8, 9(d)(e)(f)(g)(h)(l)(j), 10, 11(a)(b)(c)(d), 14, 15, 17(a)(b), 18 vii), 19, 20, 21(a)(b)(c) in Schedule 2 and items 6, 8, 10(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h)(l), 11 vii), 12, 13, 14(a)(b)(c)(d)(e), 16 and 17 in Schedule 4 to the Order in Council, entitled the Census Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th February, be approved.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration have power to adjourn from place to place.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes past One o’clock on Monday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.21 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 25th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated 25th March 1975, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for—

(1) agricultural support (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), other agricultural and food services (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), central and miscellaneous services (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), support for the fishing industry (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), and Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Northern Ireland),

(2) agricultural support (Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland), other agricultural Services (Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland) and Fisheries (Scotland) and Herring Industry (Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland),

(3) the Northern Ireland Office,

(4) the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, and

(5) the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys and the Registrar General’s Office (Scotland)

[by Act].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th February 1975 on a loan raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 300].

Gas,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th February 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 284].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous No. 2, 1975),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Brussels on 1st July 1969, for the reciprocal recognition of proof-marks of small-arms (the United Kingdom has not acceded to the Convention) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 28, 1975),—Copy of an Arrangement, made at Copenhagen on 18th December 1973, relating to fisheries in waters surrounding the Faroe Islands [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 37, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Amman on 3rd and 4th March 1972, concerning an interest-free development loan by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 46, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged in Bangkok on 31st July and 14th November 1974 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Thailand, further amending the Air Services Agreement signed at Bangkok on 10th November 1950 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st March 1975, entitled the importation of Cattle (No. 2) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Local Government Finance,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 31(2) of the General Rate Act 1967 on the valuation of statutory water undertakings [by Act]; to be printed [No. 272].

Water,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 13th March 1975, entitled the Water Authorities (Collection of Charges) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 396), and

(2) dated 21st March 1975, entitled the Anglian Water Authority (Collection of Charges) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 481)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Recreation (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

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Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th March 1975, entitled the Air Navigation (Second Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 429) [by Act].

Copyright,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th March 1975, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 431) [by Act].

European Communities,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th March 1975, entitled the European Communities (Designation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 427) [by Act].

Foreign Compensation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th March 1975, entitled the Foreign Compensation (German Democratic Republic) (Registration) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 410) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 18th March 1975, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 432),
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) (Bermuda) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 412), and
(3) the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Bermuda) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 413) [by Act].

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th March 1975, amending the Order in Council of 25th September 1964 concerning pensions and other grants in respect of disablement or death due to service in the naval forces during the 1914-18 world war and after 2nd September 1939 [by Act].

Pacific Islands,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 18th March 1975, entitled—
(1) the British Solomon Islands Protectorate (Entitled Officers) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 407), and
(2) the New Hebrides (British Service) (Entitled Officers) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 414) [by Act].

Papers 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 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 1974; 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. 295].

Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 296].

National Land Fund,—Account of the National Land Fund for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 297].

Public Health,—Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 298].

War Damage,—Account of the sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund and of payments under the War Damage Act 1943 in respect of war damage or in respect of interest on such payments, for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 299].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 25th March 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee D.
Mr. Speaker's Absence,—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. George Thomas, the 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.

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

London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill,—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment therein ; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House; And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 172-ix].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 84-xii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-x].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer 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 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 155-xii and 155-xiii].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 260-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-iv].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-viii].

Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords],—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Diseases of Animals 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 Diseases of Animals 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. 314].

Litigants in Person (Costs) Bill (changed to Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Bill).—Mr. W. T. Williams reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Litigants in Person (Costs) Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 25th April; and to be printed [Bill 124].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 313].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Social Security (Mariners' Benefits) Regulations 1975, referred to a Committee on 18th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 307].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Companies (Fees) Regulations 1975 and the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 368), referred to a Committee on 18th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 303].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Amendment Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 19th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 315].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Rating (Water Hereditaments) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 19th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 301].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 28th January and following days to be printed [No. 113-II].

Referendum Bill.—Mr. Edward Short, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mr. Secretary Callaghan, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Frederick Peart, and Mr. Gerry Fowler, presented a Bill to provide for the holding of a referendum on 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 121].

Companies,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the responsibilities and duties of directors; 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 that Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. John Cope, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. David Price, Mr. Tim Rathbone, and Sir John Rodgers, do prepare and bring it in.

Companies Bill.—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the responsibilities and duties of directors; 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 2nd May and to be printed [Bill 125].

Sex Discrimination Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sex Discrimination 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, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. David Stoddart: 104.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook: 5.

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).
Sex Discrimination [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Sex Discrimination [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to render unlawful certain kinds of sex discrimination and discrimination on the ground of marriage, and establish a Commission with the function of working towards the elimination of such discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity between men and women generally, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums required by the Secretary of State for paying, or making payments towards the provision of, remuneration, pensions, allowances or gratuities to or in respect of members of the Commission set up by that Act, or for paying expenses of that Commission, or for defraying any other expenditure falling to be made by him under or by virtue of that Act;
(b) the remuneration of assessors appointed for the purpose of proceedings under that Act in a county court or sheriff court;
(c) any increase attributable to the provisions of that Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other Act.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkins.)

Comptroller and Auditor General (Salary).—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Comptroller and Auditor General (Salary);

Resolved, That the rate of the salary which may be granted to the Comptroller and Auditor General under section 1 of the Exchequer and Audit Department Act 1957 be increased—

(a) for the period before 1st November 1974 from £16,475.28 to £16,496.16 per annum,
(b) for the period of November 1974 from £16,496.16 to £16,517.04 per annum,
(c) for the period of December 1974 from £16,517.04 to £16,579.68 per annum, and
(d) for later periods from £16,579.68 to £18,675 per annum,

and the date from which, under subsection (3) of that section, the person now holding that office is entitled to a salary at the said increased rates be 1st September 1974.—(Mr. Charles R. Morris.)

Parliamentary Commissioner (Salary).—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Parliamentary Commissioner (Salary);

Resolved, That the yearly rate of the salary payable to the Parliamentary Commissioner under section 2 of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 be increased—

(a) for the period before 1st November 1974 from £16,475.28 to £16,496-6 per annum,
(b) for the period of November 1974 from £16,496.16 to £16,517.04,
(c) for the period of December 1974 from £16,517.04 to £16,579.68, and
(d) for later periods from £16,579.68 to £18,675,

and the date from which this Resolution is to take effect be 1st September 1974.—(Mr. Charles R. Morris.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

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.]
Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 26th March 1975, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Department of Industry [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, as of 10th March 1975, on a loan to be made to the British Airways Board by the Export-Import Bank of the United States [by Act]; to be printed [No. 304].

Government Trading Funds,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 26th March 1975, on financial objectives for the Royal Mint [by Act].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th February 1975 on loans raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 306].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th March 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 5) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 502) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Redundant Churches Fund,—Copy of the Report of the Redundant Churches Fund for 1974; with the Revenue Account for the year ended 31st December 1974 and Balance Sheet as at that date [by Measure].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Building and Buildings,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1975, entitled the Building Standards (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 404) [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copies of Orders, dated 13th March 1975, entitled—
(1) the Policing of Airports (Edinburgh) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 447),
(2) the Policing of Airports (Edinburgh) (First Supplementary) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 448),
(3) the Policing of Airports (Glasgow) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 443),
(4) the Policing of Airports (Glasgow) (First Supplementary) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 444),
(5) the Policing of Airports (Prestwick) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 445), and
(6) the Policing of Airports (Prestwick) (First Supplementary) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 446)
[by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 13th March 1975, entitled the National Health Service (Transfer of Local Health Authority Trust Property) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 457) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations—
(3) dated 24th March 1975, entitled the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 496),
(4) dated 24th March 1975, entitled the Social Security (Benefit) (Members of the Forces) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 493),
(5) dated 24th March 1975, entitled the Social Security (Child’s Special Allowance) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 497), and
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1975, entitled the Isles of Scilly (Housing) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 512) [by Act].

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th March 1975, entitled the Housing (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 500) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th March 1975, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 461) [by Act].

Transport,—Statement of redetermination of the pension payable to the Chairman of the British Railways Board [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Continental Shelf,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1975, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 7) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 511) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Meat and Livestock Commission Levy (Variation) Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1975 [by Act].

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

Erskine Bridge Tolls,—Copy of the Operating Account of the Erskine Bridge Tolls for the year ended 31st March 1974 and Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 308].


Insolvency Services,—Copy of the Companies Liquidation Accounts and the Insolvency Services Investment Account for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 310].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Summarised Accounts of Regional Hospital Boards (including Boards of Management) and Executive Councils (including Drug Accounts Committee) and the Account of the Dental Estimates Board for Scotland, for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 311].

Tourism,—Accounts of the British Tourist Authority, the English Tourist Board, the Scottish Tourist Board and the Wales Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 312].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Carol Mather (nominated in respect of the Dogs Bill); and had appointed in substitution Miss Janet Fookes.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Secretary Crosland, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Watkinson, Mr. David Weitzman, and Mr. Frank White.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 26th March 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Social Security (Mariners' Benefits) Regulations 1975, in the place of Mr. Michael English.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.—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. George Thomas, the 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.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Export Guarantees Amendment Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the District Courts (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill to be considered on Monday 7th April ; and to be printed [Bill 126].

Business of the House (Referendum Bill).—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to the Referendum Bill may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Diseases of Animals 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).

Companies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Companies (Fees) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th March, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand) :—It was agreed to.

Customs and Excise,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 368), a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand) :—It was agreed to.

Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Social Security (Mariners' Benefits) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th March, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand) :—It was agreed to.

Coal Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved—(Mr. J. D. Dormand) :—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Rating (Water Hereditaments) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved—(Mr. J. D. Dormand) :—It was agreed to.
Science and Technology.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 21st November relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, Mr. Christopher Tugendhat be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Peter Rost be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Wealth Tax.—Ordered, That Mr. William Clark be discharged from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax and that Mr. T. H. H. Skeet be added to the Committee.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Women's Organisation of the Labour Party for increased provision for one-parent families, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday 7th April, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 17th March.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 27th March 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Transport,—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to two part-time members of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th March 1975, entitled—
(1) the Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 516), and
(2) the Social Security (Guardian’s Allowances) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 515)
[by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of Schemes, dated 26th March 1975, entitled—
(1) the Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 514), and
(2) the Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) Amendment Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 513)
[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st March 1975, entitled the Importation of Pigs (No. 2) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:
Commonwealth Scholarship Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission for the year ended 30th September 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 264].

MEMORANDA

Thursday 27th March 1975

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

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Deputy Speaker has appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Dogs Bill and Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill.
[No. 98.]

Monday, 7th April, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Subcommittee on 7th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-iv].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords]—Ordered, That the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee. (Mr. John Ellis.)

Membership of the European Community,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the recommendation of Her Majesty's Government to continue Britain's membership of the Community as set out in the White Paper on the Membership of the European Community (Command No. 5999) (The Prime Minister):—Debate arising:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. (Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Reservoirs Bill [Lords] and the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Reservoirs Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Reservoirs Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 12, to leave out “£400” and insert “£800”.—(Sir David Renton).—instead thereof.

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 4) made to the Bill.

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, with Amendments.

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Warrants for arrest of escaped prisoners and mental patients).

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Sheriff's warrant may be executed out of district).

An Amendment (No. 3) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Backing of certain warrants from the Isle of Man).

Amendments (Nos. 4 and 5) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 17 and 18 agreed to.

Clause No. 19 (Prisoners before examination to have access to solicitor).

An Amendment (No. 6) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 20 to 25 agreed to.

Clause No. 26 (Bail competent before committal).
Amendments (Nos. 7 to 9) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 27 to 98 agreed to.

Clause No. 99 (Fining of jurors for non-attendance).
Amendments (Nos. 10 and 11) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 100 to 150 agreed to.

Clause No. 151 (Declarations to be received in evidence without being sworn to by witnesses).
An Amendment (No. 12) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 152 to 163 agreed to.

Clause No. 164 (Proof of previous convictions by fingerprints).
Amendments (Nos. 13 and 14) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 165 to 174 agreed to.

Clause No. 175 (Power of court to order hospital admission or guardianship).
Amendments (Nos. 15 to 17) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 176 (Requirements as to medical evidence).
An Amendment (No. 18) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 177 agreed to.

Clause No. 178 (Power of court to restrict discharge from hospital).
An Amendment (No. 19) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 179 to 195 agreed to.

Clause No. 196 (Fines, etc., may be enforced in other district).
Amendments (Nos. 20 and 21) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 197 to 223 agreed to.

Clause No. 224 (Warrant of search for forfeited articles).
Amendments (Nos. 22 and 23) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 225 to 283 agreed to.

Clause No. 284 (Jurisdiction of inferior courts).
Amendments (Nos. 24 to 27) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 285 to 314 agreed to.

Clause No. 315 (Citation).
Amendments (Nos. 28 and 29) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 316 to 321 agreed to.

Clause No. 322 (Warrants for arrest of escaped prisoners and mental patients).
Amendments (Nos. 30 and 31) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 323 agreed to.
Clause No. 324 (Backing of certain warrants from the Isle of Man). Amendments (Nos. 32 and 33) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 325 and 326 agreed to.
Clause No. 327 (Sheriffs' warrant may be executed out of district).
An Amendment (No. 34) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 328 to 343 agreed to.
Clause No. 344 (Punishment of witness for contempt).
An Amendment (No. 35) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 345 to 351 agreed to.
Clause No. 352 (Declaration of accused).
An Amendment (No. 36) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 353 to 357 agreed to.
Clause No. 358 (Proof of previous convictions by fingerprints).
Amendments (Nos. 37 and 38) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 359 to 375 agreed to.
Clause No. 376 (Power of court to order hospital admission or guardianship).
Amendments (Nos. 39 to 41) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 377 (Requirements as to medical evidence).
An Amendment (No. 42) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 378 agreed to.
Clause No. 379 (Power of court to restrict discharge from hospital).
An Amendment (No. 43) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 380 to 401 agreed to.
Clause No. 402 (Fines, etc., may be enforced in other district).
Amendments (Nos. 44 and 45) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 403 to 461 agreed to.
Clause No. 462 (Interpretation).
Amendments (Nos. 46 to 51) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 463 agreed to.
Clause No. 464 (Short title and commencement).
Amendments (Nos. 52 and 53) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.
Schedule No. 5 (Discharge and amendment of probation orders).
Amendments (Nos. 54 and 55) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 6 to 8 agreed to.
Schedule No. 9 (Enactments amended).
An Amendment (No. 56) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 10 agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Hamilton reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments therunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

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, with Amendments.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.6 p.m.]

APPENDIX

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:

   European Communities (No. 31, 1975),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 28th February 1973, laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Tunisian Republic consequent on the accession of new member States to the European Economic Community (with Final Act), with Letters exchanged at Brussels on 20th July 1973, amending Article 5 of Annex 1 to the Agreement.


   Private International Law (Miscellaneous No. 9, 1975),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Washington between 26th October 1973 and 31st December 1974, providing a uniform law on the form of an international will (with Final Act) (the Convention has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

   Treaty Series (No. 57, 1974),—Copy of the Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 1974.


   Treaty Series (No. 44, 1975),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Brussels on 31st January 1963, supplementary to the Paris Convention of 29th July 1960 on third party liability in the field of nuclear energy, with Additional Protocol to the Supplementary Convention, signed at Paris on 28th January 1964.

   Pensions,—Copy of an Order by Her Majesty, dated 21st March 1975, amending the Order of 24th September 1964, concerning pensions and other grants in respect of disablement or death due to service in the air forces during the 1914-18 world war and after 2nd September 1939.

   Pensions,—Copy of a Royal Warrant, dated 21st March 1975, amending the Royal Warrant of 19th September 1964, concerning pensions and other grants in respect of disablement or death due to service in the military forces during the 1914-18 world war and after 2nd September 1939.

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:

   1st April 1975

   Water,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1975, entitled the Water Authorities (Control of Outlets and Discharges) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 450) [by Act].
2nd April 1975
Dangerous Drugs.—Copy of Rules, dated 10th March 1975, entitled the Misuse of Drugs Tribunal (Scotland) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 459) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th March 1975, entitled the Foreign Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 485) [by Act].

3rd April 1975
Dangerous Drugs.—Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1975, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 498) [by Act].

Dangerous Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th March 1975, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 499) [by Act].


Social Security.—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th March 1975, entitled—
1. the Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 528),
2. the Social Security (Medical Certification) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 531)
[by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copies of Rules—
1. dated 6th March 1975, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 330), and
[by Act].

Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd April 1975, entitled the Cheese Prices (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 551) [by Act].

4th April 1975
Licensing (Liquor).—Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1975, entitled the Licensing (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 495) [by Act].

Social Security.—Copies of Regulations, dated 3rd April 1975, entitled—
3. the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 560),
4. the Social Security (Credits) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 556),
5. the Social Security (Death Grant) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 565),
6. the Social Security (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 558),
7. the Social Security and Family Allowances (Polygamous Marriages) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 561),
8. the Social Security Finance (Transitional) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 567),
9. the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 557),
10. the Social Security (Hospital In-Patients) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 555),
11. the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Benefit) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 559),
13. the Social Security (Maternity Benefit) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 553),
15. the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 554), and
16. the Social Security (Unemployment Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 564)
[by Act].


3. Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 7th April 1975:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Value Added Tax.—Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 517) [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Paul Channon and Mr. Stanley Cohen (nominated in respect of the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Knox and Mr. Julius Silverman.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 7th April 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. A. P. Costain an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Industry Bill.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—A Bill to regulate the expenditure on capital account and on lending to other persons by the Greater London Council during the financial period from 1st April 1975 to 30th September 1976 ; and for other purposes, was read the first time.

British Waterways Bill.—The British Waterways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Friends' Provident Life Office Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Friends' Provident Life Office Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords].—The Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.
Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 at Seven o'clock.

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

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Sixteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xvi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xvi].

Privileges.—Mr. George Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the matter of the complaint by Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Member for Crewe, that a passage in the Travel Trade Gazette newspaper of 28th February disclosed a breach of the privileges of this House. That they had considered the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 302].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 302].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Fifteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 22-xviii].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill.—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Callaghan, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Harold Lever, Mr. Edmund Dell, and Mr. John Smith, presented a Bill to establish the British National Oil Corporation and make provision with respect to the functions of the Corporation; to make further provision about licences to search for and get petroleum and about submarine pipe-lines, refineries and the supply and use of petroleum; to authorise loans and guarantees in connection with the development of the petroleum resources of the United Kingdom and payments in respect of certain guarantees and loans by the Bank of England; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 127].

Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of the Clayson Report on Scottish Licensing Law, being a matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for their consideration.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Supply [13th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Membership of the European Community.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the recommendation of Her Majesty's Government to continue Britain's membership of the Community as set out in the White Paper on the Membership of the European Community (Command No. 5999);

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

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

Business of the House (Supply).—Ordered, That the Business of Supply may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Supply.—The House, according to Order, again proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Membership of the European Community.—The Question being again proposed, That this House approves the recommendation of Her Majesty's Government to continue Britain's membership of the Community as set out in the White Paper on the Membership of the European Community (Command No. 5999):—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th December relating to nomination of members of the Committee of Public Accounts, Mr. John Moore be discharged from the Committee and Sir Timothy Kitson be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Nationalised Industries,—Ordered, That the Order of the House of 15th November relating to the membership of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries be amended by leaving out the word "Thirteen" and inserting the word "Fifteen"—(Mr. Walter Harrison),—instead thereof.

Nationalised Industries,—Ordered, That Mr. Michael Marshall and Mr. Mike Thomas be members of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.

Ordered, That the members of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Violence in Marriage,—Ordered, That the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage 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.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

Wednesday, 9th April, 1975:

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-eight minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 8th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:


Estate Duty,—Statement showing the transfers of property accepted in lieu of Estate Duty during the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:


Treaty Series (No. 42, 1975), Copy of Protocol II (drawn up at Berne between 9th November 1973 and 31st January 1974 by the diplomatic conference convened with a view to bringing into force the International Conventions concerning the carriage of goods by rail (C.I.M.) and the carriage of passengers and luggage by rail (C.I.V.) of 7th February 1970), concerning the extension of the period of validity of the Additional Convention to the C.I.V. of 1961 relating to the liability of the railway for death of and personal injury to passengers, signed on 26th February 1966 and entered into force on 1st January 1973 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 43, 1975), Copy of Protocol III (drawn up at Berne between 9th November 1973 and 31st January 1974 by the diplomatic conference convened with a view to bringing into force the International Conventions concerning the carriage of goods by rail (C.I.M.) and the carriage of passengers and luggage by rail (C.I.V.) of 7th February 1970), concerning the increase in the maximum rates per kilometre of the contributions of contracting States towards the expenses of the central office [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Education (Scotland), Copy of Regulations, dated 24th March 1975, entitled the Central Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 520) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census, Copies of the New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—
(1) Bedfordshire,
(2) Cambridgeshire,
(3) East Sussex,
(4) Isle of Wight, and
(5) Lincolnshire,
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Trade Marks, Copy of Rules, dated 8th April 1975, entitled the Trade Marks (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 576) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Census of Production, Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972 relating to petroleum and natural gas [by Act].

[No. 100.]

Wednesday, 9th April, 1975.

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).

Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill,—Mr. David James reported from the Committee on the Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 9th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-xi].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 9th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 260-iii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Violence in Marriage.—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 9th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-v].

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 9th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-ix].

Dogs Bill (changed to Guard Dogs Bill).—Mr. John Wells reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Dogs Bill, and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to regulate the keeping and use of guard dogs; and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th May; and to be printed [Bill 129].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 323].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Meat and Livestock Commission Levy (Variation) Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. (Mr. James Hamilton.)

Cruelty to Animals 1876 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876: And that Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. Ivor Clemilton, Mr. Robin Corbett, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, and Mr. David Madel, do prepare and bring it in.

Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Phillip Whitehead accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th May and to be printed [Bill 128].

Membership of the European Community.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 7th April, That this House approves the recommendation of Her Majesty's Government to continue Britain's membership of the Community as set out in the White Paper on the Membership of the European Community (Command No. 5999):

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

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Joseph Harper: 396.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Nigel Spearing: 170.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the recommendation of Her Majesty's Government to continue Britain's membership of the Community as set out in the White Paper on the Membership of the European Community (Command No. 5999).

Public Petition.—A Public Petition from United Kingdom citizens resident in Europe for amendments to the Referendum Bill to enable such persons to cast their vote in the forthcoming referendum on United Kingdom membership of the European Community was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 9th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

New Towns (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 17th March 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by Cumbernauld Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 320].

Water.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 17th March 1975 on loans raised by the Thames Water Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 321].
Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Agriculture,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Winter Keep (Scotland) Scheme 1975 [by Act].
Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 27th March 1975, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Commissary Business) 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 539) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1975, providing for Amendments to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th March 1975, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Third Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 532) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th March 1975, entitled the Rent Regulation (Forms, etc.) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 541) [by Act].
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1975, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 521) [by Act].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Laurie Paviot, Mr. Wm Ross, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. John Tomlinson, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Michael Ward, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Sex Discrimination Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Miss Betty Bothroyd, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ian Gilmour, Mr. David Lane, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. I. Enoch Powell, Miss J. Richardson, Mrs. Renée Short, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, and Dr. Shirley Summerskill.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Mobile Homes Bill, viz.: Mr. Norman Buchanan, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Tom King, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. John Stanley, Mr. John Tomlinson, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Michael Ward, Mr. James Wellbeloved, Mr. Frank White, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead.

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. George Gardiner (nominated in respect of the Industry Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ian Gow.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Nick Bugden, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Iain Evans, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. David Howell, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Evan Luard, Mr. Robert McGrindle, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. John Roper, and Sir George Young.

Scottish Grand Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Ten Members to serve on the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Clayson Report on Scottish Licensing Law, viz.: Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. John H. Cordle, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. John Gorsi, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Toby Jessell, and Mr. David Knox.
First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Meat and Livestock Commission Levy (Variation) Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. John Farr, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. John Tomlinson, and Mr. Dalydd Wigley.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 9th April 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A and the draft Meat and Livestock Commission Levy (Variation) Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

Thursday, 10th April, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill:

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

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. R. C. Mitchell reported from the Committee on the Milford Haven Conservancy Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next at Two o'clock.

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. William Wilson reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Nursing Homes 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. 322].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 322].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter they referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them and a Memorandum laid before them on 10th April: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixteenth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxiv].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxv].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 10th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 219-vi].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the transfer to the State of New South Wales in the Commonwealth of Australia of the registered office
of The Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited; for the cesser of application to that company of provisions of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1967; and for other purposes incidental thereto; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House (Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited Bill [Lords]).

Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited Bill [Lords].—The Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Referendum Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Referendum Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Miss Margaret Jackson: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 248.

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. James Hamilton.)

Committee to-morrow.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Coal Industry Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the holding of a referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Economic Community, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) grants towards the expenses incurred by organisations for the purposes of the referendum;

(b) the remuneration of any person appointed to conduct the counting of votes and of persons appointed to assist him; and

(c) any administrative expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Coal Industry Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Coal Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 11, to leave out sub-section (2).—(Mr. John Hannam).

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 4, 6 to 11, and 13 to 19) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Coal Industry Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Secretary Varley, 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.

Mr. Secretary Varley, 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 interest of the Prince of Wales as Duke of Cornwall 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. Joseph Harper);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 11th April, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past Twelve o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.27 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday, 11th April, 1975.

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 10th April 1975, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Community Services (Home Office) [by Act].

Borrowing (Control and Guarantees),—Account prepared pursuant to Section 2(4)(b) of the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Act 1946 of the sums issued out of and repayments into the Consolidated Fund for the year ended 31st March 1975 in respect of Guarantees given by the Treasury [by Act].

Civil List Pensions,—List of pensions granted during the year ended 31st March 1975 and payable under the provisions of Section 4(1) of the Civil List Act 1972 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

James Hanratty,—Copy of the Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by Mr. C. Lewis Hawser, Q.C., of his assessment of the representations put forward in the case of James Hanratty and of other relevant material [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Senegal (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Dakar on 20th May 1974, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Senegal relating to air transport (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 47, 1975),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, signed at Strasbourg on 14th January 1974, to the Protocol to the European Agreement on the protection of television broadcasts [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 49, 1975),—Copy of a Decision, made at Brussels on 17th December 1973, of the representatives of the Governments of the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, establishing supervision of imports of certain products originating in Sweden [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 50, 1975),—Copy of a Decision, made at Brussels on 17th December 1973, of the representatives of the Governments of the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, establishing supervision of imports of certain products originating in Austria [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 51, 1975),—Copy of an Amendment, made at Strasbourg on 9th December 1974, to Article 26 of the Statute of the Council of Europe [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1975, entitled the Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 546) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 1st April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Clothing and Allied Products) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 538), and
(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Shipbuilding) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 537) [by Act].

Trade Unions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1975, entitled the Trade Unions and Employers’ Associations (Amalgamations, etc.) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 536) [by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Castle:


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

Forestry.—Drafts of Byelaws, entitled—
(1) the Forestry Commission Byelaws 1975, and
(2) the Forest of Dean Byelaws 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Robin F. Cook and Mr. A. E. P. Duffy (nominated in respect of the Sex Discrimination Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun and Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 10th April 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Sex Discrimination Bill, Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Mobile Homes Bill, Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords] and Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Meat and Livestock Commission Levy (Variation) Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1975.

Friday, 11th April, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Public Health.—Resolved, That this House calls for urgent action to be taken to reduce by all possible means preventable lead contamination of the environment, including a significant reduction in the lead content of petrol; to ensure effective monitoring of the environs of all factories engaged in processes with a possible health or safety hazard from lead, vinyl chloride, asbestos and petro-chemicals generally; and to ensure that information so produced is made publicly available in view of the danger of secrecy and the public right to the fullest possible information.—[Mrs. Joyce Butler.]

Rule of Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets Her Majesty's Government's lack of support for the rule of law.—[Mr. Ivan Lawrence]:—Debate arising;

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

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) 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. Thomas Cox]:—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 11th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Income Tax,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Indonesia) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971: Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample), relating to the South-West Region, Part I [by Act].
Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th April 1975, entitled the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 598) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Shipbuilding Industry (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 11th April 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. W. W. Hamilton Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Clayson Report on Scottish Licensing Law.

Monday, 14th April, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 14th April. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-i].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 14th April. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 139-xi].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 14th April. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-v].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Scottish Development Agency Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ross, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Secretary Shore, and Mr. Bruce Millan, presented a Bill to establish a Scottish Development Agency; to provide for the appointment by the Secretary of State of a Scottish Industrial Development Advisory Board; to make provision for assistance in connection with air services serving the Highlands and Islands; 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 130].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Winter Keep (Scotland) Scheme 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)
Supply [14th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Docks.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House rejects the Consultative Document, Dock Work, and the further proposals for ports reorganisation—(Mr. James Prior);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 282.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Exemption from contributions)—(Mr. Terence L. Higgins)—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. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Adam Butler : 88.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Donald Coleman : 122.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 5 and 7 to 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 22, to leave out the words "paid or".—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 43, at the end, to insert the words "shall be payable by quarterly instalments in advance based on the total amount paid or payable by customers of the air travel organiser during the ensuing three months".—(Mr. Terence L. Higgins.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Adam Butler : 71.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman : 112.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, after subsection (5) of Clause No. 4, to insert the words—

"(6) This section shall not apply to an air travel organiser incorporated before 6th February 1975 solely for the purpose of organising holidays for persons over the age of 60 years, subject to the Secretary of State being satisfied from time to time as to the security of the payments made by the passengers by the creation of a trust fund, and by the giving of an undertaking by the air travel organiser not to carry any passenger under the age of 60 years."—(Mr. A. P. Costain.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, in line 1 of subsection (1) of Clause No. 5, to leave out the words "subsection (2)" and insert the words "subsections (2) and (3A)".—(Mr. Michael Shersby),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 65.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. James A. Dunn : 106.

Other Amendments (Nos. 27 to 30) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
House of Commons Members' Fund.—Resolved, That one tenth of the sums deducted or
set aside in the current year from the salaries of Members of Parliament under section
one of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1939, and one tenth of the contribu-
tion determined by the Treasury for the current year under section one of the House
of Commons Members' Fund Act 1957, be appropriated for the purposes of section four
of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1948.—(Mr. Albert Roberts.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.48 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 14th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

National Income.—Copy of Preliminary Estimates of National Income and Balance
of Payments, 1969 to 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Migration
Tables, Part II: Ten per cent. sample [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, on 17th
January 1975, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) made by the Governing Body of St. John's College, Cambridge, on 23rd January
1975, amending the Statutes of the College
[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That
they had discharged from Standing Committee B Miss Janet Fookes (nominated in
respect of the Sex Discrimination Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Elaine
Kellett-Bowman.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they
had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Industrial and
Provident Societies Bill [Lords] Mr. Robert McCrindle; and had appointed in substi-
tution Mr. John Stradling Thomas.

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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 Scottish
Development Agency Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 104.]

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

PRAYERS.

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

Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.
Greater London Council (Money) Bill (Standing Orders applicable thereto 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 Greater London Council (Money) Bill, referred
after the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have
been complied with.

Bill to be read a second time.

Friends' Provident Life Office Bill,—The Friends' Provident Life Office Bill was read the
third time, and passed.

Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for considering the
Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

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

Milford Haven Conservancy Bill,—Mr. R. C. Mitchell reported from the Committee on the
Milford Haven Conservancy Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained
in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the
Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required
by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And
the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision as to the operation of the law in relation to Malta as a republic within the Commonwealth; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Malta Republic Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the Council of the city of Sheffield in relation to private hire vehicles, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords].

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 133].

Malta Republic Bill [Lords],—The Malta Republic Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 132].

Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords],—The Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Financial Statement and Budget Report 1975-76,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Financial Statement and Budget Report as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget. (Dr. John Gilbert.)

Ways and Means,—Provisional Collection of Taxes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That pursuant to section 5 of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968 provisional statutory effect shall be given to the following Motions—

(a) Spirits (customs and excise) (Motion No. 3)
(b) Beer (customs and excise) (Motion No. 4)
(c) Wine (customs) (Motion No. 5)
(d) British wine (excise) (Motion No. 6)
(e) Tobacco (customs and excise) (Motion No. 7)
(f) Vehicles excise duty (Motion No. 22)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

It was agreed to.

Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but

(a) this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to capital transfer tax or estate duty; and
(b) without prejudice to any authorisation by virtue of any Resolution relating to value added tax, this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to that tax so as to provide—
(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;
(ii) for refunding any amount of tax;
(iii) for varying any rate of tax otherwise than by varying the standard rate in relation to all supplies and importations on which tax is for the time being chargeable at that rate; or
(iv) for any relief other than relief applicable to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

Debate arising;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Scottish Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish Development Agency Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee—(Mr. John Ellis);

And not less than ten Members having risen in their places and signified their objection thereto, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

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

London Transport Bill,—The London Transport Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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

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. J. D. Dormand.)

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

Tuesday 15th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Financial Statement 1975-76,—Copy of Financial Statement and Budget Report 1975-76 as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 317].

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th April 1975, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Dividends) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 615) [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th April 1975, entitled the Bingo Duty (Exemptions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 573) [by Act].

Exchange Control,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1975, entitled the Exchange Control (Gold Coins Exemption) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 609) [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th April 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 610) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Gaming,—Copy of the Report of the Gaming Board for Great Britain for 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 318].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
European Communities (No. 32, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 21st December 1973, rectifying Article 3 of Protocol
No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway of 14th May 1973 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 5, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Vientiane on 25th June 1974, concerning financial assistance by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom to the Provisional Government of National Union of Laos (United Kingdom Laos Electrification Grant and Loan Agreement 1974) [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 52, 1975),—Copy of Decisions of the representatives of the Governments of the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting in Council at Brussels on 18th December 1973, opening, allocating and providing for the administration of tariff quotas and opening tariff preferences for certain steel products originating in developing countries [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Statistics relating to rents of public authority houses and rent rebates and allowances in Scotland in 1974 [by Command].

Building and Buildings,—Copies of Regulations, dated 27th March 1975, entitled—
(1) the Building (Forms) (Scotland) Regulation 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 548),
(2) the Building Operations (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 549),
(3) the Building (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 550), and
(4) the Building Standards (Relaxation by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 547)
[by Act].

Highlands and Islands,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd April 1975, entitled the Highlands and Islands Development Board Area Extension Order 1975 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd April, 1975, entitled the Local Authorities (Staff Transfer Schemes) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 574) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Regulation of the Medical Profession,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the regulation of the medical profession [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972 relating to analysis of United Kingdom manufacturing (local units by employment size) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Legal Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th March 1975, entitled the Legal Advice (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 79) [by Statutory Instrument].

Legal Aid,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1975, entitled the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 80) [by Statutory Instrument].


Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th March 1975, entitled the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Appointment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 67) [by Statutory Instrument].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 15th April 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Winter Keep (Scotland) Scheme 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.
Wednesday, 16th April, 1975.

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 I).

Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords].—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read the third time.
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 16th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-xii].

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. Edward Short reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Broadcasting Sub-Committee: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 325].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 16th April to be printed [No. 325].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 16th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-vii].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 16th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-x].

Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords],—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Industrial and Provident Societies 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 Industrial and Provident Societies 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. 327].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Meat and Livestock Commission Levy (Variation) Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 9th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 324].

Neighbourhood Law Centres,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision to establish neighbourhood law centres to provide legal aid and advice services: And that Mr. W. T. Williams, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. William Molloy, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, and Mr. Julius Silverman, do prepare and bring it in.
Neighbourhood Law Centres Bill.—Mr. W. T. Williams accordingly presented a Bill to make provision to establish neighbourhood law centres to provide legal aid and advice services: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th May and to be printed [Bill 134].

Ways and Means.—Amendment of the law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but—

(a) this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to capital transfer tax or estate duty; and
(b) without prejudice to any authorisation by virtue of any Resolution relating to value added tax, this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to that tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;
(ii) for refunding any amount of tax;
(iii) for varying any rate of tax otherwise than by varying the standard rate in relation to all supplies and importations on which tax is for the time being chargeable at that rate; or
(iv) for any relief other than relief applicable to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description;

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 273), dated 27th February 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th March, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Jopling);

And it being half-past Eleven o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory Instruments, &c. (Procedure)) ;

The House proceeded to a Division; but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Ayes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

Expenditure.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of Members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. Kenneth Marks be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Bryan Davies be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Wealth Tax.—Ordered, That Mr. Robert McCrindle be discharged from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax and that Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

*Thursday, 17th April, 1975:*

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.1 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
- Capital Transfer Tax.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1975, entitled the Capital Transfer Tax (Settled Property Income Yield) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 610) [by Act].
- Value Added Tax.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th April 1975, entitled the Input Tax (Exceptions) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 624) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
- Rating and Valuation.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th April 1975, entitled the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1975 [by Act].
- Representation of the People.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th March 1975, entitled the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
- Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th April 1975, entitled the Social Security (Correction and Setting Aside of Decisions) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 572) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
- Patents.—Copy of Government proposals for patent law reform [by Command].

Mr. Edward Short:
- Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Jesus College, Cambridge, on 20th January 1975, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. George Strauss:
- House of Commons Members' Fund.—Report by the Government Actuary on the general financial position of the House of Commons Members' Fund on 30th September 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 326].
- Tribunals and Inquiries.—Report of the Council on Tribunals for the year ended 31st July 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 289].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. J. Enoch Powell (nominated in respect of the Sex Discrimination Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. McCusker.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Industrial Democracy Bill, viz.: Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Albert Booth, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Giles Radice, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Norman Tebbit, and Mr. James Tinn.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Winter Keep (Scotland) Scheme 1975, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. William Small, Mr. Iain Sproat, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 16th April 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. W. W. Hamilton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Winter Keep (Scotland) Scheme 1975.
Thursday, 17th April, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The British Railways (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 17th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 219-vii].

Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Clayson Report on Scottish Licensing Law, referred to them on 8th April, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 329].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Oil Taxation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Reservoirs Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to disqualification for membership of the House of Commons ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [House of Commons Disqualification Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to disqualification for membership of the Northern Ireland Assembly ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the redistribution of functions between Ministers of the Crown, the alteration of the style and title of such Ministers and certain other provisions about such Ministers ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Ministers of the Crown Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the salaries of Ministers and Opposition Leaders and Chief Whips and to other matters connected therewith ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Ministerial and other Salaries Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision for children ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Children Bill [Lords].

House of Commons Disqualification Bill [Lords].—The House of Commons Disqualification Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 136].

Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Bill [Lords].—The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 137].

Ministers of the Crown Bill [Lords].—The Ministers of the Crown Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 138].

Ministerial and other Salaries Bill [Lords].—The Ministerial and other Salaries Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 139].

Children Bill [Lords].—The Children Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 140].
Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 25th April.

Welsh Development Agency Bill.—Mr. Secretary John Morris, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Crosland, Mr. Secretary Foot, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Harold Lever, Mr. Edward Rowlands, and Mr. Barry Jones, presented a Bill to establish a Welsh Development Agency and a Welsh Industrial Development Advisory Board; 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 131].

Ways and Means.—Amendment of the law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 15th April, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but—

(a) this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to capital transfer tax or estate duty; and

(b) without prejudice to any authorisation by virtue of any Resolution relating to value added tax, this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to that tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;

(ii) for refunding or exempting any supply;

(iii) for varying any rate of tax otherwise than by varying the standard rate in relation to all supplies and importations on which tax is for the time being chargeable at that rate; or

(iv) for any relief other than relief applicable to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description;

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

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Energy Research and Development may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Energy Research and Development.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/2195/74 and R/162/75 and of the Government’s intention subject to the normal United Kingdom financial procedures to collaborate in EEC energy research programmes which are well based and have adequate review procedures.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial and Provident Societies 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).

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Meat and Livestock Commission Levy (Variation) Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 26th March, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12 midnight.]
Thursday 17th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th March 1975 on a loan to be made to the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 330].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st March 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 331].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th March 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 332].

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th March 1975 on loans raised by Peterborough Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 333].

Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th March 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Railways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 334].

Water,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th March 1975 on loans raised by—

(1) the National Water Council,
(2) the Severn-Trent Water Authority,
(3) the Southern Water Authority, and
(4) the South West Water Authority
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 335 to 338].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 36, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 16th September 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Tongolese Republic on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 53, 1975),—Copy of a Decision of the representatives of the Governments of the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council at Brussels on 10th December 1973, opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Finland [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 54, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed 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 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 55, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 14th May 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 Kingdom of Norway, of the other part (with Final Act) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 57, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Cairo on 19th December 1974, concerning wheat to be supplied by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Egypt within the framework of the Cereals Food Aid Programme of the European Economic Community (the United Kingdom Food Aid Grant: Arab Republic of Egypt Agreement 1974) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Royal Air Force) (Auxiliary),—Copy of an Order by Her Majesty, dated 3rd April 1975, further amending in certain respects the Regulations appended to the Order of His late Majesty King George the Sixth, dated 22nd December 1948, providing for the government, discipline, pay and allowances of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 7th April 1975, entitled—

(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Food, Drink and Tobacco) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 577), and
(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Hotel and Catering) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 578)
[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Food,—Copy of a Government document examining the prospects and policies for food production from indigenous resources of land and labour [by Command].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Crown Estate.—Abstract Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 339].

Foreign Compensation.—Copy of the Accounts of the Egyptian, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Egyptian Nationalised Property Funds for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 340].

Tithes.—Copy of the Accounts, prepared pursuant to section 27 of the Tithe Act 1936, of:
(a) the sums received into and paid out of the Redemption Annuities Account, and
(b) the Redemption Stock Sinking Fund, for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 341].

Friday, 18th April, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Business of the House (House of Commons Disqualification Bill [Lords] and Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Bill [Lords]).—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House, notices of Amendments to the House of Commons Disqualification Bill [Lords] and the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Bill [Lords] may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bills have been read a second time.

(W. James A. Dunn.)

Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 10, 37, and 14 to 18) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 21, after the word "rare", to insert the words "either nationally or in local specified environments".—(Mr. Stephen Ross.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 20, 21 and 24 to 31) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 32) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—
"(a) no poison or poisonous substance other than cyanide gas was used; and".

—(Mr. John Cope.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 11, at the end, to insert the words "Glanville Fritillary, Melitaea Cinxia".—(Mr. Stephen Ross.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 11, at the end, to insert the words "Whales, dolphins and porpoises".—(Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 28, at the end to insert the words "Field Cow Wheat, Melampyrum Arvense".—(Mr. Stephen Ross.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Farriers (Registration) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Farriers (Registration) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
Amendments (Nos. 1 to 9) made to the Bill. The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Local Government (Rate Relief for Small Businesses) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Rate Relief for Small Businesses) 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.

Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Youth and Community Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Rate Relief for Small Businesses) Bill;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Town and Country Planning (Enforcement Orders) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement Orders) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 14th February, That the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Protection of Mentally Retarded Persons (Evidence) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Mentally Retarded Persons (Evidence) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

APPENDIX

Friday 18th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Northern Ireland Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Justices of the Peace,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Justices’ Allowances (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 593) [by Act].
Probation and After-Care,—Copy of Rules, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Probation (Allowances) (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 529) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th April 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Knitting, Lace and Net) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 582) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Copy of the Fifth Report of the Review Body on doctors’ and dentists’ remuneration [by Command].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Agricultural Rents) (Decontrol) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 590) [by Act].
Monday, 21st April, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 21st April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 253-ii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 21st April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 282-vi].

Northern Ireland,—The Order made on 11th April, That the draft Shipbuilding Industry (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Northern Ireland,—The Order made on 18th April, That the draft Northern Ireland Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1975 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Hearing Aid Council (Extension) Bill,—Mr. Gerard Fitt, supported by Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Norman Misch campbell, Mr. Harold McCusker, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. John Golding, and Mr. van Straubenzee, presented a Bill to extend the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 to Northern Ireland: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 142].

Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 15th April, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance ; but—

(a) this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to capital transfer tax or estate duty ; and

(b) without prejudice to any authorisation by virtue of any Resolution relating to value added tax, this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to that tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply ;

(ii) for refunding any amount of tax ;

(iii) for varying any rate of tax otherwise than by varying the standard rate in relation to all supplies and importations on which tax is for the time being chargeable at that rate ; or

(iv) for any relief other than relief applicable to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description :

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 5, to leave out paragraph (a)—(Mr. John Nott);

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 278.

Teller for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 287.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. J. D. Dorman : 286

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Douglas Henderson : .

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but—

(a) this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to capital transfer tax or estate duty; and

(b) without prejudice to any authorisation by virtue of any Resolution relating to value added tax, this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to that tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;

(ii) for refunding any amount of tax;

(iii) for varying any rate of tax otherwise than by varying the standard rate in relation to all supplies and importations on which tax is for the time being chargeable at that rate; or

(iv) for any relief other than relief applicable to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description.

2. Surcharges and rebates in respect of revenue duties

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the period after which orders under section 9 of the Finance Act 1961 may not be made or continue in force shall be extended until the end of August 1976—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

3. Spirits (customs and excise)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That as from 16th April 1975—

1. the rate of the duty of excise chargeable under section 1 of the Finance Act 1964 on British spirits by virtue of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1973 and section 1(1) of the Finance Act 1974 shall be increased by £5.0800 per proof gallon;

2. the rates of the duties of customs chargeable under section 1 of the Finance Act 1964 on imported spirits other than perfumed spirits by virtue of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1973, section 1(2) of the Finance Act 1974 or any order made before that date under section 1(4) of the Finance Act 1973 shall each be increased—

(a) in the case of spirits not comprised in sub-paragraph (b) below, by £5.0800 per proof gallon; and

(b) in the case of liqueurs, cordials, mixtures and other preparations in bottle, entered in such manner as to indicate that the strength is not to be tested, by £6.8600 per liquid gallon;

but without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Treasury by section 1 of the Finance Act 1973;

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Douglas Henderson: 15.

So the Question was agreed to.

4. Beer (customs and excise)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

1. as from 16th April 1975 the rates of the duties of customs and excise chargeable under section 2 of the Finance Act 1964 on beer by virtue of Schedule 2 to the Finance Act 1973, section 1(3) of the Finance Act 1974 or any order made before that date under section 1(4) of the Finance Act 1973 shall each be increased—

(a) except as regards the increases mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) below, by £4.3200 per 36 gallons; and

(b) as regards the increases in the rates of duty falling to be made, in the case of beer of an original gravity exceeding 1,030 degrees, for each additional degree, by £0.1440 per 36 gallons;

(2) as respects beer on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the said increased rates, the rates of drawback allowable under the said section 2 by virtue of the said Schedule 2, the said section 1(3) or any such order shall each be increased by the like amount per 36 gallons,

but without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Treasury by section 1 of the Finance Act 1973;
And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

5. Wine (customs)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, as from 16th April 1975, the rates of the duties of customs chargeable under section 3 of the Finance Act 1964 on imported wine (including the lees of wine) by virtue of Schedule 3 to the Finance Act 1973, section 1(4) of the Finance Act 1974 or any order made before that date under section 1(4) of the Finance Act 1973 shall each be increased—

(a) except as regards the additions mentioned in paragraph (b) below, by £1.3300 per gallon; and

(b) as regards the additions to the rates of duty falling to be made, in the case of wine exceeding 42 degrees of proof spirit, for each additional degree or fraction of a degree, by £0.0550 per gallon,

but without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Treasury by section 1 of the Finance Act 1973;

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

6. British wine (excise)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, as from 16th April 1975, the rates of the duty of excise chargeable under section 3 of the Finance Act 1964 on British wine by virtue of Schedule 4 to the Finance Act 1973 and section 1(5) of the Finance Act 1974 shall each be increased by £1.3300 per gallon;

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

7. Tobacco (customs and excise)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(a) as from 16th April 1975 the rates of the duties of customs and excise chargeable under section 4 of the Finance Act 1964 on tobacco by virtue of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1973, section 1(6) of the Finance Act 1974 or any order made before that date under section 1(4) of the Finance Act 1973 shall each be increased by £2.0500 per pound;

(b) as respects tobacco on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the said increased rates, the rates of drawback allowable under the said section by virtue of the said schedule 5, the said section 1(6) or any such order shall each be increased by the like amount per pound,

but without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Treasury by section 1 of the Finance Act 1973;

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

8. Gaming licence duty (excise)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, in relation to gaming licences for the period beginning on 1st October 1975 or any later period, the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1972 shall have effect as if—

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(b) in section 14(3), after "above" there were inserted "premises constituting or comprised in a hereditament without a rateable value shall be treated as premises of a rateable value not exceeding £1,500, and ", and for " exceeding £1,000 but not exceeding £2,500 " there were substituted " exceeding £6,000 but not exceeding £7,500 "; and

(c) paragraphs 18 and 19 of Schedule 2 were omitted—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

9. Bingo duty (excise)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1972 shall have effect—

(a) as from 29th September 1975, as if in section 17(2) for " 2 1/2 per cent. " (in both places) there were substituted " 5 per cent. " and for " one thirty-ninth " there were substituted " one-nineteenth "; and

(b) as from 1st May 1975, as if in paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 3 for " 5p " (in both places) there were substituted " 10p " and for " £2.50 " there were substituted " £5.00 ";

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

10. Gaming machine licence duty (excise)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1972 shall have effect from the beginning of May 1975 as if in paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 for " 10p " (wherever occurring) there were substituted " 15p " and for " 25p " (wherever occurring) there were substituted " 40p ";

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

11. Conversion of certain customs duties into excise duties chargeable on importation

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for the conversion, at the beginning of 1976, of the duties of customs on spirits, beer, hydrocarbon oil, matches and mechanical lighters into duties of excise chargeable on importation and for the modification in that connection of the customs and excise Acts and other related enactments—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

12. Spirits (withdrawal of preferential rate of duty on imported perfumed spirits)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, as from the beginning of 1976, the excise duty thereafter chargeable on imported spirits shall be charged at the same rate on imported perfumed spirits as on other spirits instead of at a lower rate—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

13. Wine

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, as from the beginning of 1976, a new duty of excise may be charged on wine produced in or imported into the United Kingdom;

In this Resolution "wine" means any liquor obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of fresh grapes or the must of fresh grapes—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

14. Made-wine

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, as from the beginning of 1976, a new duty of excise may be charged on made-wine produced in or imported into the United Kingdom;

In this Resolution—
"made-wine" means any liquor which is obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of any substance or by mixing a liquor so obtained or derived from a liquor so obtained with any other liquor or substance but does not include spirits, beer, black beer, wine (as defined in the immediately preceding Resolution) or certain cider and perry—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.
15. Customs and excise (warehoused goods)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made in connection with customs and excise for the regulation of warehouses and warehoused goods including provision for determining how duties of customs or excise are to be charged in the case of such goods—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

16. Value added tax (higher rate)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(1) the following provisions shall have effect from the beginning of May 1975—

(a) subsection (1) of section 9 of the Finance Act 1972 shall have effect as if in its application to—

(i) a supply which is of a description specified in the Table set out below or is a supply of goods or services of a description so specified, and

(ii) the importation of goods of a description so specified, the rate of 25 per cent. ("the higher rate") were substituted for the rate specified in it ("the standard rate"); and any order made under subsection (3) of that section shall apply to both the standard rate and the higher rate;

(b) the Table set out below shall be interpreted in accordance with the notes contained in it; and the descriptions of Groups in that Table are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of descriptions of items in those Groups;

(c) Schedule 4 to the Finance Act 1972 shall have effect as if there were excluded from Item 1 of Group 17 any articles within Item 1 of Group 6 in the Table set out below;

(d) section 2 of the Finance Act 1975 shall cease to have effect;

(2) such provision as Parliament may hereafter determine may be made for enabling the Treasury to alter the cases in which the higher rate applies; but this Resolution shall not authorise the making of amendments that would make value added tax chargeable at more than one rate other than the standard rate;

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

TABLE

GROUP 1—DOMESTIC APPLIANCES

Item No.

1. Goods of a kind suitable for domestic use which are operated by electricity or, in the case of horticultural appliances, by electricity or by an internal combustion engine, except—

(a) boiling rings, ovens, ranges and stoves;

(b) space heaters;

(c) appliances for water heating ordinarily installed as fixtures;

(d) light fittings and torches;

(e) telephones of a kind supplied by the Post Office and ancillary equipment of a kind so supplied;

(f) tools of a kind used wholly or mainly for carpentry, metalwork or masonry work;

(g) clocks, watches and timing devices;

(h) mechanical lighters;

(i) hearing aids;

(j) goods suitable for domestic use as, and only as, parts of goods (whether operated by electricity or not) of a kind mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (i);

(k) goods within Group 2 or Group 5.

2. Refrigerators and freezers of a kind suitable for domestic use, not being goods within Item 1.

3. Accessories to goods within Item 1 or Item 2.

4. Accessories to goods excepted from Item 1 by paragraph (f) of that Item, if the accessories are for horticultural use.

5. Goods of a kind suitable for use as parts of goods comprised in Items 1 to 4, except—

(a) nuts, bolts, screws, screw caps, nails, washers, rivets, split pins, press studs, buckles, hose fittings, springs and ball bearings;
(b) hinges, brackets, latches, catches, locks and keys;
(c) electric batteries, fuses, mains plugs, electric filament light bulbs and fluorescent tubes;
(d) wheels (other than steering wheels), castors and tyres and parts of such goods;
(e) goods of a kind used mainly as parts of engines for road vehicles.

6. The installation, alteration, testing, repair or maintenance of, or the provision of similar services in respect of, goods comprised in Items 1 to 5.

7. The supply of goods in connection with a supply of services within Item 6.

Notes:
(1) The goods excepted from Item 1 by paragraph (a) of that Item do not include hotplates or other appliances for keeping food hot.
(2) " Mechanical lighters " has the meaning assigned to it by section 221(4) of the Customs and Excise Act 1952.

GROUP 2—RADIO AND TELEVISION SETS, ETC.

Item No.
1. Goods of a kind suitable for domestic or recreational use which are, or are capable of use as, goods within the following paragraphs—
   (a) television sets;
   (b) radio receivers or transmitters;
   (c) gramophones or tape recorders;
   (d) electronic musical instruments.

2. Microphones, radio-tuners, turntables, amplifiers, loudspeakers and other goods capable of use as components of goods within Item 1, being of a kind suitable for domestic or recreational use.

3. Combinations of goods within Item 2.

4. Accessories to goods comprised in Items 1 to 3.

5. Goods of a kind suitable for use as parts of goods comprised in Items 1 to 4, except goods within the exceptions from Item 5 of Group 1.

6. The installation, alteration, testing, repair or maintenance of, or the provision of similar services in respect of, goods comprised in Items 1 to 5.

7. The supply of goods in connection with a supply of services within Item 6.

Notes:
(1) Items 1 and 2 include goods which can be adapted to produce goods within those Items.
(2) " Television sets " and " radio receivers " include apparatus designed to receive programmes transmitted by wire.
(3) " Gramophones or tape recorders " includes video cassette machines and other equipment for recording or reproducing sound or visual images by means of gramophone records, magnetic tape or similar recording media.
(4) " Electronic musical instruments " means musical instruments which incorporate, or are designed for use with, an amplifier.
(5) Item 3 does not include hearing aids.
(6) " Accessories " includes aerials.
(7) Item 4 does not include—
   (i) gramophone records, magnetic tape or other recording media;
   (ii) goods for cleaning or storing goods within paragraph (i);
   (iii) tape splicers.

GROUP 3—BOATS AND AIRCRAFT

Item No.
1. Boats—
   (a) of a gross tonnage of less than 15 tons; or
   (b) designed for use for recreation or pleasure;
except boats which are of a kind used solely as liferafts and comply with the requirements of the rules for the time being in force under section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 in relation to liferafts.

2. Boats adapted for use for recreation or pleasure.

3. Aircraft—
   (a) of a weight of less than 8,000 kilogrammes; or
   (b) designed or adapted for use for recreation or pleasure.
4. Hovercraft designed or adapted for use for recreation or pleasure.

5. The following accessories to goods within Item 1 or Item 2, namely—
   (a) outboard motors and other engines;
   (b) electricity generators;
   (c) sails;
   (d) compasses, echo sounders, radar sets, logs, wind speed, wind direction and
       boat speed indicators, and other navigational and meteorological instruments
       and recorders;
   (e) automatic pilots and automatic steering gear;
   (f) trailers and trolleys.

6. Goods of a kind suitable for use as parts of goods within Item 1 or Item 2, except
   goods within the exceptions from Item 5 of Group 1.

7. Parts of aircraft which are of a weight of less than 8,000 kilogrammes and of a
   kind used for recreation or pleasure, except parts within the exceptions from Item 5
   of Group 1.

8. The alteration, testing, repair or maintenance of, or the provision of similar
   services in respect of, goods within Item 1, Item 5 or Item 6.

9. The supply of materials or parts in connection with a supply of services within
   Item 8.

10. The classification or surveying of, or the making of arrangements for the supply
    of, goods comprised in Items 1 to 5.

   Notes:
   (1) "Boats" includes ships, inflatable craft and submersibles.
   (2) "Aircraft" includes gliders and balloons.
   (3) "Hovercraft" has the same meaning as in the Hovercraft Act 1968.
   (4) This Group does not include the letting on hire of a boat—
       (a) as holiday accommodation for a period not exceeding 28 consecutive days
           by a person who customarily hires out boats to the public for such purposes;
       or
       (b) for a period of less than a day if the boat is customarily held out for letting
           for such periods;
       or the making of arrangements for any such letting.

GROUP 4—CARAVANS

Item No.

1. Caravans suitable for use as trailers drawn by motor vehicles having an unladen
   weight of less than 2,030 kilogrammes.

2. Caravan units designed to be mounted and carried on, and de-mounted from,
   motor vehicles.

3. Goods of a kind suitable for use as parts of goods within Item 1 or Item 2, except
   goods within the exceptions from Item 5 of Group 1.

4. The alteration, repair or maintenance of, or the provision of similar services in
   respect of, goods comprised in Items 1 to 3.

5. The supply of materials or parts in connection with a supply of services within
   Item 4.

6. The making of arrangements for the supply of goods within Item 1 or Item 2.

   Notes:
   (1) Items 1 and 2 do not include removable contents of a kind not ordinarily
       installed as fixtures.
   (2) This Group does not include the letting on hire of a caravan—
       (a) for use solely on a specified site; or
       (b) as holiday accommodation for a period not exceeding 28 consecutive days
           by a person who customarily hires out caravans to the public for such
           purposes;
       or the making of arrangements for any such letting.

GROUP 5—PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT, BINOCULARS, ETC.

Item No.

1. Goods within the following paragraphs if they are of a kind suitable for domestic
   or recreational use—
   (a) photographic and cinematographic cameras;
   (b) apparatus for developing, printing, reproducing, enlarging, reducing, editing
       or otherwise processing photographic or cinematographic images on film, plates
       or paper;
(c) cinematographic, film strip or slide projectors, slide viewers, epidiascopes, projector screens and other apparatus for viewing photographic or cinematographic images.

2. Binoculars, monoculars, field glasses, opera glasses and terrestrial telescopes.

3. Accessories to goods comprised in Items 1 and 2.

4. Goods of a kind suitable for use as parts of goods comprised in Items 1 to 3, except goods within the exceptions from Item 5 of Group 1.

5. The installation, alteration, testing, repair or maintenance of, or the provision of similar services in respect of, goods comprised in Items 1 to 4.

6. The supply of goods in connection with a supply of services within Item 5.

Notes:

(1) Item 1 includes goods which can be adapted to produce goods within that item.

(2) Items 1 and 3 do not include—
   (a) film, plates and paper;
   (b) chemicals;
   (c) disposable flash bulbs;
   (d) albums, mounts, wallets and other photographic stationery;
   (e) slide boxes and other storage equipment for developed film, plates or prints.

GROUP 6—FURS

Item No.

1. Clothing made wholly or partly of fur skin, except—
   (a) headgear;
   (b) gloves;
   (c) footwear;
   (d) buttons, belts and buckles;
   (e) any garment merely trimmed with fur skin unless the trimming has an area greater than one-fifth of the area of the outside material or, in the case of a new garment, represents a cost to the manufacturer greater than the cost to him of the other components.

2. Rugs made wholly or partly of fur skin.

3. Fur skin, whether or not tanned or dressed.

4. The application to goods comprised in Items 1 to 3 of any process or treatment, except the cleaning of goods comprised in Items 1 and 2.

5. The supply of goods in connection with a supply of services within Item 4.

6. The storage of goods comprised in Items 1 to 3.

Notes:

(1) "Fur skin" means any skin with fur, hair or wool attached except rabbit skin and woolled sheep or lamb skin.

(2) Item 3 does not include goods comprised in Items 1 and 2 or excepted from Item 1 but does include other goods made of fur skin and capable of being made into or incorporated in such goods.

(3) Item 4 includes the repair or alteration of goods comprised in Items 1 to 3.

GROUP 7—JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES, ETC.

Item No.

1. Jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares and similar goods made (in each case) wholly or partly from—
   (a) precious metal;
   (b) precious stones;
   (c) semi-precious stones mounted, set or strung;
   (d) real or cultured pearls.

2. Precious stones, except—
   (a) uncut diamonds;
   (b) diamond powder or dust.

3. Semi-precious stones in the form of gems, jewels or beads.

4. Real or cultured pearls.

5. Jade and articles of jade.
6. The design or valuation of, the application of any process or treatment to, or the provision of similar services in respect of, goods comprised in Items 1 to 5.

7. The supply of goods in connection with a supply of services within Item 6.

Notes:

(1) "Precious metal" means gold, silver, platimun and any alloy containing any of those metals.
(2) "Platinum" includes iridium, osmium, paladium, rhodium and ruthenium.
(3) "Precious stones" means diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds; and "precious stones" and "semi-precious stones" include synthetic stones which are similar to natural stones in respect of their physical properties and chemical composition.
(4) In Item 1 "similar goods" includes—
   (a) articles of personal use of a kind normally carried in the pocket or handbag;
   (b) trophy cups, shields and similar articles of a kind awarded as prizes;
   (c) medals, medallions and the insignia of orders and decorations, and minia-
tures or reproductions of medals, medallions or such insignia.
(5) Goods do not fall within Item 1 by reason only of one or more of the following—
   (a) that they are coated or plated with precious metal;
   (b) in the case of clocks and watches, that they contain precious or semi-
precious stones as part of the movement;
   (c) in the case of fountain pens, that the nib contains precious metal.
(6) Item 1 does not include goods of a kind suitable for use—
   (a) in churches, chapels or other buildings used mainly as places of meeting
for religious worship; or
   (b) by ministers of religion.
(7) Item 6 does not include the cleaning, repair or maintenance of the movements
of clocks or watches.

GROUP 8—PETROL, ETC.

Item No.

1. Light oil, except where it is in containers not exceeding 20 fluid ounces and is intended for sale in those containers solely as fuel for mechanical lighters.

2. Petrol Substitute.

3. Power Methylated spirits.

Notes:

(1) "Light oil", "petrol substitute" and "power methylated spirits" have the same meanings as in the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs & Excise) Act 1971.
(2) "Mechanical lighters" has the meaning assigned to it by section 221(4) of the Customs and Excise Act 1952—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 270.

So the Question was agreed to.

17. Value added tax (conversion of goods)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to value added tax may be imposed or increased and other provision made in respect of certain cases where a person applies a treatment or process to another person's goods—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

18. Value added tax (time of supply)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the provisions set out below shall have effect;

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

(1) For section 7(6) of the Finance Act 1972 (Commissioners' power to extend period within which issue of tax invoice by supplier fixes time of supply) there shall be substituted—
"(6) The Commissioners may, at the request of a taxable person, by direction alter the time at which supplies made by him (or such supplies made by him as may be specified in the direction) are to be treated as taking place, either—

(a) by directing those supplies to be treated as taking place at times or on dates when some event described in the direction takes place or would in the ordinary course of events take place (being times or dates earlier than would otherwise apply); or

(b) by directing that subsection (5) of this section shall apply in relation to those supplies as if for the period of fourteen days there were substituted such longer period as may be specified in the direction; or

(c) by directing that where, in respect of any of those supplies, a tax invoice is issued by him within the period of fourteen days mentioned in subsection (5) of this section or such longer period as may be substituted therefor in his case by a direction under the preceding paragraph, the supply shall be treated as taking place at the end of the working period (as defined in his case in and for the purposes of the direction) in which, apart from subsection (4) and (5) of this section and any direction under this subsection, it would have been treated as taking place under subsection (2) or (3) of this section.

A direction under this subsection shall have effect notwithstanding anything in, or in any regulations made under, the provisions of this section."

(2) Any direction in force under the said section 7(6) immediately before the date on which this Resolution is passed shall have effect on and after that date as if given under paragraph (b) of that subsection as substituted by paragraph (1) of this Resolution; and where there were in force immediately before that date arrangements between the Commissioners of Customs and Excise and any taxable person for supplies made by him (or such supplies made by him as were specified in the arrangements) to be treated as taking place at times or dates which, had paragraph (1) of this Resolution been in force when the arrangements were made, could have been provided for by a direction or directions under section 7(6) as so substituted, he shall be treated for the purposes of the said section 7(6) as having requested the Commissioners to give a direction or directions thereunder to the like effect, and the Commissioners may give a direction or directions (or a general direction applying to cases of any class or description specified in the direction) accordingly.

(3) Where a taxable person provides a document to himself which purports to be a tax invoice in respect of a supply of goods or services to him by another taxable person and is in accordance with regulations under section 30 of the Finance Act 1972 treated as the tax invoice required by the regulations to be provided by the supplier, section 7(5) and (6)(b) and (c) of the Finance Act 1972 (under which the time of supply depends on the issue of a tax invoice by the supplier) shall have effect in relation to that supply as if the provision of the document to himself by the first-mentioned taxable person were the issue by the supplier of a tax invoice in respect of the supply and as if any notice of election given or request made by the first-mentioned taxable person for the purposes of these provisions had been given or made by the supplier.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

19. Value added tax (power to alter rates)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That section 9(3) of the Finance Act 1972 (which enables the Treasury to alter the rates of value added tax by not more than 20 per cent. thereof) may be amended by substituting “25” for “20”.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

20. Car tax (caravans)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, from the beginning of May 1975, Part II of the Finance Act 1972 shall have effect as if in section 52(4) (vehicles excluded from charge to car tax) the word “caravans” were omitted from paragraph (c), and (a) at the end of paragraph (b) (heavy vehicles) there were added the words “other than caravans”, and

(b) at the end of paragraph (e) (special purpose vehicles) there were added the words “but excluding caravans”;

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

21. Car tax (conversions and adaptations)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for imposing charges to car tax where vehicles are converted or adapted—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.
22. Vehicles excise duty

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 and the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 shall have effect with the amendments set out below:

But this Resolution shall not authorise the making of amendments that would result in different provisions being in force in different parts of Great Britain;

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

(1) In the said Acts of 1971 and 1972—
(a) for the provisions of Part II of Schedules 1 to 5 (annual rates of duty) there shall be substituted the provisions set out below;
(b) in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 1 (annual rates of duty for certain vehicles not exceeding 8 cwt.) for the words “ 8 hundredweight ” there shall be substituted the words “ 8½ hundredweight ”;
(c) in section 16 (trade licences) for “ £15 ” and “ £2.50 ” there shall be substituted respectively “ £20 ” and “ £3.35 ”.

(2) No duty shall be chargeable under the said Act of 1971 in respect of trams used for the conveyance of passengers and accordingly there shall be omitted—
(a) in section 4(1)(e) of that Act the words “ not being trams used for the conveyance of passengers ”;
(b) in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 2 to that Act the words “ of any description ” and “ in relation to carriages of that description ”.

(3) Paragraph (1) above has effect in relation to licences taken out after 15th April 1975 and paragraph (2) above has effect as from 16th April 1975.

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RATES OF DUTY ON GOODS VEHICLES USED FOR DRAWING TRAILERS

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<td>14 tons 3 tons</td>
<td>18.65 32.00</td>
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<td>3. Other goods vehicles ... ... ... ... ...</td>
<td>23.35 21 tons 4 tons</td>
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**PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 4 TO ACT OF 1972**

**TABLES SHOWING ANNUAL RATES OF DUTY ON GOODS VEHICLES**

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<td>23.35</td>
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<td>3. Goods vehicles not included in any of the foregoing provisions of this Part.</td>
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PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 5 TO ACT OF 1971

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PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 5 TO ACT OF 1972

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| 2. Not electrically propelled—  
(a) if first registered under the Roads Act 1920 before 1st January 1947, or which, if its first registration for taxation purposes had been effected in Northern Ireland, would have been so first registered as aforementioned under that Act as in force in Northern Ireland—  
(i) not exceeding 6 horse-power                                                                  | 24.00       |
(ii) exceeding 6 horse-power but not exceeding 9 horse-power—for each unit or part of a unit of horse-power | 4.00        |
(b) other vehicles                                                                                 | 40.00       |

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Fred Silvester: 267.

So the Question was agreed to.

23. Income tax (charge and rates for 1975-76)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That income tax for the year 1975-76 shall be charged at the basic rate of 35 per cent., and—  
(a) in respect of so much of an individual's total income as exceeds £4,500 at such higher rates as are specified in the Table below; and  
(b) in respect of so much of the investment income included in an individual's total income as exceeds £1,000 at the additional rates of 10 per cent. for the first £1,000 of the excess and 15 per cent. for the remainder;  
except that, in the case of an individual who shows that, at any time within that year, his age or that of his wife living with him was 65 years or more, income tax at the additional rate of 10 per cent. shall not be charged in respect of the first £500 of the excess mentioned in paragraph (b) above.

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<td>The next £5,000</td>
<td>75 per cent.</td>
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<td>The remainder</td>
<td>83 per cent.</td>
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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

24. Income tax (personal reliefs)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—  
(1) section 7 of the Taxes Act (persons over 65 with small incomes) shall cease to have effect and—  
(a) the following shall be inserted after subsection (1) of section 8 of that Act—  
"(1A) Subject to subsection (1B) below, subsection (1) above shall have effect—  
(a) in relation to a claim by a person who proves that he or his wife was at any time within the year of assessment of the age of sixty-five or upwards, as if the sum specified in paragraph (a) were £1,425; and
(b) in relation to a claim by a person who proves that he was at any time within the year of assessment of the age of sixty-five or upwards, as if the sum specified in paragraph (b) were £950.

(1B) Where the claimant's total income for the year of assessment exceeds £3,000, subsection (1A) above shall not apply except in a case where the deduction to be allowed under subsection (1) above will be increased by virtue of this subsection; and in such a case shall apply as if the sums mentioned in it were reduced by two-thirds of the excess of that total income over £3,000."; and

(b) for the references to section 7 of that Act in section 34(3) of, and paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 4 to, the Finance Act 1971 there shall be substituted references to section 8(1B) and section 8(1A) respectively;

(2) in section 8 of the Taxes Act (married and single relief)—
(a) in subsection (1)(a) (married) for £865 there shall be substituted £955;
(b) in subsection (1)(b) (single) for £625 there shall be substituted £675; and
(c) in subsection (2) (wife's earned income) for £625 there shall be substituted £675;

(3) in section 14 of the Taxes Act (additional relief for widows and others in respect of children) for the references to £180 there shall be substituted references to £280; and

(4) in section 18 of the Taxes Act (relief for blind persons)—
(a) for any reference to £100 or £130 there shall be substituted a reference to £180; and
(b) for any reference to £200 or £260 there shall be substituted a reference to £360;

but nothing in paragraph (2) or (3) of this Resolution shall require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 204 of the Taxes Act (pay as you earn) before 15th June 1975.

In this Resolution "the Taxes Act" means the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970;

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

25. Workers supplied by agencies (income tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to income tax (including charges for past years of assessment) may be imposed in connection with provisions about the treatment for income tax purposes of workers who are, or enter into arrangements to be, supplied by or through agencies—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

26. Stock dividends (income tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to income tax may be imposed in connection with the issue on or after 6th April 1975 by any company, in respect of any shares in the company, of additional or bonus share capital whether in consequence of the exercise or otherwise of an option to receive in respect of those shares either a dividend in cash or additional share capital or in other circumstances—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

27. Life policies, life annuities and capital redemption policies

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for restricting the relief given by paragraph 19 of Schedule 2 to the Finance Act 1975—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

28. Advance corporation tax (rate for financial year 1975)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the rate of advance corporation tax for the financial year 1975 shall be thirty-five sixty-fifths—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

29. Corporation tax (charge and rate for financial year 1974)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 1974 at the rate of 52 per cent.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.
30. Corporation tax (small companies)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—
(a) the small companies rate for the financial year 1974 shall be 42 per cent.; and
(b) the fraction by which corporation tax charged on income is reduced under section 95(2) of the Finance Act 1972 shall for the financial year 1974 be one-sixth—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

31. Corporation tax (authorised unit trusts and investment trusts)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the fraction by which, under section 93(2) of the Finance Act 1972, chargeable gains are to be reduced before they are for the purposes of the corporation tax included in the profits of an authorised unit trust or investment trust shall as from 1st April 1974 be seventy-one one hundred-and-fourths—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

32. Oil companies—carrying forward of losses

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That relief from corporation tax by setting off losses against trading income of subsequent accounting periods may be restricted in the case of losses made by certain companies before 1st January 1973—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

33. Insurance companies (corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, in connection with certain amendments of the law made by the Insurance Companies Amendment Act 1973, charges to corporation tax (including charges for past accounting periods) may be imposed by provisions about the effect, for corporation tax purposes, of the identification of assets of an insurance company as attributable to the company's long-term business, or of their exchange for other assets of the company so as to become or cease to be part of the assets representing the fund or funds maintained by the company in respect of that business—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

34. Securities bought with borrowed money (corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to corporation tax may be imposed by provisions amending section 76 of the Finance Act 1972—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

35. Identification of shares and securities disposed of by companies (corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to corporation tax on chargeable gains and development gains may be imposed by provisions for identifying shares and securities disposed of by companies within a prescribed period before or after the acquisition of shares or securities of the same kind—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

36. Capital gains tax (unit trusts and funds in court)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the rate of capital gains tax provided for by section 113 of the Finance Act 1972 shall be increased to 17½ per cent.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

37. Relief for interest (limit for 1975-76)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the limit imposed by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1974 shall, subject to any reduction to be made under that paragraph, be £25,000 for the year 1975-76—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

38. Interest on unpaid tax

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That it is expedient to authorise any increases in the interest payable on unpaid tax which may result from provisions altering the circumstances in or by reference to which such interest falls to be paid—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.
39. Disposal of rights of insured under insurance policy (income tax, corporation tax and capital gains tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to income tax, corporation tax and capital gains tax may be imposed by provisions amending paragraph 10 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1965 in relation to disposals made after 19th December 1974—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

40. Agricultural property (capital gains tax and corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to capital gains tax, and to corporation tax on capital gains, may be imposed by provisions relating to disposals after 26th March 1974 of agricultural property and shares in and debentures of companies owning such property—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

41. Sale at a loss of certain gilt-edged securities (capital gains tax and corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to capital gains tax, and to corporation tax on chargeable gains, may be imposed by provisions extending paragraph 9 of Schedule 10 to the Finance Act 1971—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

42. Historic buildings, etc. (capital gains tax, corporation tax and income tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to capital gains tax, and to corporation tax and income tax on capital gains and development gains, may be imposed by provisions relating to disposals after 12th March 1975 of buildings of historic or architectural interest and other property within section 34 of the Finance Act 1975—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

43. Stamp duties (statutory effect of resolutions)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for extending to Northern Ireland the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973 giving temporary statutory effect to resolutions of this House relating to stamp duties—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

44. Relief from tax (incidental and consequential charges)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That it is expedient to authorise any incidental or consequential charges to any duty or tax (including charges having retrospective effect) which may arise from provisions designed in general to afford relief from taxation—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Procedure (Future Taxation), A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to matters which may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain the following provisions taking effect in a future year:

(a) provisions for requiring sums on account of income tax and certain social security contributions, or corporation tax, to be deducted from payments of any description made by way of remuneration for labour used or to be used in construction operations;

(b) provisions about the treatment for income tax purposes of workers who are, or enter into arrangements to be, supplied by or through agencies;

(c) provisions about income tax in respect of benefits in kind in the form of insurance against the cost of medical treatment or vouchers exchangeable for money, goods or services, where provided in connection with employment or the holding of certain offices—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Harold Lever, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Dr. John Gilbert, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, do prepare and bring it in.
Finance (No. 2) Bill.—Dr. John Gilbert accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 141].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill, the House of Commons Disqualification Bill [Lords], the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Bill [Lords], the Ministers of the Crown Bill [Lords] and the Ministerial and other Salaries Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Robert Mellish.)

Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill.

Lord Amendments No. 1 to 5 were agreed to.

Lord Amendments No. 6, in page 5, line 44, at end, insert new Clause B, was amended in line 4, by leaving out from the word “agreement” to the word “was” in line 7 and inserting the words “, the total of the rent payable under a regulated tenancy in a relevant period shall not, by virtue of a notice of increase or rent agreement taking effect at or after the commencement of this Act, be increased by more than £78 above the rent which would be payable in a period of twelve months at the rate at which it ”—instead thereof; in line 8, at the end by inserting the words “; and sections 6 and 7 of this Act shall have effect accordingly in relation to the rent payable for any rental period beginning at or after such commencement”; in line 11, by leaving out the words “on or ”; and by leaving out lines 42 and 43 and inserting the words “(7) The provisions of section 6(2), (3) and (5) and section 7(4) and (9) of this Act and of paragraphs 9 and 10 of Schedule 2 thereto shall apply for the purposes of this section as they apply for the purposes of those sections “.—instead thereof, and, as so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 and 8 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 9 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments No. 10 to 12 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 13, in page 9, line 10, at beginning insert “With the exception of this section, and section 11 of this Act so far as relating to paragraph 13 of Schedule 2A to this Act (which extend also to England and Wales),”

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Bruce Millan): And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 22nd April, 1975:

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

Lords Amendments Nos. 14 to 17 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 18, in page 19, line 4, at end, insert new Schedule 2A, was amended, in line 768, at the end, by inserting the words ”(in substitution for the words originally added by section 116 to this Act)” and, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 19 to 21 were agreed to.

House of Commons Disqualification Bill [Lords].—The House of Commons Disqualification Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 11 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Offices disqualifying for membership).

An Amendment (No. 1) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 (Repeals).

An Amendment (No. 2) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Hamilton reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

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, with Amendments.

Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Bill [Lords].—The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.---(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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 6 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Offices disqualifying for membership).

An Amendment (No. 1) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 (Repeals).

An Amendment (No. 2) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. Donald Coleman 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.

Ministers of the Crown Bill [Lords].—The Ministers of the Crown Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 9 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donald Coleman 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.
Ministerial and other Salaries Bill [Lords].—The Ministerial and other Salaries Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 5 agreed to.
Schedules No. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donald Coleman 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. Donald Coleman.)

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

(Appended at 1.6 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 21st April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:
Pensions,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Superannuation (Listed Employments and Offices) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 599) [by Act].

Dr. John Gilbert:
Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 602), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 601)
[by Act].
Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Open cast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 603) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Betting and Gaming,—Copies of Orders, dated 11th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Amusement with Prizes (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 607), and
(2) the Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits and Fees) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 608)
[by Act].
Betting and Gaming,—Copy of Regulations, date 11th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Gaming Act (Registration under Part II) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 603), and
(2) the Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 604)
[by Act].
Licences and Licensing,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th April 1975, entitled the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Variation of Fees) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 605) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Local Financial Returns for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1973 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Shore:
Companies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th April 1975, entitled the Companies (Unregistered Companies) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 597) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 594) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Rules, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 595) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosthwaite:

Transport,—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to a part-time member of the National Bus Company [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Shipbuilding Industry (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure)—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and 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 Delyn, Clwyd, Compulsory Rights Order 1975 [by Act].

[No. 109.]

Tuesday, 22nd April, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

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:

British Railways (No. 2) Bill.

Bill committed.

Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords].—The Queen's Road Brighton Burial Ground Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Limited Bill [Lords].—The Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Limited Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—Ordered, that the Greater London Council (Money) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 part
of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 22nd April: And the Report was
brought up and read (Seventeenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxvi].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxvii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee
on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Seventeenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xvii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xvii].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Sixteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xix].

Local Government (Enabling),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That
leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the powers of local authorities in relation to
commercial and trading activities—(Mr. Ivor Clemitson);

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. George Rodgers, Mr. Terry Walker: 187.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend: 124.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. John
Ovenden, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Cartwright,
and Mr. Jim Marshall, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Local Government (Enabling) Bill,—Mr. Ivor Clemitson accordingly presented a Bill to extend
the powers of local authorities in relation to commercial and trading activities: And the
same was read the first time; and

ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July
and to be printed [Bill 143].

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Holding of referendum).

Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 1, line 11, at the beginning, to insert the words
‘Subject to subsection (4A) of this section.’—(Mr. W. T. Rodgers.)

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

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now
put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment (No. 101) proposed, in page 1, line 11, at the beginning, to insert the
words ‘Subject to subsection (4AA) of this section.’—(Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—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. J. D. Dormand 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 Referendum Bill may be proceeded with at this
day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)
Refereendum Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Referendum Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Holding of referendum).

Question put, That the Amendment (No. 101) be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. G. R. Strauss: 211.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 251.

Another Amendment (No. 104) proposed, in page 1, line 11, at the beginning to insert the words " Subject to subsection (4B) of this section ".—(Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. Michael Marshall: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. James Hamilton: 250.

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 and 29) made.

Another Amendment (No. 31) proposed, in page 2, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4A) An Order in Council under this section may make or enable the Secretary of State to make special provision with respect to persons, or any description of persons, who are members of the Forces (as defined in section 46 of the Representation of the People Act 1949) or spouses of such members, and may do so differently with respect to different cases; and any provision so made—

(a) may permit persons to whom it applies to vote in the referendum notwithstanding that they are not duly registered under the Representation of the People Acts, and, if they have or have had an address in the United Kingdom, notwithstanding that the conditions of those Acts as to residence are not satisfied; and

(b) may enable persons to whom it applies to vote at a date earlier than that appointed under subsection (4)(a) of this section and may also enable them to vote at a polling station set up in accordance with that provision or by post ".—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment ( (b) ) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 3, to leave out the words " (as defined in Section 46 of the Representation of the People Act 1949) ".—(Mr. Ian Percival.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. William Benyon: 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 248.

Another Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 4, after the word " spouses ", to insert the words " and any adult dependant having a right of abode in the United Kingdom as defined in the Immigration Act 1971 ".—(Mr. Philip Goodhart.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis: 248.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 31) be made, put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 33 and 35) made.

Question proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Ivan Lawrence: 3.

Question put pursuant to S.O. No. 30 (Closure of Debate).
Question, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill, put accordingly and agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Laurie Pavitt reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the Committee.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.5 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 22nd April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 21st April 1975, entitled the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1975 [by Act].

Dr. John Gilbert:

Edinburgh New Town,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 22nd April 1975, relative to the handing over of items of architectural and historical interest free of charge to the Edinburgh New Town Conservation Committee [by Command].

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Northern Ireland Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Immigration,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1975, entitled the Immigration (Exemption from Control) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 617) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 35, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 16th September 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of The Gambia on the supply of husked rice as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 56, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Lima on 14th and 15th November 1974, concerning a development loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Peru (United Kingdom-Peru No. 1 Loan Agreement, 1974) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 58, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at The Hague on 19th December 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, extending to Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man the Convention of 17th November 1967 providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil matters [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 59, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Amman on 13th and 15th September 1971, concerning an interest-free development loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 60, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Tel Aviv and Jerusalem on 22nd November 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Israel, concerning the extension to Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man of the Convention providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil matters, signed at London on 28th October 1970 (with Notification of Extension) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Charities,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th April 1975, entitled the Local Government (House to House Collections) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 619) [by Act].
Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th April 1975, entitled the Teachers (Colleges of Education) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 640) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Local Government (Travelling Allowances, etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 628) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:

National Gallery and Tate Gallery.—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Gallery (Lending Outside the United Kingdom) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st March 1975, entitled the Mersey Docks and Harbour (Police) Order 1975, 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 Rees:

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th April 1975, entitled the Local Government (General Grant) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 88) [by Act].

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. John Wells an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Social Security Pensions Bill.

[No. 110.]

Wednesday, 23rd April, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

British Leyland.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the abridged version of the Report to the Secretary of State for Industry of the Committee of Inquiry on British Leyland.—(Mr. Secretary Benn.)

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

United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords].—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto. Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 23rd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-xiii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr 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 A, and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries in the last Parliament and referred to the Committee on 15th 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. 345].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 345].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 345].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, that they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B, and part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries in the last Parliament and referred to the Committee on 15th November, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 346].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 346].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 346].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer 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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 155-xiv].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 23rd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 260-iv].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 23rd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-xi].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, that the draft Recreation (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, that the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Indonesia) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, that the Input Tax (Exceptions) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 624) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Police (Amendment).—Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for remedies and complaints against the police: And that Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Tom Litterick, and Mrs. Audrey Wise, do prepare and bring it in.

Police (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for remedies and complaints against the police: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th May and to be printed [Bill 144].

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Conduct of referendum).

Amendment (No. 36) proposed, in page 2, line 13, to leave out subsections (1) and (2) and insert the words—

"(1) The following powers, duties and functions shall be exercised by every person who in a parliamentary election would be a returning officer, namely—

(a) all those powers, duties and functions which would be exercised by a returning officer in a parliamentary election in order to record and count the votes cast in his constituency;"
(b) the duty to record and count the votes cast in his constituency and publicly to announce for his constituency the number of ballot papers counted and the number of respective answers given by valid votes;

(c) the duty to inform a person (in this Act referred to as the Counting Officer) nominated by the Secretary of State, of the number of ballot papers counted within his constituency and the number of respective answers given by valid votes within his constituency.

(2) The national counting of votes at the referendum shall be conducted by the Counting Officer, who shall certify—

(a) the number of ballot papers counted nationally;

(b) the number of respective answers given nationally by valid votes.”—(Mr. David Steel.)

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

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Peter Emery: 156.

Question put accordingly, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Cyril Smith: 131.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Miss Margaret Jackson: 264.

Amendments (Nos. 37, 38 and 113) made.

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed, in page 2, line 38, at the end, to insert the words “ and shall also certify for each total what number represents voting in accordance with any special provision made in pursuance of section 1(4A) of this Act and what numbers of the remainder represent respectively voting in each of the following areas, that is to say—

(i) in England and Wales, Greater London, each county and the Isles of Scilly;

(ii) in Scotland, each region and each islands area; and

(iii) in Northern Ireland ”.—(Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 8, at the end, to add the words “ each parliamentary constituency ”.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Question put, That the Amendment (No. 49) be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Robin F. Cook: 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Miss Margaret Jackson: 153.

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed, in page 2, line 42, at the end to insert the words—

“ (5) The Secretary of State shall arrange for the simultaneous announcement of the result of the referendum in both Houses of Parliament on the day after the counting of votes has been completed ”.—(Mr. Hugh Dykes.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Grants towards cost of campaign).

Amendment (No. 56) proposed in page 3, line 6, to leave out “ £125,000 ” and insert “ £500,000 ”.—(Mr. Norman Buchan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—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 Miss Betty Boothroyd 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 Referendum Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)
Referendum Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Referendum Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Grants towards cost of campaign).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 56) be made:—Debate arising;

Mr. W. W. Hamilton rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Roy Hughes: 60.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 195.

Another Amendment (No. 57) proposed, in page 3, line 6, to leave out “ £125,000 ” and insert “ £250,000 ”.—(Mr. Alan Lee Williams.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, Mr. Bob Cryer: 81.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. John Ellis: 161.

Another Amendment (No. 127) proposed, in page 3, line 8, at the end, to insert the words “ no other organisation specifically concerned with providing information about the EEC shall be supported by moneys provided by Parliament ”.—(Mr. Doug Hoyle.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Ron Thomas: 63.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. James Hamilton: 164.

Another Amendment (No. 66) proposed, in page 3, line 16, at the end, to add the words—

“(3) The Lord President of the Council may, with the consent of the Treasury, make to each political party as defined in subsection (4) hereof a grant sufficient to meet the costs of printing, publishing and posting to each qualifying voter in England or in Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland, where such party in the General Election of October 1974 polled more than five per cent. of the votes validly cast, a statement of not more than 1,000 words explaining that party’s views on the question to be asked in the referendum.

(4) For the purposes of this Act a political party is any party which in England, or in Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland polled a total of more than five per cent. of the votes validly cast in the General Election of October 1974.”.—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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Question put and negatived.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Nick Budgen: 9.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. John Peyton):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause No. 4 (Exclusion of legal proceedings).

An Amendment (No. 69) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 and 6 agreed to.

A Clause (Adjournment of Parliament)—(Mr. David Steel)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Entitlement to campaign activity expenditure)—(Mr. John Ovenden)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Official information for electors)—(Sir Michael Havers)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 8.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. John Ellis: 152.

Another Clause (Advertisements)—(Mr. Michael English)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Schedule (Form of Ballot Paper).

Amendment (No. 115) proposed, in page 4, line 4, at the end, to insert the word "Economic".—(Mr. Philip Goodhart.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. D. Dormand reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered this day; and be printed [Bill 145].

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes to Four o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.32 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 23rd April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Ancient Monuments,—Copy of the Thirty-second Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of England, relating to archaeological sites in North-East Northamptonshire [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 10th April 1975, entitled the City of Glasgow District Council (Modification of Local Act Provisions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 618), and
(2) dated 14th April 1975, entitled the Local Authorities etc. (Miscellaneous Provision) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 629)
[by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Rules, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Local Government (Rate Product) (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 631) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Police Federation (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 630) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Manpower Services Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Manpower Services Commission for the period 1st January 1974 to 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

British Leyland,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day of the abridged version of the Report to the Secretary of State for Industry of the Committee of Inquiry on British Leyland; to be printed [No. 342].
Post Office,—Statement of the appointment of, and salary payable to—
(1) a Deputy Chairman,
(2) a full-time member, and
(3) four part-time members of the Post Office
[by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 16th April 1975, entitled the Crown Office (Commissions of the Peace and Royal Proclamations) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 622) [by Act].


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

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 634),
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, and
(3) the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975
[by Act].


Distribution of German Enemy Property,—Copy of the Account of the sums received and paid by the Administrator of German Enemy Property for the two years ended 31st March 1974, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 347].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Joan Evans, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. David Howell, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Evan Luard, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. John Roper, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, and Sir George Young.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Recreation (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. David James, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Norman Mscampbell, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Wm Ross, and Mr. Peter Snape.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Input Tax (Exceptions) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 624) and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Indonesia) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Atitken, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. John Purdoe, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. Ian Stewart, and Mr. Peter Tapsell.

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Wednesday 23rd April 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Recreation (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments and the Input Tax (Exceptions) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 624) and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Indonesia) Order 1975 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Sir Stephen McKelhen Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Recreation (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Indonesia) Order 1975 and the Input Tax (Exceptions) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 624).
THURSDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next at Seven o'clock.

Standing Orders (Private Business),—Ordered, That the Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Private Business hereinafter stated in the Schedule be made.

SCHEDULE

Standing Order 4A, line 4, after “Edinburgh”, insert “and, if it affects Northern Ireland, at an office in Belfast.”

Standing Order 27, line 40, after “mile”, insert “or of 1/50,000”.

Standing Order 39, leave out lines 5 to 14 and insert

“(1) Of every bill, three at the Department of the Environment and at the Home Office, two at the Department of Health and Social Security and the Department of Trade and one at the Treasury, the Department of Industry, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Civil Service Department, the Ministry of Defence, the Department of Employment, the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, the Department of Energy, the Office of the Crown Estate Commissioners and the Office of the Duchy of Lancaster”;

Standing Order 39, line 41, at end insert “(9A) of every Bill extending to Northern Ireland at the Northern Ireland Office in Great George Street”;

Standing Order 220, line 33, after “Treasury” insert “and at the Department of the Environment”.

Appendix A, line 20, leave out “clerks” and insert “Officers”.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 219-viii].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Winter Keep (Scotland) Scheme 1975, referred to a Committee on 14th April 1975.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 351].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to some of the Lords Amendments to the Housing Rents and Subsidies (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

Local Government (Scotland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Scotland) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 146].

Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 16th May.

Referendum Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Referendum Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Validity of the total vote)—(Mr. Peter Emery),—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.
Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"(c) British passport holders having the right of abode in the United Kingdom who—
(i) are resident in a country outside the United Kingdom, but are employed by
the Government of the United Kingdom or by an international organisation of
which the United Kingdom is a member;
(ii) are at the dates of the referendum of the age of 18 years or over; and
(iii) are not entitled to vote in the referendum under paragraph (a) or paragraph
(b) of this subsection".—(Sir Michael Havers.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Tim Renton: 142.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart: 231.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 11, after the word "members", to insert the words "or civilians who are holders of a British passport and attached to units serving overseas".—(Mr. Peter Emery.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 18, at the end, to insert the words "and the Counting Officer shall arrange for the counting of votes cast in each of the areas referred to in subsection (4) below to be held in such local place or places as he may think fit with respect to that area".—(Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar.)

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

Another Amendment proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) (a) The breach of any of the conditions specified by the Lord President under Clause 3(2) of this Act shall be deemed to be an offence.
(b) Any person or organisation shall be liable on conviction for an offence committed under this Act to a fine not exceeding £10,000.
(c) No prosecution may be brought under this Act without the consent of the Attorney-General".—(Mr. Peter Emery.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, to leave out line 3 and insert the words, "The United Kingdom is at present a member of the European Community in accordance with treaties ratified by Parliament, which has now approved the results of the Government's renegotiation".—(Mr. Maurice Macmillan),—instead thereof.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James A. Dunn: 180.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Tim Renton: 41.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.36 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 24th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Treaty Series (No. 60, 1974),—Copy of the Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 1974 [by Command].

European Communities (No. 33, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 16th September 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Indonesia on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].
European Communities (No. 34, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th September 1974, between the European Economic Community and Malta on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 61, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Geneva on 13th and 21st December 1971, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organisation, concerning exemption from taxation to be accorded to officials of the Commission in regard to their salaries and emoluments [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Ross:

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, and
(2) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th April 1975, entitled the Rating (Exemption from Lands Valuation Expenditure) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 660) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th April 1975, entitled the Rating (Timetable and Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 661) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Salmon and Migratory Trout (Prohibition of Fishing) Amendment Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th February 1974, entitled the Clowne Rural (Recreation Ground, Creswell No. 2) Compulsory Purchase Order 1974, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Merchandise Marks,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th April 1975, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 635) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 14th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 641), and
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 642) [by Act].

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

Radiological Protection,—Statement of Account of the National Radiological Protection Board for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 330].

[No. 112.]

Friday, 25th April, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Highlands and Islands Development Board Area Extension Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Bill (changed from Litigants in Person (Costs) Bill),—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, to leave out the words "subject to rules of court".—(Mr. John Golding.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 3 and 6) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Education (Parents' Charter) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Parents' Charter) Bill;

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

Mr. William Shelton 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 it being Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Abolition of Cohabitation Rule Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Cohabitation Rule Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th May.

Conveyances (Homes for the People) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conveyances (Homes for the People) Bill;

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

Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill;

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

Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th May.

Town and Country Planning (Enforcement Orders) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement Orders) Bill;

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

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill;

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

Hearing Aid Council (Extension) Bill,—The Hearing Aid Council (Extension) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee upon Friday next.

Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Winter Keep (Scotland) Scheme 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th April, be approved—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt)—It was agreed to.

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

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 April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Betting and Gaming.—Copies of Orders, dated 14th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Amusements with Prizes (Variation of Monetary Limits) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 672), and
(2) the Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits and Fees) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 664)

Betting and Gaming.—Copies of Regulations, dated 14th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Gaming Act (Registration under Part II) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 665), and
(2) the Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 671)

Licences and Licensing.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1975, entitled the Betting Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 666) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 15th April 1975, entitled the Local Government (Transfer of Social Work Cases) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 651) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 662),
(2) the Domestic Water Rate Product (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 650),
(3) the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 663),
(4) the Local Government (Rate Product) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 652), and
(5) the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 653) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th April 1975, entitled the Salmon and Migratory Trout (Restrictions on Landing) Amendment Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 639) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th April 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Air Transport and Travel) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 645) [by Act].

Wages Councils.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th April 1975, entitled the Keg and Drum Wages Council (Great Britain) (Abolition) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 646) [by Act].

Wages Councils.—Copy of a Report by the Commission on Industrial Relations concerning the Keg and Drum Wages Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Public Health.—Copies of Orders, dated 17th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the London Borough of Bexley) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 648), and
(2) the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 647) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, on 5th February 1975, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th April 1975, entitled the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 654) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords].—Report of the Attorney General on the Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Michael Jopling (nominated in respect of the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Esmond Bulmer.
Monday, 28th April, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 28th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-iii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 28th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 139-xii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 3534].

Violence in Marriage,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 28th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-vii].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Prices Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the House of Commons Disqualification Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Prices Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Prices Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 148].

Child Benefit Bill,—Mrs. Secretary Castle, supported by Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Brian O'Malley, and Mr. Alec Jones, presented a Bill to replace family allowances with a new benefit to be known as child benefit and, pending the introduction of that benefit, to provide an interim benefit for unmarried or separated parents with children; to repeal paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966; 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 147].

Welsh Development Agency Bill,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Welsh Development Agency Bill be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee (Mr. Secretary John Morris);

And not less than Twenty Members having risen in their places and signified their objection thereto, Mr. Speaker declared that the Noes had it, pursuant to Standing Order No. 72 (Welsh Grand Committee).

Employment Protection Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Protection 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, whilst recognising that parts of the Employment Protection Bill give legislative effect to good industrial practice, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which makes no attempt to establish a fair balance between the rights of management and unions, adds a heavy burden of cost without proper consideration of how it should be shared by employer, employee and State, and takes no account of the particular problems of small businesses"—(Mr. James Prior), instead thereof.
The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. John Ellis: 270.

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).

Employment Protection [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Employment Protection [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish machinery for promoting the improvement of industrial relations and to amend the law relating to workers' rights and otherwise to amend the law relating to workers, employers, trade unions and employers' associations, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) all expenses incurred by the Secretary of State or any other Minister of the Crown or any government department in consequence of the provisions of the new Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to the provisions of the new Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other enactment;

(2) any increase in the sums to be paid into or out of the National Loans Fund in consequence of any provision of the new Act increasing to £40 million the limit imposed by section 35 of the Redundancy Payments Act 1965 on the aggregate amount outstanding of advances from that fund to the Redundancy Fund;

(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund out of the Redundancy Fund of sums equal to the amount of—

(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in exercising his functions under the provisions of the new Act in relation to payments to employees or occupational pension schemes on the insolvency of an employer;

(b) any increase attributable to the provisions of the new Act in the sums falling to be so paid under section 55(5) of the Redundancy Act 1965;

(4) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of the new Act.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Agriculture.—Resolved, That the Beef Premiums (Protection of Payments) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th March, be approved.—(Mr. E. S. Bishop.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from London and other places, for freedom for individuals and defined groups to inspect written or other recorded information concerning them kept by any official body, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Tuesday, 29th April, 1975:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Monday 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 six minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.6 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 28th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th April 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax ("Do-It-Yourself" Builders) (Relief) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 649) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Civil Defence,—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Civil Defence (General) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975, and
(2) the Civil Defence (Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th April 1975, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 638) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Pensions,—Copy of the Report of the Occupational Pensions Board, pursuant to Section 66 of the Social Security Act 1973, on solvency, disclosure of information and member participation in occupational pension schemes, Volume 2 (written evidence submitted to the Board) [by Command].

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to Workplace and Transport to Work Tables, Part I (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Statements by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales concerning the separation of younger from older patients in hospitals [by Act]; to be printed [No. 316].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972 relating to gas [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Transport,—Statement of the appointment of, and salary payable to, a member of the British Railways Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Lands Tribunal,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th April 1975, entitled the Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 117) [by Act].


Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th April 1975, entitled the Measurements of Cereals for Import and Export Purposes Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 655) [by Act].

Tuesday, 29th April, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords],—The Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered 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. Bob Cryer reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 (Eighteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxviii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Eighteenth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xviii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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. 348].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr 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 (Third Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 354].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Bob Cryer 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 (Seventeenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xx].

The Right Honourable Member for Walsall, North.—Mr. George Strauss reported from the Select Committee on the Right Honourable Member for Walsall, North, 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).

Minutes of further Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 357].

Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 149].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 355].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Standard and Chartered Bank Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ocean Transport and Trading (Delivery Warrants) Bill, without Amendment.

Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of the Economy in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration.

—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Community Land Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Community Land 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 is unlikely to solve the long-standing problem of the development of land in a manner which could give a fair return to the community while avoiding vast public expense and the growth of bureaucracy"—(Mr. Stephen Ross), instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Cyril Smith : 237.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart : 262.

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. John Ellis, Miss Margaret Jackson : 263.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 240.

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).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Community Land [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Community Land [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable local authorities and certain other authorities to acquire, manage and deal with land suitable for development, to make other provision for and in connection with the public ownership of land, and to amend planning law and the rules for assessing the value of land where compensation is payable, it is expedient to authorise:

A. Payments out of moneys provided by Parliament as follows:

1. Expenditure by the Secretary of State in establishing a Land Authority for Wales, and other expenditure incurred by him in connection with the Authority before its establishment.

2. Expenditure of the Secretary of State in respect of financial hardship tribunals.

3. Payments by government departments in compliance with orders of financial hardship tribunals.

4. Expenditure of the Secretary of State in acquiring land under provisions relating to unoccupied office premises.

5. Grants made by the Secretary of State to authorities who acquire land or any interest in land from the Crown.

6. Expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State—
   (a) in exercising functions transferred to him from any authority, or
   (b) in establishing any body to exercise functions transferred to the body from any authority.

7. Any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State.

8. Any increase in money payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other Act which is attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session.

B. Payments out of the Consolidated Fund or National Loans Fund as follows:

1. Sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantee of, or of interest on, sums borrowed by the Land Authority for Wales.

2. Sums required by the Secretary of State to make loans to that Authority, so long as the principal amount outstanding of any money borrowed by the Authority plus any initial debt to the Secretary of State assumed by the Authority cannot exceed £40 million or such greater amount not exceeding £60 million as the Secretary of State may specify by order.

3. Any increase in money payable out of either Fund under any other Act which is attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session.

C. Any payment into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Local Government (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Scotland) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 5 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Special Entry.
Lords Amendments Nos. 7 to 13 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 to 19 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 20, in page 15, line 36, leave out Clause 19.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Bruce Millan);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Michael Roberts: 225.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 21 and 22 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 23 to 27 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 28 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 44 and 45 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 46 to 49 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 50, in page 57, line 30, at end insert

"The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 57.)

55. In Part III of Schedule 1, in the entry relating to local government officers the words from 'County clerk or' to the end of the entry shall cease to have effect.

56. In Part IV of Schedule 1, in the entry relating to Her Majesty's Lieutenant for a county in Great Britain for the words 'Great Britain' there shall be substituted the words 'England and Wales', and after that entry there shall be inserted the following entries—

Her Majesty's lord-lieutenant or lieutenant for a region in Scotland.

Any constituency comprising the whole or part of such part of the region as may be determined by Order in Council made by Her Majesty in which the lord-lieutenant holds office or in which the lord-lieutenant or lieutenant discharges his functions.

Her Majesty's lord-lieutenant or lieutenant for an islands area in Scotland.

Any constituency comprising the whole or part of the islands area for which the lord-lieutenant or lieutenant is appointed or for which the lord-lieutenant holds office:

Her Majesty's lord-lieutenant or lieutenant for the district of the city of Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh or Glasgow.

Any constituency comprising the whole or part of the district in which the lord-lieutenant holds office or for which the lieutenant is appointed.

The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 57.)

57. In Part III of Schedule 1, in the entry relating to local government officers the words from 'County Clerk or' to the end of the entry shall cease to have effect."

And a Motion being made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Bruce Millan);

The Lord Advocate, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Lords Amendment, 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.

Lords Amendments Nos. 51 to 60 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments: And the Committee was nominated
of Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Bruce Millan, the Lord Advocate and Mr. Teddy Taylor.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Bruce Millan.)
Committee to withdraw immediately.

Local Government (Scotland) Bill.—The Lord Advocate reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Local Government (Scotland) Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 15, line 36, for the following Reason:

Because the Secretary of State should be empowered to exercise, in dealing with auditors' reports received by him after 1st September 1973 under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947, a discretion similar to that which is available to him in relation to reports which fall to be dealt with under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The Reason was agreed to.
Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes past One o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 29th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Betting and Gaming.—Copy of an Order, dated 20th April 1975, entitled the Gaming (Small Charges) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 670) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
European Communities (No. 37, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 38, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 25th September 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Sri Lanka on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 40, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 44, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd October 1974, between the European Economic Community and Malta on the supply of butteroil and butter as food aid [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Local Government (Scotland).—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 18th April 1975, entitled the Local Authorities (Property etc.) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 659), and
(2) dated 21st April 1975, entitled the Local Authorities (Staff Transfer and Protection) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 703)
[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Hire-Purchase.—Copies of Orders, dated 28th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Control of Hiring (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 712), and
(2) the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 711)
[by Act].
Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st December 1974 to 28th February 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 343].

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1975, entitled the Tea Prices Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 713) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:


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

Administration of Justice,—Copy of the Accounts of Funds in Court in England and Wales for the year ended 28th February 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 356].

[No. 115.]

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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).

Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Limited Bill [Lords].—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Limited Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Bill to be read the third time.

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Export Guarantees Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, that they had gone through the Bill and had made no Amendment thereto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 360].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 360].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 30th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-xiv].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 30th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 260-v].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 30th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-viii].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 30th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-xii].
Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Input Tax (Exceptions) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 624) and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Indonesia) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 23rd April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 359].

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill,—Mr. Secretary Benn, supported by Mr. Secretary Foot, Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mrs. Judith Hart, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, and Mr. Michael Meacher, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of two bodies corporate to be called British Aerospace and British Shipbuilders, and to make provision with respect to their functions; to provide for the vesting in British Aerospace of the securities of certain companies engaged in manufacturing aircraft and guided weapons and the vesting in British Shipbuilders of the securities of certain companies engaged in shipbuilding and allied industries; to make provision for the vesting in those companies of certain property, rights and liabilities; to provide for financial assistance to British Aerospace and its wholly owned subsidiaries; 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 151].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Salmon and Migratory Trout (Prohibition of Fishing) Amendment Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Civil Defence (Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Civil Defence (General) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Publication of Wills,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the existing requirements for publication of wills: And that Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Wyn Roberts, and Mr. Michael Roberts, do prepare and bring it in.

Publication of Wills Bill,—Sir Anthony Meyer accordingly presented a Bill to amend the existing requirements for publication of wills: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 150].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines 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. J. D. Dormand, Mr. John Ellis : 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Michael Roberts : 258.

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).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Lotteries Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish the British National Oil Corporation (hereinafter in this resolution referred to as "the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of sums required to enable the Secretary of State to make loans to the Corporation and the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required to fulfil guarantees given by the Treasury in respect of loans to the Corporation where all the loans are in accordance with provisions of the Act providing that (apart from loans between wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Corporation and between the Corporation and such subsidiaries) the aggregate of the amounts outstanding at any time in respect of the principal sums borrowed by the Corporation or such subsidiaries and the sums of which the repayment is guaranteed by the Corporation or such subsidiaries shall not exceed £900 million;
(2) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any sums payable out of such moneys under provisions of the Act
       authorising the Secretary of State to make, or guarantee the repayment of,
       loans to oil companies in order to facilitate or maintain the development
       of the United Kingdom's petroleum resources up to amounts outstanding
       at any time of £50 million in the case of the principal of loans by the
       Secretary of State and £600 million in the case of repayments of principal
       guaranteed or made and not recovered by him;
   (b) any sums payable out of such moneys under provisions of the Act
       authorising the Secretary of State to make payments of up to £350 million
       to the Bank of England;
   (c) any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State or a government
       department which are attributable to the Act and any sums payable out of
       such moneys under provisions of the Act relating to costs of inquiries;
   (3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund of any
       sums falling to be paid into that Fund by virtue of the Act.—(Mr. Secretary
       Varley.)

Lotteries Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lotteries Bill,
as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Alteration of penalties for offences under Part III of Betting, Gaming
and Lotteries Act 1963)—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill)—brought up, read the first and
second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, at the end, to insert the
words—
   “ (b) hospital services and medical research ”.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 5, after the word
“ with ”, to insert the words “ the Secretary of State for the Environment, in cases
where the total value of tickets or chances to be sold is less than two-thirds of the
relevant sum as specified in section 9(9) below, and in other cases with ”.—(Mr.
Michael Alison.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 23, at the end, to
insert the words—
   “ (3) A scheme approved by a local authority under this section may be varied or
       revoked by resolution of the authority at any time before any tickets or chances
       have been sold in a local lottery to which the scheme applies ”.—(Mr. R.
       Graham Page.)

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

An Amendment (No. 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 30, at the end, to
insert the words “ and further including the purpose or purposes of a society or
societies as described in subsection (2) of section 1 of this Act, the funds of which are
a substantial extent expended or utilised (or to be expended or utilised) within the
district of the local authority in question ”.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15 to 24) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 33, after the word
“ authority ”, to insert the words “ in trustee securities other than securities issued by
that authority ”.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 to 31) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, to leave out lines 18
and 19.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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Question put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 26, to leave out
“£1,500 ” and insert “£3,000 ”.—(Mr. Michael Alison),—instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 44 and 45) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 46) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 28, at the end,
to insert the words—
“(15) Where the costs incurred by any local authority in promoting any local lottery exceed the proceeds thereof the excess costs shall be a charge on the general rate income of that local authority but so far as such costs do not so exceed the said proceeds but do exceed the proportion of such proceeds which by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this section may be appropriated on account of expenses the excess costs shall be a charge upon the said proceeds.”—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 47) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 37, at the end, to insert the words “including provision for the promotion of joint lotteries, by local authorities amongst themselves, by societies amongst themselves, or between local authorities and societies.”—(Mr. Michael Alison.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 51) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

“(5) Any order made under subsection (1) above may make different provisions in relation to different societies or local authorities or different classes of societies or local authorities.”—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 52 to 56) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 57) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 40, to leave out from the word “of” to the word “any” in line 41.—(Mr. Michael Alison.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 58) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 60) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 42, at the end, to insert the words “and such other relevant accounts as may be specified by the registration authority and called for;”.—(Mr. Michael Alison.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 63 and 64) made to the Bill.

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. J. D. Dormand and Mr. Joseph Harper 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.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th December relating to nomination of members of the Committee of Public Accounts, Mr. Norman Buchan be discharged from the Committee and Mr. John Ovenden be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the matter of the Economy in Wales, the Welsh Grand Committee have leave to sit twice on 7th May; and that at their afternoon sitting the Committee shall meet not later than Four o’clock and proceedings on that day shall not continue after Six o’clock.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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 twenty-five minutes past Two o’clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

Adjourned at 2.25 a.m.
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 30th April 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Colonial Loans.—Statement of the total sums issued out of and repayments made into the Consolidated Fund up to 31st March 1975 in fulfilment of guarantees given by the Treasury in pursuance of Section 1 of the Colonial Loans Act 1949, as amended by Section 1 of the Colonial Loans Act 1952 and Section 1 of the Colonial Loans Act 1962 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 319].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Education.—Copy of the Report on Education in Scotland for 1974 [by Command].

Justices of the Peace.—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th April 1975, entitled the Justices Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 674) [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th April 1975, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 678) [by Act].

Police.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th April 1975, entitled the Police etc. and Fire Pensions (Transfer of Liabilities) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 676) [by Act].

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th April 1975, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Development by Planning Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 677) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Medicines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th April 1975, entitled the Medicines (Applications for Product Licences and Clinical Trial and Animal Test Certificates) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 681) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copy of the Accounts of the National Wool Textile Export Corporation for the year ended 30th September 1974, with the Balance Sheet as at that date [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed transfer of four newspapers owned by G. and A. N. Scott Limited to the Guardian and Manchester Evening News Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 349].

Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1975, entitled the Bread Prices (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 715) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:


Mrs. Judith Hart:

Pensions.—Statement of pensions and gratuities granted under the Governors' Pensions Act 1957 during the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Twenty-five Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Employment Protection Bill, viz.: Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Albert Booth, Mr. Leon Brittan, Sir Edward Brown, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. J. M. Craigie, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. James Prior, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. James Sillars, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Harold Walker, and Mr. Frank R. White.
Standing Committee G,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty-five Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Community Land Bill, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Mr. Peter Doig, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. David Lambie, Sir John Langford-Holt, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Bruce Millan, and Mr. John Silkin.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Highlands and Islands Development Board Area Extension Order 1975 and the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Mr. Peter Doig, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. David Lambie, Sir John Langford-Holt, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Bruce Millan, and Iain Sproat.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 1975, the draft Civil Defence (Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 1975, and the draft Civil Defence (General) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1975, viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Mr. Peter Doig, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Ray Mawby, Dr. M. S. Miller, and Mr. Malcolm Rijkind.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Salmon and Migratory Trout (Prohibition of Fishing) Amendment Order 1975, viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Tom McMillan, Malcolm Rijkind, Mr. Colin Shepherd, and Mr. Iain Sproat.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Four Members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Economy in Wales, viz.: Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Roger Sims, and Mr. John Stokes.

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Employment Protection Bill to Standing Committee F, the Community Land Bill to Standing Committee G, the Highlands and Islands Development Board Area Extension Order 1975 and the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 1975, the draft Civil Defence (Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 and the draft Civil Defence (General) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, and the Salmon and Migratory Trout (Prohibition of Fishing) Amendment Order 1975 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 Mr. R. Bonner Pink an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Mobile Homes Bill, Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Community Land Bill, Mr. Ior Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Economy in Wales, Sir Alfred Broughton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Highlands and Islands Development Board Area Extension Order 1975 and the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1975, and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Salmon and Migratory Trout (Prohibition of Fishing) Amendment Order 1975.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill.—Mr. Joel Barnett, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mrs. Secretary Williams, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Secretary Ross, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, presented a Bill to provide further (by extending Section 2 of the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Act 1974) for compensating certain nationalised industries for their losses due to price restraint; and to make other provision with respect to finance and administration in the public sector: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 152].

Supply [15th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Expenditure.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the First Report from the Expenditure Committee in the last Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 269) on Public Expenditure on Transport, and of the relevant Government Observations contained in the Fourth Special Report (House of Commons Paper No. 263) in this Session. —(Mr. James Boyden.)

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Input Tax (Exceptions) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 624), a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th April, be approved (Mr. J. D. Dormand): It was agreed to.

Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Indonesia) Order 1975 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 11th April (Mr. J. D. Dormand): It was agreed to.

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. J. D. Dormand);

And it being Seven o'clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 7 (Time for taking private business), further proceeding stood postponed.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Greater London Council (Money) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to reduce the total sum of £868,648,000 on page 9 of the Schedule by £83,000,000 by:

1. reducing the sums mentioned in Item 10 of Part I of the Schedule (Page 6) as follows:
   (a) in column 3, by leaving out “£187,700,000” and inserting “£137,700,000” and
   (b) in column 4, by leaving out “£86,350,000” and inserting “£61,350,000” and

2. reducing the sums mentioned in Item 25 in Part III of the Schedule (Page 9) as follows:
   (a) in column 2, by leaving out “£60,000,000” and “£64,000,000” and inserting “£56,000,000” and “£60,000,000”, and
   (b) in column 3, by leaving out “£30,000,000” and “£32,000,000” and inserting “£26,000,000” and “£28,000,000”—(Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg): Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Business of the House.—Ordered, That the proceedings on the Motion for an Instruction relating to the Greater London Council (Money) Bill, set down for consideration at Seven o’clock this evening by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, for a period of One hour after Ten o’clock.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to reduce the total sum of £868,648,000 on page 9 of the Schedule by £83,000,000 by:

(1) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 10 of Part I of the Schedule (Page 6) as follows:
   (a) in column 3, by leaving out “£187,700,000” and inserting “£137,700,000”, and
   (b) in column 4, by leaving out “£86,350,000” and inserting “£61,350,000”;

(2) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 25 in Part III of the Schedule (Page 9) as follows:
   (a) in column 2, by leaving out “£60,000,000” and “£64,000,000” and inserting “£56,000,000” and “£60,000,000”, and
   (b) in column 3, by leaving out “£30,000,000” and “£32,000,000” and inserting “£26,000,000” and “£28,000,000”:

And it being one hour after Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Adjournment.—The House resumed the postponed proceeding on the Question, That this House do now adjourn;

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 1st May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:


Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 39, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 41, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the People’s Republic of Bangladesh on the supply of butteroil as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 42, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 24th September 1974, between the European Economic Community and the World Food Programme on the supply of butteroil as food aid to developing countries [by Command].

European Communities (No. 45, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 7th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Upper Volta on the supply of skimmed milk powder and butteroil as food aid [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Law Society of Scotland on the Legal Aid Scheme for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st April 1975, entitled the Local Authorities (Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 686) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Ulster Defence Regiment).—Copy of an Order, providing for an Amendment (No. 12) to the Regulations for the Ulster Defence Regiment 1969 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Joseph Dean and Mr. Douglas Henderson (nominated in respect of the Employment Protection Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. McCusker and Mr. George Park.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 1st May 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Employment Protection Bill and Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 1975, the draft Civil Defence (Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 and the draft Civil Defence (General) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) Bill to reduce the total sum of £868,648,000 on page 9 of the Schedule by £83,000,000 by:

(1) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 10 of Part I of the Schedule (page 6) as follows:
   (a) in column 3, by leaving out “£187,700,000” and inserting “£137,700,000”, and
   (b) in column 4, by leaving out “£86,350,000” and inserting “£61,350,000”; and

(2) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 25 in Part III of the Schedule (page 9) as follows:
   (a) in column 2, by leaving out “£60,000,000” and “£64,000,000”, and inserting “£56,000,000” and “£60,000,000”, and
   (b) in column 3, by leaving out “£30,000,000” and “£32,000,000” and inserting “£26,000,000” and “£28,000,000”, be resumed upon Tuesday next.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from members of the Ship and Boat Builders' National Federation for an abatement of the increase in the rate of Value Added Tax on boats was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Hare Coursing Bill.—Mr. Secretary Jenkins, supported by Mr. Edward Short, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Attorney General, and Dr. Shirley Summerskill, 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 Monday next and to be printed [Bill 154].
Hearing Aid Council (Extension) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Hearing Aid Council (Extension) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Extension of Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 to Northern Ireland).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—
"(aa) in section 2(3) after the words 'offices of the Council' there shall be inserted the words 'and at such place or places in Northern Ireland as the Secretary of State may designate.'"—(Mrs. Helene Hayman.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 2, line 6, to leave out the words "unless they otherwise expressly provide".—(Mrs. Helene Hayman.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Representation of the People Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People 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.

Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

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

Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill;

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

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill;

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

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

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 2nd May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st May 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 6) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 730) [by Act].

Income Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st May 1975, entitled the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 3) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 728) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Ross:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th April 1975, entitled the Food (Meat Inspection) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 685) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 17th April 1975, entitled the Local Government (Road Traffic and Highways) (Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 684) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces),—Copy of an Amendment (No. 31) to the Regulations for the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve 1967 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th April 1975, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (Temporary Suspension) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 701) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Rules, dated 21st April 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Nautical Publications) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 700) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 2nd May 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-line Bill to Standing Committee D.

[No. 118.]

Monday, 5th May, 1975.

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 I).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 5th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 253-iv].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 5th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 139-xiii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 5th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 248-ix].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)
Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand).

Supply [16th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

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

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

Hospital Pay Beds.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House believes that the abolition of private beds in National Health Service hospitals would be against the interests of the Health Service, the patients and the medical profession.—(Mr. Norman Fowler);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 278.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Prices Bill, and the Malta Republic Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Prices Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Prices Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 3, line 9, after "above" insert "otherwise than in retail shops with a selling space of less than 250 sq. ft.";

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Robert Maclennan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Anthony Berry: 215.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Robert Maclennan, Mr. Michael Neubert, and Mr. Alan Williams.

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

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Prices Bill.—Mr. Robert Maclennan reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments to the Prices Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords for the following Reason:

Because provisions which are designed to ensure that the benefit of subsidies reaches the consumer should apply to all shops irrespective of size.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Malta Republic Bill [Lords].—The Malta Republic Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 Miss Betty Boothroyd reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed her 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,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd):—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 I
Monday 5th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 4th April 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 362].

Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 4th April 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the Scottish Transport Group [by Act]; to be printed [No. 361].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
National Health Service (Scotland).—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st April 1975, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 695), and
(2) the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 696) [by Act].

Town and Country Planning.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th April 1975, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Development) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 679) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:
University Grants Committee.—Copy of the Annual Survey of the University Grants Committee for 1973-74 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Science and Technology.—Copy of Government Observations on the Report of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1974, on offshore engineering [by Command].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 24th April 1975, entitled the Emsworth Channel Fishery Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 705) [by Act].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [27th March] from the Women’s Organisation of the Labour Party, South Western Region, concerning one-parent families; to be printed [by Standing Order].

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Minister for Planning and Local Government on the Petitions [24th March] from—
(1) Holland in Lincolnshire, and
(2) ratepayers of the City of Westminster, concerning local rates; to be printed [by Standing Order].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Laurie Pavitt (nominated in respect of the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Donald Coleman.

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Donald Coleman (nominated in respect of the Community Land Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Laurie Pavitt.

MEMORANDA

Monday 5th May 1975

In pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, Mr. Speaker has nominated Mr. Terry Walker to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee in the room of Mr. Joseph Harper.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Mobile Homes Bill in the place of Mr. R. Bonner Pink.

Tuesday, 6th May, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Limited Bill [Lords].—The Commonwealth Portland Cement Company Limited Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill.—A Motion being made, That the Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill be now read the third time;

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

The Chairman of Ways and Means, 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 interest of the Prince of Wales as Duke of Cornwall 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.

Milford Haven Conservancy Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Milford Haven Conservancy Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 1st May, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) Bill to reduce the total sum of £686,648,000 on page 9 of the Schedule by £83,000,000 by:

(1) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 10 of Part I of the Schedule (Page 6) as follows:
(a) in column 3, by leaving out “£187,700,000” and inserting “£137,700,000”; and
(b) in column 4, by leaving out “£86,350,000” and inserting “£61,350,000”; and

(2) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 25 in Part III of the Schedule (Page 9) as follows:
(a) in column 2, by leaving out “£60,000,000” and “£64,000,000” and inserting “£56,000,000” and “£60,000,000”, and
(b) in column 3, by leaving out “£30,000,000” and “£32,000,000” and inserting “£26,000,000” and “£28,000,000”;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

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

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the British Railways (No. 2) Bill and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.
Report to be printed.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true, and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.
Report to be printed.

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Nineteenth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xix].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-committee on 6th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-xv].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Referendum Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Local Government (Scotland) Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

Referendum Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Referendum Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 156].

British Summer Time,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to British Summer Time: And that Mr. David James, Sir John Langford-Holt, Mr. John Parker, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Michael Mates, and Mr. Michael Brotherton, do prepare and bring it in.

British Summer Time Bill,—Mr. David James accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to British Summer Time: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th May and to be printed [Bill 155].

Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognising the need both to provide adequately for the nation's security and to ensure that the level of public expenditure is contained within available resources, welcomes
the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1975 (Command Paper No. 5976); notes the circumstances in which further financial savings have since become necessary; and endorses the Government's determination to maintain efficient and well-equipped armed forces for the security of the United Kingdom—(Mr. Secretary Mason):—Debate arising;

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to Wealth Tax may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Wealth Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax have power to appoint Sub-committees and to refer to such Sub-committees any of the matters referred to the Committee:

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; and to report to the Committee from time to time:

That the Committee have power to report from time to time the Minutes of the Evidence taken by and Memoranda laid before such Sub-committees:

That Three be the Quorum of every such Sub-committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—Debate arising;

Mr. John Peyton moved, That the Debate be now adjourned, but Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 (Dilatory motions in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 39.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Nicholas Winterton : 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax 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; 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 by and Memoranda laid before such Sub-committees.

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

Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr. A. P. Costain be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure and that Mr. Ian Lloyd be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from ratepayers of the City of Cardiff for relief from the demands made upon them by the City of Cardiff, and for the reform of the rating system, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Wednesday, 7th May, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.28 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 6th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Government Annuities,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st April 1975, entitled the Government Annuity Tables Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 692) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Licensing (Liquor) (State Management Districts),—Copy of the Report of the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Secretary of State for Scotland on the State Management Districts for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 328].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
European Communities (No. 43, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 18th December 1973, amending certain provisions of Protocols 1, 6, 7 and 8 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic of 22nd July 1972 [by Command].
European Communities (No. 46, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 7th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and Mauritius on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].
European Communities (No. 47, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus on the supply of butteroil as food aid [by Command].
European Communities (No. 48, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Peru on the supply of butteroil as food aid [by Command].
Food (Miscellaneous No. 14, 1975),—Copy of Protocols, signed at Washington between 25th March and 14th April 1975, for the further extension of the Wheat Trade Convention and the Food Aid Convention, constituting the International Wheat Agreement 1971 (the United Kingdom has not acceded to the Protocols) [by Command].
Seychelles (Miscellaneous No. 13, 1975),—Copy of the Report of the Seychelles Constitutional Conference, held at London between 14th and 27th March 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Education (Scotland),—Copies of Schemes, dated 21st April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 697), and
(2) the Dundee College of Technology Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 698) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Census of Distribution and Other Services,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Distribution and Other Services 1971, Part I: Retail Outlets (Establishment Tables) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th March 1975, entitled the Ipswich Port Authority Order 1975, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].
Transport,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Freight Corporation for 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].
Road and Railway Transport.—Copies of Orders, dated 14th April 1975, entitled—
(1) the Northern Ireland Railways (Ballyboyland Level Crossing) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 115),
(2) the Northern Ireland Railways (Balamore Level Crossing) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 118),
(3) the Northern Ireland Railways (Coldagh Level Crossing) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 122),
(4) the Northern Ireland Railways (Cullybackey No. 2 Level Crossing) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 120),
(5) the Northern Ireland Railways (Damhead Level Crossing) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 121), and
(6) the Northern Ireland Railways (Macfinn Level Crossing) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 123) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Continental Shelf.—Copy of the Report of the Secretary of State for Energy under the Continental Shelf Act 1964, for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 344].

Mr. Edward Short:
Preparation of Legislation.—Copy of the Report of the Committee on the preparation of legislation [by Command].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of Keble College, Oxford, on 4th February 1975, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) made by the Governing Body of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, on 11th February 1975, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Sea Fisheries.—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 24th April 1975, entitled the Truro Port Fishery (Variation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 710), and
(2) a Scheme, dated 5th May 1975, entitled the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975 [by Act].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Lord President of the Council on the Petition [9th April] from United Kingdom citizens resident in Europe, concerning the right to vote in the referendum on United Kingdom membership of the European Economic Community; to be printed [by Standing Order].

Sugar.—Account of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 364].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. J. M. Craigen (nominated in respect of the Employment Protection Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eddie Loyden.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 6th May 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw and Mr. W. W. Hamilton additional Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Industry Bill.
Wednesday, 7th May, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords],—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 7th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 369-i].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 7th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-xvi].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 7th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 260-vi].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 7th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [248-x].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 7th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-xiii].

Mobile Homes Bill,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Mobile Homes Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 153].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 368].

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Economy in Wales, referred to them on 29th April, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 371].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Sir Alfred Broughton reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Highlands and Islands Development Area Board Extension Order 1975 and the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 25th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 358].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Sir Stephen McAden reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Recreation (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 23rd April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 367].
Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 1975, referred to a Committee on 25th April, and the draft Civil Defence (Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 and the draft Civil Defence (General) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975, referred to a Committee on 30th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 365].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Salmon and Migratory Trout (Prohibition of Fishing) Amendment Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 30th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 366].

Police (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Police (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 330) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. —(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 371) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Designs (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 372) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the letting of residential properties on fixed terms, and for purposes connected therewith: And that Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. John Stanley, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, and Mr. Christopher Tugendhat, do prepare and bring it in.

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill.—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for the letting of residential properties on fixed terms, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th May and to be printed [Bill 157].

Defence.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That this House, recognising the need both to provide adequately for the nation’s security and to ensure that the level of public expenditure is contained within available resources, welcomes the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1975 (Command Paper No. 5976); notes the circumstances in which further financial savings have since become necessary; and endorses the Government’s determination to maintain efficient and well-equipped armed forces for the security of the United Kingdom;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question, and add the words “declines to approve the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1975 (Command Paper No. 5976) on the grounds that in the present critical economic circumstances it proposes an increase in arms expenditure in real terms over future years; that it commits Great Britain for the next 10 years to spend a higher proportion of the gross national product on defence than any of our major European allies; that it fails to propose significant reductions in major weapon projects; that it still leaves Great Britain to maintain unjustifiable commitments east of Suez; and that it fails to make adequate provision for a smooth transfer of the real resources and skilled manpower which would be released by more far-reaching cuts to alternative forms of employment, above all those which will directly assist economic growth and exports”—(Mr. Stanley Newens)—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Ian Mikardo : 57.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. James Hamilton : 489.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. John Ellis: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Richard Luce: 251.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, recognising the need both to provide adequately for the nation's security and to ensure that the level of public expenditure is contained within available resources, welcomes the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1975 (Command Paper No. 5976); notes the circumstances in which further financial savings have since become necessary; and endorses the Government's determination to maintain efficient and well-equipped armed forces for the security of the United Kingdom.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Referendum Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Referendum [Money] (No. 2).—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Referendum [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the holding of a referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Economic Community, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the remuneration of the Chief Counting Officer appointed under that Act.—(Mr. Robert Mellish.)

Referendum Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Referendum Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry, privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 and 5 were agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 7th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Commodities,—Copy of the text of a Statement made by the Prime Minister at the meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government at Kingston, Jamaica, on 1st May 1975, together with a memorandum, relating to world economic interdependence and trade in commodities [by Command].

Dr. John Gilbert:

National Debt,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th April 1975, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 714) [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copies of Orders, dated 5th May 1975, entitled—

(1) the Value Added Tax (Boats and Outboard Motors) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 745), and

(2) the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 746) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Scottish Transport Group for 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th May 1975, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Decontrol of Agricultural Rents) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 751) [by Act].
Mr. Edward Short:

General Medical Council,—Copy of the Accounts of the General Medical Council for 1974 [by Act].

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 16th April 1975, entitled—

1. the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Family Pensions) Order 1975,
2. the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions) Order 1975,
3. the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions) (Amendment) (No. 1) Order 1975,
4. the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975,
5. the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions) (Officers of Flag and General Rank) (No. 1) Order 1975, and
6. the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions) (Officers of Flag and General Rank) (No. 2) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st May 1975, entitled the Importation of Cattle (No. 3) Order 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Twenty-five Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill, viz.: Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Tom Ellis, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Grimond, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. Neil Kinnoch, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Evan Luard, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. William Small, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975, and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, viz.: Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Ian Gow, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David James, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Edward Lyons, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. J. W. Rooker, and Mr. Dafydd Thomas.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 330), viz.: Mr. Andrew Bowden, the Reverend Robert Bradford, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Martin Flannery, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Kenneth Warren.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 371) and the Designs (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 372), viz.: Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Eric Deakin, Mr. Joan Evans, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Terence Higgins, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. David Knox, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Tom Urwin, and Mr. Richard Wainwright.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 7th May 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, the

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 C in respect of the Industrial Democracy Bill, Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill, Mr. W. T. Williams Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 330).

Thursday, 8th May, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Scrabster Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Scrabster Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 158].

Stornoway Trust Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Stornoway Trust: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 159].

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

Procedure.—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with 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. 372].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 372].

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 8th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 219-ix].

The Right Honourable Member for Walsall, North.—Mr. G. R. Strauss reported from the Select Committee on the Right Honourable Member for Walsall, North, 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. 373].

Minutes of further Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 373].

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Prices Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to naturalise James Hugh Maxwell as a British subject and a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalisation) Bill (Lords)].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the Council of the city of Plymouth in relation to hackney carriages and private hire vehicles; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Plymouth City Council Bill (Lords)].
James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalisation) Bill [Lords].—The James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalisation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords].—The Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemptions) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemptions) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 16th May.

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:

2. Oil Taxation Act 1975.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, proceedings on the Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the committal of the Finance (No. 2) Bill shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills) and may be proceeded with, though opposed, for a period of three-quarters of an hour after Ten o'clock or after they have been entered upon, whichever is the later, and at the end of that period Mr. Speaker shall proceed to put any Question necessary to dispose of those proceedings.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Finance (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance (No. 2) 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. James Hamilton, Miss Betty Boothroyd: 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. David Steel: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Finance (No. 2) Bill.—Ordered, That Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60 be committed to a Committee of the whole House; that the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee; and that, when the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill be proceeded with as if the Bill had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Ways and Means,—Value added tax; alteration of rates,—Resolved, That provision may be made for enabling any order under section 9(3) of the Finance Act 1972 to make the same or different provision in respect of the standard rate and the higher rate of value added tax or to apply to one only of those rates.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Shipbuilding Industry (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 21st April, be approved.—(Mr. Stanley Orme.)

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Recreation (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 25th March, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rees):—It was agreed to.

Highlands and Islands,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Highlands and Islands Development Board Area Extension Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th April, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Rees):—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th April, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Rees):—It was agreed to.

Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th April, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Rees):—It was agreed to.

Civil Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Civil Defence (Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Rees):—It was agreed to.

Civil Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Civil Defence (General) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Rees):—It was agreed to.

Sea Fisheries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Salmon and Migratory Trout (Prohibition of Fishing) Amendment Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24th April, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Rees):—It was agreed to.

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

Friday, 9th May, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes past Twelve o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.10 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 8th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 49, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 9th December 1974, between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Children’s Fund (U.N.I.C.E.F.) on the supply of cereals as food aid [by Command].
European Communities (No. 50, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 9th December 1974, between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Children’s Fund (U.N.I.C.E.F.) on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Ross:

Criminal Procedure (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd April 1975, entitled the Road Traffic (Owner Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 706) [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th April 1975, entitled the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Criminal Proceedings) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 717) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1975, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 726) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:


Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Administration of Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 16th April 1975, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1975 [by Act].

Referendum,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Referendum Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th April 1975, entitled the Seeds (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 720) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 8th May 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. W. W. Hamilton Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 371) and the Designs (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 372).

[No. 122.]

Friday, 9th May, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members and supporters of the League Against Cruel Sports for the prohibition by law of the practice of hare coursing, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalisation) Bill [Lords].—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalisation) Bill [Lords] relates to the status of an individual, and is, in his opinion, such that the Standing Orders, compliance with which is to be inquired into by the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, should not apply thereto.
The Order made yesterday, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read and discharged, pursuant to Standing Order 191A relating to Private Business (Personal Bills).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mobile Homes Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Mobile Homes Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Power to prescribe minimum standards)—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1, 2 and 4 to 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 9, to leave out paragraph (a) and insert the words—

"(a) the annual charge to be made, the intervals at which payment is to be made and provision for reviews of that charge at intervals of twelve months subject to the right of an occupier who has determined the agreement to be repaid by the owner such proportion (if any) of any payment made by him as is attributable to a period after he has ceased to occupy part of the site, any such repayment being apportioned from day to day;”—(Mr. Tom King),—instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 31, 32, 19 and 22) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 14, to leave out the word “may” and insert the word “shall”—(Mr. Phillip Whitehead),—instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 35, 23, 36, 37 and 26) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 17, at the end, to add the words—

“(5) Where on an application made under this subsection by the owner of a protected site the court is satisfied that the occupier of a mobile home which is stationed on that site by virtue of an agreement entered into in pursuance of section 1 of this Act does not occupy it as his only or main residence, the court may make an order rescinding the agreement on such terms as to payment by or to either party of damages for the non-performance of the agreement, or otherwise, as to the court may seem equitable.”—(Mr. Tom King.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

An Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment in line 5, to leave out the words “does not” and insert the words “did not at the time of the application”—(Mr. Phillip Whitehead),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment to the proposed Amendment be made:—

Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 27) be made to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment (No. 28) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 33, at the end, to insert the words “or other dependants who have been resident in the mobile home for not less than one year.”—(Mr. Phillip Whitehead.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 29 and 38 to 40) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Cancer Screening (Education) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cancer Screening (Education) 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.

Representation of the People (Proxy Voting) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Proxy Voting) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 (Amendment) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Neighbourhood Law Centres Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Neighbourhood Law Centres Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Abolition of Cohabitation Rule Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Cohabitation Rule Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Safety Packing for Medicines Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Companies Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) 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. Thomas Cox):—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-eight minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

|Adjourned at 4.32 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 9th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Education (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 1st May 1975, entitled the Education of Mentally Handicapped Children (Staff Transfer and Protection) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 748) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Medicines.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th May 1975, entitled the Medicines (Exemption from Licences) (Wholesale Dealing in Confectionery) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 762) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st May 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Provisions and Water) (Fishing and Other Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 733) [by Act].

Unsolicited Goods and Services.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st May 1975, entitled the Unsolicited Goods and Services (Invoices, etc.) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 732) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972 relating to—

(1) bolts, nuts, screws, rivets, etc.,
(2) brushes and brooms,
(3) cutlery, spoons, forks, and plated tableware, etc.
(4) electricity,
(5) insulated wires and cables,
(6) rope, twine and net, and
(7) wire and wire manufactures

[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th May 1975, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 757) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Clare College, Cambridge, on 19th February 1975, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Monday, 12th May, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th May and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Nineteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxix].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxx].

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-v].

Assistance to Private Members,—Mr. van Straubenzee reported from the Select Committee on Assistance to Private Members, 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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 375].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 375].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 12th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 139-xiv].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-vii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 374].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 374].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on
Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them
referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House;
and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on
12th May: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xxi].

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Merseyside Metropolitan Railways Bill, with Amend-
ments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the pooling of invest-
ments and moneys of certain funds of or connected with Westminster Abbey; to make
better provision for the investment of those funds; and for other purposes; to which
the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords].

Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords].—The Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords] was read the first
time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, Mr. Speaker shall put the
Question on the Second Reading of the New Towns Bill not later than Seven o'clock;
and that if the proceedings on the Second Reading of the New Towns Bill shall have
been concluded before Seven o'clock Mr. Speaker shall put the Question on the Motion
relating to New Towns [Money] not later than Seven o'clock, but that if the Question
on the Second Reading of the New Towns Bill shall have been put at Seven o'clock
Mr. Speaker shall put the Question forthwith on the Motion relating to New Towns
[Money].—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the proceedings on the Motion
relating to the Industry Bill (Allocation of Time) may be proceeded with, though
opposed, after Ten o'clock. (Miss Margaret Jackson.)

New Towns Bill.—The New Towns Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.

New Towns [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the pro-
posed Motion relating to New Towns [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to raise the limits
imposed by the New Towns Act 1965 ("the 1965 Act") on the amounts which may be
borrowed by the development corporations for the new towns and the Commission for
the New Towns and make provision for the payment of pensions to chairmen of develop-
ment corporations and of remuneration and allowances to members of committees
conducting business for the Commission, it is expedient to authorise any increase in the
sums falling to be paid out of the National Loans Fund under section 44 of the 1965 Act
or under section 38 of the New Towns (Scotland) Act 1968 or in the sums falling to be
paid out of money provided by Parliament, being an increase attributable to provisions
of the said Act of the present Session—

(a) enabling money to be advanced to the Commission under section 42(5) of the
1965 Act so long as the sum of the amounts advanced under that subsection and
remaining outstanding at any one time does not exceed £1 million;

(b) increasing to £2,250 million the limit imposed by section 43 of the 1965 Act
on the amounts outstanding in respect of borrowings by the development cor-
porations and the Commission;

and to authorise any increase attributable to any of the said provisions in the sums
falling to be paid into the National Loans Fund.—(Mr. Bruce Milian.)

Industry Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,
That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Bill;—

Committee

1. The Standing Committee to which the Bill is allocated shall report the Bill to the
House on or before the 12th day of June.
Report and Third Reading

2.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in two allotted days and shall be brought to a conclusion at Eleven o'clock on the last of those days; and for the purposes of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) the Order shall be taken to allot to the proceedings on Consideration such part of those days as the resolution of the Business Committee may determine.

(2) The Business Committee shall report to the House their resolutions as to the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill, and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading, not later than the second day on which the House sits after the day on which the Chairman of the Standing Committee reports the Bill to the House.

(3) The resolutions in any report made under Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) may be varied by a further report so made, whether or not within the time specified in sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, and whether or not the resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

(4) The resolutions of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which proceedings on Consideration of the Bill are taken.

Procedure in Standing Committee

3.—(1) At a sitting of the Standing Committee at which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under a resolution of the Business Sub-Committee the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the sittings of the Committee until the proceedings have been brought to a conclusion.

(2) No Motion shall be made in the Standing Committee relating to the sitting of the Committee except by a member of the Government, and the Chairman shall permit a brief explanatory statement from the Member who makes, and from a Member who opposes, the Motion, and shall then put the Question thereon.

4. No Motion shall be made to postpone any Clause, Schedule, new Clause or new Schedule, but the resolutions of the Business Sub-Committee may include alterations in the order in which the Clauses, Schedules, new Clauses and new Schedules are to be taken in the Standing Committee.

Conclusion of Proceedings in Committee

5. On the conclusion of the proceedings in any Committee on the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

Dilatory motions

6. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on the Bill shall be made in the Standing Committee or on an allotted day except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Extra time on allotted days

7.—(1) On an allotted day paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings on the Bill for one hour after Ten o'clock.

(2) Any period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock under paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) shall be in addition to the period under this paragraph.

(3) If an allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over from an earlier day, a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon that Motion shall be added to the period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock under this paragraph, and the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall also be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion.

Private Business

8. Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration at Seven o'clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Private Business for a period of three hours from the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or, if those proceedings are concluded before Ten o'clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven o'clock and the completion of those proceedings.
Conclusion of Proceedings

9.—(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee or the Business Sub-Committee and which have not been previously brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall forthwith proceed to put the following Question (but no others) that is to say—

(a) the Question or Questions already proposed from the Chair, or necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed (including, in the case of a new Clause or new Schedule which has been read a second time, the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill);

(b) the Question on any amendment or Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of any Member, if that amendment or Motion is moved by a member of the Government;

(c) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded;

and on a Motion so moved for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(3) If, at Seven o'clock on an allotted day, any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time have not been concluded, any Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matters which should have urgent consideration) which, apart from this Order, would stand over to that time shall stand over until those proceedings have been concluded.

(4) If a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over to Seven o'clock on an allotted day, or to any later time under sub-paragraph (3) above, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day at any hour falling after the beginning of the proceedings on that Motion shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

Supplemental orders

10.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order (including anything which might have been the subject of a report of the Business Committee or Business Sub-Committee) shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and the last foregoing paragraph shall apply as if the proceedings were proceedings on the Bill on an allotted day.

(2) If on an allotted day on which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before that time, no notice shall be required of a Motion moved at the next sitting by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

Saving

11. Nothing in this Order or in a resolution of the Business Sub-Committee or the Business Committee shall—

(a) prevent any proceedings to which the Order or resolution applies from being taken or completed earlier than is required by the Order or resolution, or

(b) prevent any business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day after the completion of all such proceedings on the Bill as are to be taken on that day.

Re-committal

12.—(1) References in this Order to proceedings on Consideration or proceedings on Third Reading include references to proceedings, at those stages respectively, for, on, or in consequence of, re-committal.

(2) On an allotted day no debate shall be permitted on any Motion to re-commit the Bill (whether as a whole or otherwise), and Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to dispose of the Motion, including the Question on any amendment moved to the Question.
Interpretation
13. In this Order—

"allotted day" means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the Day provided that a Motion for allotting time to the proceedings on the Bill to be taken on that day either has been agreed to on a previous day, or is set down for consideration on that day;

"the Bill" means the Industry Bill;

"Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee" means a resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee;

"Resolution of the Business Committee" means a resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House—(Mr. Secretary Benn):—Debate arising;

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker proceeded to put the Question necessary to dispose of those proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 44 (Allocation of time to Bills);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Miss Margaret Jackson: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 266.

So the Question was agreed to.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 22nd April, be approved.—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Administration of Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved.—(Mr. Roland Moyle.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—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 two minutes to Twelve o'clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 11.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 12th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Charities,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Charities (National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Landlord and Tenant,—Copies of Regulations, dated 9th May 1975, entitled—

(1) the Rent Control (Notice of Increase) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 792), and
(2) the Rent Regulation (Forms etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 791)

[by Act].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 5th May 1975, entitled the Local Government (Transitional Rating) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 777) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th May 1975, entitled the Rating (Charitable and Other Organisations) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 779) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th April 1975, entitled the Improvement Contributions (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 729) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rees:

Agriculture,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 23rd April 1975, entitled the Poultry Testing (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 127) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford, on 18th February 1975, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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 Mersey Docks and Harbour (Police) Order 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Evan Luard (nominated in respect of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Woof.

MEMORANDA

Monday 12th May 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60) to Standing Committee H.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 74 (Business sub-committees), Mr. Speaker has nominated the following members of Standing Committee E to be members of the Business Sub-Committee to consider the Allocation of Time Order relating to the Industry Bill: Mrs. Joyce Butler (Chairman), Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Michael Heseltine, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Michael Meacher, and Mr. John Stanley.

[No. 124.]

Tuesday, 13th May, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords].—The United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the British Railways (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.
Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 1st May, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) Bill to reduce the total sum of £868,648,000 on page 9 of the Schedule by £83,000,000 by:

1. reducing the sums mentioned in Item 10 of Part I of the Schedule (Page 6) as follows:
   (a) in column 3, by leaving out “£187,700,000” and inserting “£137,700,000” and (b) in column 4, by leaving out “£86,350,000” and inserting “£61,350,000”; and

2. reducing the sums mentioned in Item 25 in Part III of the Schedule (Page 9) as follows:
   (a) in column 2, by leaving out “£60,000,000” and “£64,000,000” and inserting “£56,000,000” and “£60,000,000”, and
   (b) in column 3, by leaving out “£30,000,000” and “£32,000,000” and inserting “£26,000,000” and “£28,000,000”;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

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

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Twentieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xx].

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. Walter Harrison reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), 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. 382].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the London Transport (Additional Powers) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Corn Exchange Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the United Dominions Trust Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Requisitioning of Empty Houses Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Requisitioning of Empty Houses Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July.

British Leyland Bill.—Mr. Secretary Benn, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Foot, Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, and Mr. Michael Meacher, presented a Bill to authorise the Secretary of State to acquire shares in British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited and in a company formed for the purpose of acquiring shares in British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 160].

Adjournment (Spring).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House at its rising on Friday 23rd May do adjourn till Monday 9th June.—(Mr. Edward Short):—Debate arising:

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now Closure claimed. put; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question:—Assent withheld.

Debate resumed:

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House at its rising on Friday 23rd May do adjourn till Monday 9th June.
Nationalisation of the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to take into public ownership without compensation the two estates known as the Duchy of Lancaster and the Duchy of Cornwall: And that Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Mike Noble, and Mr. Russell Kerr do prepare and bring it in.

Nationalisation of the Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall Bill,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton accordingly presented a Bill to take into public ownership without compensation the two estates known as the Duchy of Lancaster and the Duchy of Cornwall: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th June and to be printed [Bill 161].

Child Benefit Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Child Benefit 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 Child Benefit Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until Eleven o’clock.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

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

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).

Child Benefit [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Child Benefit [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to replace family allowances with a new benefit to be known as child benefit and, pending the introduction of that benefit, to provide an interim benefit for unmarried or separated parents with children, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) the sums required by the Secretary of State for paying child benefit;

(b) the sums required by the Secretary of State for paying interim benefit to unmarried or separated parents with children of a weekly amount equal to the rate for the time being specified under section 1 of the Family Allowances Act 1965 as the weekly rate of allowance under that Act for one child;

(c) fees and allowances to members of any tribunal constituted under the said Act of the present Session and to any person appointed under that Act, and allowances to persons attending before such a tribunal or such a person;

(d) any expenses of the Secretary of State or of any other government department in the administration of that Act;

(e) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other Act;

(f) any sums for giving effect to financial adjustments made under provisions of that Act authorising reciprocal arrangements or agreements with Northern Ireland and with countries outside the United Kingdom;

(2) Payments into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Referendum,—Resolved, That the Referendum Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved.—(Mr. Gerry Fowler.)

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

And the House having continued to sit after Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning;

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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 fourteen minutes past Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.14 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 13th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Betting and Gaming.—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 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 352].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.—Copy of the text of the Final Communiqué issued after the meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government at Kingston, Jamaica, between 29th April and 6th May 1975 [by Command].

European Communities (No. 51, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 7th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 52, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 7th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Peru on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 63, 1975).—Copy of a Decision of the Council of the European Communities, made at Brussels on 26th November 1974, on the adjustment of Article 32 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, Article 165 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and Article 137 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, and
(2) the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1975
[by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords].—Report of the Attorney General on the Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Ian Gow (nominated in respect of the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Hicks.

[No. 125.]

Wednesday, 14th May, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Scrabster Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Scrabster Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Stornoway Trust Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Stornoway Trust Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).
Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr. William Wilson reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, that they had gone through the Bill and had made Amendments thereto, and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 386].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 386].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 14th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 369-ii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 14th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-xvii].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage.—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 14th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-xi].

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 14th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-xiv].

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 14th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 378-i].

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 14th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-i].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. W. T. Williams reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975, and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, referred to a Committee on 7th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 383].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 330), referred to a Committee on 7th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 384].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 371) and the Designs (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 372), referred to a Committee on 7th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 385].

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

Select Committee on Overseas Development.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Fulton to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Overseas Development, if his Lordship think fit.

Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Divorce Law Reform (Scotland) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.
Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. —(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Residential Boats (Security of Tenure).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect the occupiers of residential boats and other craft and moorings: And that Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, Mr. John Wells, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. James Wellbeloved, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Norman Lamont, and Mr. John Tomlinson, do prepare and bring it in.

Residential Boats (Security of Tenure) Bill,—Mr. Toby Jessel accordingly presented a Bill to protect the occupiers of residential boats and other craft and moorings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 162].

Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Repayment and disqualification)—(Mr. Timothy Raison)—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. Richard Luce, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Joseph Harper: 243.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 29, to leave out subsection (1) and insert the words—

"(1) A council who on 1st April 1974 held any dwellings to which a rent loss certificate relates shall recover the sum certified therein or the appropriate part of it as hereinafter defined by 1st April 1977"—(Mr. Timothy Raison),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. W. Benyon: 226.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. James Hamilton: 237.

Another Amendment (No. 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 39, to leave out subsection (3) and insert the words—

"(1) A council shall perform their duty under this section by a general increase of the rents of those of their housing revenue account dwellings in the part or parts of their area to which the certificate relates: and a council may make any such increase notwithstanding section 111 of the Housing Act 1957 (charges for local authority's houses)"—(Mr. Ian Percival),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 227.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. James A. Dunn: 237.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 6, to leave out subsection (5) and insert the words—

"(1) On the application of a council to whom this section applies the Secretary of State, if satisfied that they have recovered all except a negligible part of the sum which it falls to them to recover, may by statutory instrument make an order authorising them not to recover that part; and any such order shall be subject to annulment by resolution of either House of Parliament"—(Mr. Ian Percival),—instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 13) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 32, to leave out Clause No. 4.—(Mr. G. R. Strauss.)

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 Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 20) be made:—Debate resumed;

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Adam Butler: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. John Ellis: 250.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 235.

So the Question 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. Joseph Harper):—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-nine minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.31 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 14th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Rules, dated 2nd May 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) (Tankers and Combination Carriers) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 750) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th April 1975, entitled the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 739) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—

(1) the University of Oxford, on 18th February 1975, amending the Statutes of the University,

(2) Pembroke College, Oxford, on 10th February 1975, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(3) Churchill College, Cambridge, on 19th February 1975, amending the Statutes of the College

[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 Clowne Rural (Recreation Ground, Creswell No. 2) Compulsory Purchase Order 1974 [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Child Benefit Bill, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mrs. Secretary Castle, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Alec Jones, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Brian O’Malley, Mr. Robert Parry, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mrs. Ann Taylor, and Sir George Young.

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Thirty-five Members to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60), viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Geoff Edge, Dr. John Gilbert, Sir John Hall, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. David Howell, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Evan Luard, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. John Nott, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. John Tomlinson, Mr. John Watkinson, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975, viz.: Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. John Ellis, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Fred Peart, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Patrick Wall.

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Child Benefit Bill to Standing Committee A and the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975 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 Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60) and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975.

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Thursday, 15th May, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalisation) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That in the case of the James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalisation) Bill [Lords] Standing Order 198 (Notice of Second Reading) be suspended and that the Bill be now read a second time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

Scrabster Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The Scrabster Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Stornoway Trust Order Confirmation Bill.—The Stornoway Trust Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).
Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Philip Holland reported from the Committee on the London Transport Bill, that, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next at Two o’clock.

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th May, together with Appendices.

Minutes of Evidence and Appendices to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87-vi].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 15th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 219-x1].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July.

Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July.

Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 5 (Vehicles excise duty: Great Britain).

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 6, line 3, to leave out “ 5 ” and insert “ 4 ”.—(Mr. Peter Fry.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. W. Benyon : 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 186.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 6, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

“ (2A) In subsection (4)(b) of section 2 (commencement and duration of licences, and rates of duty) for the words ‘eleven-thirtieths’ there shall be substituted the words ‘one-third’.”.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 17 (VAT: higher rate).

Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 13, line 3, at the beginning, to insert the words “ The Treasury may by order vary ”.—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry : 116.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 140.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 13, line 7, to leave out the words “ or services ”.—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 16 and 17) made.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed, in page 13, line 14, at the end, to insert the words “ except that the higher rate shall not apply to existing contracts of hire ”.—(Mr. John MacGregor.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)
Resolved, That this House will this day again resolve itself into the Committee.

Social Security.—Resolved, That the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 1st May, be approved.—(Mr. Alec Jones.)

Legal Aid and Advice,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd April, be approved—(Mr Tom Pendry):—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd April, be approved—(Mr. Tom Pendry):—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24th April, be approved—(Mr. Tom Pendry):—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24th April, be approved—(Mr. Tom Pendry):—It was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Two o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.59 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 15th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 54, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 11th November 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of the Philippines on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 55, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Afghanistan on the supply of butteroil as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 65, 1975).—Copy of an Amendment, signed at Washington on 22nd July 1974, to the Agreement of 3rd July 1958, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America for co-operation on the uses of atomic energy for mutual defence purposes [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copies of Orders—

1. dated 9th May 1975, entitled the Local Authorities (Transfer of Social Work Staff from Health Boards) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 800), and

2. dated 13th May 1975, entitled the Demitting Authorities (Closing of Accounts and Payment of Grants) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 826) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th May 1975, entitled—

1. the Local Authority Mortgages (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 827), and

2. the Local Authority Stocks and Bonds (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 825) [by Act].
Social Work (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th May 1975, entitled the Social Work (Provision of Social Work Services in the Scottish Health Service) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 790) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Foot:

Wages Councils.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th May 1975, entitled the Coffin Furniture and Cerement-making Wages Council (Great Britain) (Variation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 758) [by Act].

Wages Councils.—Copy of a Report by the Commission on Industrial Relations concerning the Coffin Furniture and Cerement-making Wages Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1975, entitled the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil (High Street (Elim Street) (Penydarren)) Compulsory Purchase Order No. 4, 1974, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Wales under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mrs. Jill Knight, and Mr. Robert McCrindle (nominated in respect of the Child Benefit Bill); and had appointed in substitution Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Neil MacFarlane, and Mr. Ian Stewart.

Standing Committee H.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier (nominated in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60)); and had appointed in substitution Dr. John Cunningham.

[No. 127.]

Friday, 16th May, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Windsor and the surrounding area, for the prohibition of the free festival in Windsor Great Park, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the ratepayers of the London Borough of Croydon, for relief from the demands made upon them by the Greater London Council and the Council of the London Borough of Croydon, and for the reform of the rating system, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from South East London, for the extension of the Fleet line Underground Railway to Lewisham and beyond, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Farriers (Registration) Bill, without Amendment.

Wealth Tax.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Greene of Harrow Weald to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax.—(Mr. Douglas Jay.)
Guard Dogs Bill (changed from Dogs Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Guard Dogs Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Restriction on keeping guard dogs without a licence) (Mr. Peter Doig) brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Guard dog kennel licences) (Mr. Peter Doig) brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 14, at the end, to insert the words “on first offence and on subsequent offences to a fine not exceeding £400 and six months’ imprisonment.” (Mr. Bruce Grocott.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 15, to leave out the word “may” and insert the word “shall” (Mr. Bruce Grocott), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 11 to 15) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 30, to leave out from the word “force” to the end of line 33 and insert the words “not later than six months from the date of Royal Assent” (Mr. Bruce Grocott), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 18) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Balance of Sexes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Balance of Sexes Bill;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Miss Jo Richardson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 18th July.

Rating Reform Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating Reform Bill;

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

Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st January, That the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Protection of Mentally Retarded Persons (Evidence) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Mentally Retarded Persons (Evidence) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 11th July.

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 11th July.

Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor-Cycle Crash Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 13th June.

Abolition of Cohabitation Rule Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abolition of Cohabitation Rule Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 13th June.

Companies Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 11th July.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 16th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Referendum,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th May 1975, entitled the Referendum (Welsh Forms) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 841) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of the University of Cambridge on 28th February 1975, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

[No. 128.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

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

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 19th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-vi].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 19th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 353-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Select Committee on a Wealth Tax,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Greene of Harrow Weald to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, if his Lordship think fit.

Grammar and Direct-Grant Schools,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the substitution of the rule by circular for the rule of law, and the reckless disregard by the Secretary of State for Education and Science of the harmful effects of his policy on educational standards—(Mr. William Shelton);

And it being Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of Government Business).
Prevention of Terrorism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974 (Continuance) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 1st May, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkins):—Debate arising;

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the consideration of any Lords Amendments which may be received to the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Prevention of Terrorism.—The Question being again proposed, That the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974 (Continuance) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 1st May, be approved:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. David Stoddart: 161.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Stan Thorne: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill.—Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill be now considered.—(Mr. Eric Deakins.)

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the said Amendment, and the same was disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment to the Bill: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, and Mr. Michael Shersby.

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

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill.—Mr. Eric Deakins reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment to the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 7, line 4, for the following Reason:

Because it is desirable in the interests of flexibility to leave the times at which and the manner in which contributions are to be paid by air travel organisers for the purposes of the Air Travel Reserve Fund to be determined by regulations made by virtue of Clause No. 4 of the Bill.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendment.

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

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

Tuesday, 20th May, 1975:

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes past Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.3 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 19th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Betting and Gaming,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th April 1975, entitled the Gaming (Small Charges) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 788) [by Act].
Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th April 1975, entitled the Local Government (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 734) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th May 1975, entitled the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 789) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th May 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Distributive Board) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 793) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Dangerous Pathogens.—Copy of the Report of the Working Party on the laboratory use of dangerous pathogens [by Command].

National Health Service.—Copies of Regulations, dated 30th April 1975, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 718), and

(2) the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 719) [by Act].

Pensions.—Copy of the Report of the Occupational Pensions Board to the Secretary of State for Social Services pursuant to Section 66(6) of the Social Security Act 1973, for the period 5th September 1973 to 31st December 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 363].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Iron and Steel.—Statements of—

(1) determination of pensions payable to former members of the British Steel Corporation, and

(2) re-appointment of a part-time member of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee H.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. John Pardoe (nominated in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alan Beith.

[No. 129.1

Tuesday, 20th May, 1975:

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

PRAYERS.

Corn Exchange Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Corn Exchange Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Merseyside Metropolitan Railway Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Milford Haven Conservancy Bill.—The Milford Haven Conservancy Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords].—The Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill Lords, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday 10th June.
Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 1st May, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) Bill to reduce the total sum of £868,648,000 on page 9 of the Schedule by £83,000,000 by:

1) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 10 of Part I of the Schedule (Page 6) as follows:
   (a) in column 3, by leaving out “£187,700,000” and inserting “£137,700,000” and
   (b) in column 4, by leaving out “£86,350,000” and inserting “£61,350,000”;

2) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 25 in Part III of the Schedule (Page 9) as follows:
   (a) in column 2, leaving out “£60,000,000” and “£64,000,000” and inserting “£56,000,000” and “£60,000,000”, and
   (b) in column 3, by leaving out “£30,000,000” and “£32,000,000” and inserting “£26,000,000” and “£28,000,000”;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday 10th June.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 20th May, together with a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twentieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxxi].

Minutes of Evidence together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxxii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Twenty-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxxi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 15th and 20th May to be printed [No. 45-xxxi].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr 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 on 20th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 389-i].

Social Security Pensions Bill,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Social Security Pensions Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 164].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 391].

Sex Discrimination Bill,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Sex Discrimination Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 163].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 388].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Scrabster Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Stornoway Trust Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Friends Provident Life Office Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to nursing homes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Nursing Homes Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law about the limitation of actions and other proceedings; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Limitation Bill [Lords]].

Nursing Homes Bill [Lords],—The Nursing Homes Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 166].

Limitation Bill [Lords],—The Limitation Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 167].

Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of Education in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Access to Solicitors (Arrested Persons),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for arrested persons to have the right of access to a solicitor, subject to certain conditions; and to provide for the enforcement of such a right: And that Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, and Mr. John Watkinson, do prepare and bring it in.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed, in page 17, line 37, at the end, to insert the words “and except that income tax shall not be charged on any sum received by way of pension or allowance payable under any Order in Council, Royal Warrant, order or scheme in respect of death due to service in the armed forces of the Crown or the Merchant Navy or due to war injuries and notwithstanding the provisions of section 528 of the Taxes Act 1970, for the purposes of section 7 of that Act, in calculating total income any sum received by way of such pension or allowance as aforesaid shall be disregarded”.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 58) proposed, in page 17, line 37, at the end, to insert the words "and except that in the case of an individual who shows that in the year of assessment his total income does not exceed £1,200 and in the case of a married couple that, in the year of assessment their income does not exceed £1,500 there shall be an entitlement to a deduction of one-half of the amount of income tax otherwise chargeable".—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 25 (Corporation tax: other rates and fractions).

Amendment (No. 44) proposed, in page 18, line 22, to leave out “42” and insert “40”.—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Miss Betty Boothroyd: 151.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 28 (Alteration of personal reliefs).

Amendment (No. 46) proposed, in page 18, line 32, after “(1)”, to insert the words “subject to subsection (4) below”.—(Mr. Nigel Lawson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Nigel Lawson: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. James Hamilton: 148.

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed, in page 18, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

“(e) after paragraph (a) of subsection (1) there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

‘(aa) in the case of a claimant who is a widow, to a deduction from the income tax with which she is chargeable equal to the deduction specified in subsection (1)(a) of this section’.”—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Laurie Pavitt reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—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 four minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.56 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 20th May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 56, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 24th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 57, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 24th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Yemen Arab Republic on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].
European Communities (No. 58, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 11th November 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 38, 1975),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at The Hague on 12th June 1973, relating to refugee seamen [by Command].

United Nations (No. 2, 1975),—Copy of the Report on the Sixth Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly, held between 9th April and 2nd May 1974 (with Annexes) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Workplace and Transport Tables (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Prentice:


Mr. Secretary Mason:


Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation,—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 392].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st April 1975, entitled the Milford Haven Conservancy (Wreck Removal) Revision Order 1975, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [24th March] of Frank Walter Holland, Esq., and the British Piano Museum concerning the use of David Solomons House; to be printed [by Standing Order].

Public Petition,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Petition [9th May] of members and supporters of the League against Cruel Sports concerning hare coursing; to be printed [by Standing Order].

[No. 130.]

Wednesday, 21st May, 1975.

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The British Railways (No. 2) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, That the Amendments to Standing Orders relating to Private Business hereinafter stated in the Schedule be made:—

SCHEDULE

Standing Order 1, leave out lines 25 to 37 and insert “the term ‘local authority’ shall mean any of the following:—

In England and Wales,

(a) the council of a county,
(b) the council of a district,
(c) the council of a parish or group of parishes or the parish meeting of a parish which has no separate parish council,
(d) the council of a community or group of communities or the community meetings of a community which has no separate community council,
(e) the Greater London Council,
(f) the Common Council of the City of London,
(g) the council of a London borough:
In Scotland,
(a) a regional council,
(b) an islands council,
(c) a district council.

Standing Order 4A, line 13, leave out “or burgh” and insert “or (in Scotland) the islands area or district”.

Standing Order 4A, line 19, after “counties”, insert “or (in Scotland) the islands areas or districts”.

Standing Order 4A, line 31, after “county”, insert “or (in Scotland) the islands area or district”.

Standing Order 4A, line 34, after “county” insert “or (in Scotland) the islands area or district”.

Standing Order 5, line 6, after “districts”, insert “in England and Wales”.

Standing Order 6, line 8, after “district”, insert “in England and Wales”.

Standing Order 10, line 13, leave out “or burgh” and insert “or (in Scotland) the islands area or district”.

Standing Order 10, line 20, after “counties”, insert “or (in Scotland) the islands areas or districts”.

Standing Order 16, line 19, after “district”, insert “in England and Wales”.

Standing Order 25, line 21, at end insert “in England and Wales”.

Standing Order 27, line 11, leave out “county council of each county” and insert “council of each county, or (in Scotland) of each islands area, or district”.

Standing Order 27, line 20, leave out “county council of each county” and insert “council of each county, and (in Scotland) of each islands area or district”.

Standing Order 27, line 24, at end insert “or (in Scotland) the islands area or district”.

Standing Order 27, line 44, leave out “county council” and insert “council of the county, or (in Scotland) of the islands area or district”.

Standing Order 27, line 47, leave out “each county council” and insert “the council of each county, or (in Scotland) each islands area or district”.

Standing Order 36, leave out lines 13 and 14 and insert—
“(b) any district or islands area, with the proper officer of the district or islands council;”.

Standing Order 46, line 14, after “district”, insert “in England and Wales”.

Standing Order 47, line 28, after “districts”, insert “in England and Wales”.

Standing Order 61, line 14, leave out “county council of every county” and insert “council of every county, or (in Scotland) of every islands area or district”.

Standing Order 61, line 29, after “county”, insert “or (in Scotland) the islands area or district”.

Standing Order 62, line 13, leave out “or burgh” and insert “or (in Scotland) the islands area or district”.

Standing Order 65, line 24, leave out “or burgh” and insert “or (in Scotland) the islands area or district”.

Standing Order 97, line 2, after “district”, insert “in England and Wales”.

Standing Order No. 136A, leave out lines 28 and 29.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Private Business, as amended, be printed [No. 393].

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

London Transport Bill.—Mr. Phillip Holland reported from the Committee on the London Transport Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 21st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 369-iii].
Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 390-i].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 21st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 248-xii].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 21st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 185-xv].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 21st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 378-ii].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 21st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 379-ii].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. John Spence reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975, referred to a Committee on 14th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 398].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Sexual Offences (Amendment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to rape—(Mr. Jack Ashley) ;

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. Peter Snape, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Marcus Lipton : 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Jack Ashley, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. John Hannam, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. David Lane, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. A. W. Stallard, and Mr. Brian Walden, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Jack Ashley accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to rape: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 168].

British Leyland Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Leyland 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. Donald Coleman, Mr. John Ellis: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 261.

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. Tom Pendry.)

Committee to-morrow.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the Secretary of State to acquire shares in British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited and in a company formed for the purpose of acquiring shares in British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) such sums, not exceeding £265 million, as may be paid by the Secretary of State for shares acquired under the Act; and

(b) any other expenses incurred by him in pursuance of the Act—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Stoddart: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the Secretary of State to acquire shares in British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited and in a company formed for the purpose of acquiring shares in British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) such sums, not exceeding £265 million, as may be paid by the Secretary of State for shares acquired under the Act; and

(b) any other expenses incurred by him in pursuance of the Act.

Financial Assistance for Industry (British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay or undertake to pay sums by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972 in respect of a guarantee or guarantees to be given to the bankers of British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited and any of its subsidiaries covering borrowing facilities made available by the bankers to those companies, insofar as the amount paid or undertaken to be paid under the guarantee or guarantees is in excess of £50 million, being the maximum amount authorised by resolution of this House on 18th December 1974, but does not exceed £100 million—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Thursday, 22nd May, 1975:

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. John Ellis: 226.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Cyril Smith: 58.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay or undertake to pay sums by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972 in respect of a guarantee or guarantees to be given to the bankers of British Leyland Motor Corporation Limited and any of its subsidiaries covering borrowing facilities made available by the bankers to those companies, insofar as the amount paid or undertaken to be paid under the guarantee or guarantees is in excess of £50 million, being the maximum amount authorised by resolution of this House on 18th December 1974, but does not exceed £100 million.
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—Debate arising;

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 twenty-six minutes to One o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.34 a.m.]

APPENDIX I
Wednesday 21st May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Coal Industry.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th April 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 395 and 396].

Post Office.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th April 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 397].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Mental Health.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th May 1975, entitled the Mental Health (Guardianship) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 828) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prentice:
National Gallery and Tate Gallery.—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Gallery (Lending Outside the United Kingdom No. 2) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Patents.—Copy of the Report of the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks for 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 376].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Fair Trading.—Copy of the Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for the period November 1973 to December 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 370].

Mr. Edward Short:

Fugitive Criminal.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 14th May 1975, entitled—
(1) the Extradition (Hijacking) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 803), and
(2) the Extradition (Protection of Aircraft) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 804) [by Act].

Pacific Islands.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 14th May 1975, entitled—
(1) the British Solomon Islands (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 807), and
(2) the British Solomon Islands (Name of Territory) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 808) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th May 1975, entitled the Valuation Roll Amendment (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 805) [by Act].
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the University of Cambridge on 5th March 1975, amending the Statutes of the University, and

(2) made by the Governing Body of Peterhouse, Cambridge, on 5th March 1975, amending the Statutes of the College

[by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 20th May 1975, entitled—

(1) the Lesotho Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975, and

(2) the Lesotho Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975

[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Dr. John Cunningham (nominated in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alec Woodall.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy 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. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Colin Shepherd, and Mr. Peter Temple-Morris.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, the draft Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and the draft Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. David James, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Wm Ross, Mr. David Stoddart, and Mr. David Young.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 21st May 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, the draft Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and the draft Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 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. Arthur Jones Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], Mr. Alan Fitch an additional Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60) and Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Education in Wales.

[No. 131.]

Thursday, 22nd May, 1975.

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

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PRAYERS.

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

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 22nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 219-xi].
Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Air Travel Reserve Fund Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the International Road Haulage Permits Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Export Guarantees Acts 1968 to 1975; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Export Guarantees Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the arrest without warrant of certain persons suspected of contravening regulations about the conduct of passengers in public service vehicles; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the provisions of the Solicitors Act 1974 with respect to the banks at which solicitors shall keep clients' money and trust money; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Solicitors (Amendment) Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to empower Brookwood Cemetery Limited to dispose of certain lands belonging to the said Company not required for cemetery purposes free from restriction; to confer powers on the Company with respect to agreements with local authorities and others and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords]].

Export Guarantees Bill [Lords],—The Export Guarantees Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 169].

Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords],—The Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 170].

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords],—The Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 16th and 29th April and 13th May to be printed [No. 113-iii].

Wealth Tax,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and the Lord Goodman to attend to be examined as witnesses before Sub-Committee B of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax.—(Mr. Douglas Jay.)

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:


Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Boats and Outboard Motors) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975, No. 745) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Supply [17th allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

The Economy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House, being gravely disturbed by the total failure of the policies of Her Majesty's Government to curb the accelerating rate of inflation, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to abandon their damaging plans for further nationalisation, to take immediate action to cut public expenditure and to secure a reduction in the level of pay settlements, as essential parts of a programme designed to restore confidence and promote the economic recovery of the nation—(Mrs. Margaret Thatcher);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. David Stoddart: 278.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the New Towns Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

New Towns Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the New Towns Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th May, be approved—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.57 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 22nd May 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Parole Board,—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 380].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th May 1975, entitled the Police (Compensation for Chief Constables) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 838) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th May 1975, providing for Amendments to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th May 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Engineering) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 830) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st May 1975, entitled the Family Income Supplement (Increase of Family Allowances) (Consequential) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 880) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Town and Country Planning,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd May 1975, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 898) [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

House of Commons Members' Fund,—Accounts of the House of Commons Members' Fund for the year ended 30th September 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 399].

National Health Service,—Summarised Accounts of Regional Hospital Boards, Boards of Governors of teaching hospitals, Hospital Management Committees and Executive Councils (including Joint Pricing Committees) and the Account of the Dental Estimates Board for England and Wales, for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 400].

Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for the year ended 31st March 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 401].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. W. Benyon (nominated in respect of the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Roberts.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Value Added Tax (Boats and Outboard Motors) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 745), viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. H. Boardman, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. David Marquand, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. John Nott, Mr. John Pardoe, Dr. Colin Phipps, Sir David Renton, and Mr. Ron Thomas.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 22nd May 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Value Added Tax (Boats and Outboard Motors) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 745) 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. Victor Goodhew Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords], Mr. John Wells Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, the draft Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and the draft Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Value Added Tax (Boats and Outboard Motors) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 745).

Friday, 23rd May, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting.

Whereupon Mr. George Thomas, the 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.

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

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Rating Reform Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Rating Reform Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July.

Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill.—The Order for resuming, this day, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st January, That the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill be now read a second time, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 11th July.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 697) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, —(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Ordered, That the Dundee College of Technology Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 698) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

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

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. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday 9th June, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 13th May.

APPENDIX I

Friday 23rd May 1975

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th May 1975, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 864) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments Mr. David Stodart (nominated in respect of the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, the draft Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, and the draft Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1975) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Frank Maguire.

[No. 133.]

Monday, 9th June, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).
Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—*Mr. Frederick Willey* reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 9th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-vii].

Expenditure.—*Mr. James Boyden* 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 (Fifth Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 408].

Selection.—*Mr. Hugh Delargy* reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix I).

Solicitors (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Solicitors (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 171].

Nationalised Industries.—*Ordered*, that a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Boyd-Carpenter and the Lord Pethie to attend to be examined as Witnesses before the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.—(Mr. Russell Kerr)

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. J. D. Dormand, Mr. David Stoddart: 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 263.

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).

Business of the House.—*Ordered*, that the Motion relating to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

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 provide further (by extending section 2 of the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Act 1974) for compensating certain nationalised industries for their losses due to price restraint, and to make other provision with respect to finance and administration in the public sector, it is expedient—

(a) to authorise payments, out of money provided by Parliament, to the Central Electricity Generating Board and Area Electricity Boards, the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board, the South of Scotland Electricity Board, the British Gas Corporation and the Post Office in respect of—

(i) their losses in 1974-75 and 1975-76, in consequence of compliance with the national policy relating to the limitation of prices, and

(ii) also (but subject to Treasury order) such losses in 1976-77;

(b) to increase from £1,250 million to £2,000 million the sum specified in section 3 of the Iron and Steel Act 1969 as the limit on borrowing by the British Steel Corporation and the publicly-owned companies, together with advances by the Secretary of State to the Corporation;

(c) to increase from £130 million to £200 million the sum specified in section 27(3) of the Transport Act 1968 as the limit on the principal of money borrowed by the National Bus Company, together with the commencing capital debt of the Company;

(d) to authorise, in the case of Electricity Consultative Councils and National and Regional Gas Consumers' Councils, the payment, out of money provided by Parliament, of—

(i) remuneration of chairmen of the Councils and pensions, allowances and gratuities payable to or in respect of them, and

(ii) expenses of the Secretary of State in respect of the Councils under or in pursuance of the said Act of the present Session or the Gas Act 1972 (as the case may be); and

(e) to authorise payments into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)
Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—

1. There shall be a Standing Committee, to be called the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, which shall consider any matter or matters relating to regional affairs in England which may be referred to them.

2. All Members sitting for constituencies in England shall be members of the Standing Committee, together with not more than five other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, who shall have power from time to time to discharge the Members so nominated by them and to appoint others in substitution for those discharged, and the provisions of Standing Orders Nos. 62 (Nomination of standing committees) and 63 (Attendance of law officers and ministers in standing committees) shall not apply.

3. A Motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of Public Business to the effect that a specified matter or matters relating to regional affairs in England be referred to the Standing Committee for their consideration, and the Question thereon 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. The Committee shall consider the matter or matters referred to them on a Motion “That the Committee have considered the matter or matters”; 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 two and a half hours after the commencement of those proceedings; and the Committee shall thereupon report to the House that they have considered the matter or matters without any further Question being put—(Mr. Edward Short):—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;

The House proceeded to a Division.

**Tuesday, 10th June, 1975:**

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 112.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Fred Silvester: 104.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That—

1. There shall be a Standing Committee, to be called the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, which shall consider any matter or matters relating to regional affairs in England which may be referred to them.

2. All Members sitting for constituencies in England shall be members of the Standing Committee, together with not more than five other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, who shall have power from time to time to discharge the Members so nominated by them and to appoint others in substitution for those discharged, and the provisions of Standing Orders Nos. 62 (Nomination of standing committees) and 63 (Attendance of law officers and ministers in standing committees) shall not apply.

3. A Motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown at the commencement of Public Business to the effect that a specified matter or matters relating to regional affairs in England be referred to the Standing Committee for their consideration, and the Question thereon 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. The Committee shall consider the matter or matters referred to them on a Motion “That the Committee have considered the matter or matters”; 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 two and a half hours after the commencement of those proceedings; and the Committee shall thereupon report to the House that they have considered the matter or matters without any further Question being put.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.36 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

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:


European Communities (No. 59, 1975).—Copy of Agreements in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 19th October 1973 and 3rd October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) modifying for the second and third years of application (1973/1975) the contributions provided for in the Convention concluded with that Agency on 19th December 1972.

European Communities (No. 60, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 10th November 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Democratic Republic of the Sudan on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 61, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 9th December 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Office of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees on the supply of butteroil, skimmed-milk powder, flour of common wheat and rice as emergency food aid for the population affected by the recent events in Cyprus.

European Communities (No. 62, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (UNDRO) on the supply of skimmed-milk powder as emergency food aid for the disaster victims in Honduras.

European Communities (No. 63, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on the supply of common wheat and maize as food aid.

European Communities (No. 64, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 24th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 65, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 24th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 66, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 18th December 1974, extending the Trade Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Argentine Republic.

European Communities (No. 67, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 24th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on the supply of butteroil and butter as food aid.

Pollution (Miscellaneous No. 12, 1975).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 2nd November 1973, relating to intervention on the high seas in cases of marine pollution by substances other than oil [the Protocol is not in force].

Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 17, 1975).—Copy of a draft Headquarters Agreement between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the International Whaling Commission.

Treaty Series (No. 64, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Moscow on 17th October 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics revising the Schedule appended to the Agreed Minute of Co-operation in the field of agricultural research signed on 6th January 1965.


Treaty Series (No. 69, 1975).—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 13th September 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and Spain on social security (with Protocol on health care).


Pensions.—Copy of the Report of the Occupational Pensions Board, pursuant to section 66 of the Social Security Act 1973, relating to solvency, disclosure of information and member participation in occupational pension schemes, Volume 3 (Overseas Practice).

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 May 1975

Electricity.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th May 1975, entitled the Electricity (Transfer of Transmission Assets) (Southern Electricity Board) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 831) [by Act].

28th May 1975

Transport.—Copies of Orders, dated 28th May 1975, entitled—

(1) the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Area (Railway Passenger Services) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 871), and

(2) the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Area (Railway Passenger Services) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 870)

[by Act].

29th May 1975

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th May 1975, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (War Service) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 872) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th May 1975, entitled the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 869) [by Act].

30th May 1975

Evidence.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th May 1975, entitled the Blood Tests (Evidence of Paternity) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 896) [by Act].

Designs.—Copy of Rules, dated 21st May 1975, entitled the Designs (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 890) [by Act].

Patents.—Copy of Rules, dated 21st May 1975, entitled the Patents (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 891) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th May 1975, entitled the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 881) [by Act].

2nd June 1975

Civil Aviation.—Copies of Schemes, dated 30th May 1975, entitled—

(1) the Gatwick Airport—London Noise Insulation Grants Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 910), and

(2) the Heathrow Airport—London Noise Insulation Grants Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 917)

[by Act].

3rd June 1975


5th June 1975

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 21st May 1975, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) (New Town of Glenrothes) (Special Development) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 908) [by Act].

6th June 1975

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th May 1975, entitled the Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 915) [by Act].
Probation and After-Care,—Copy of Rules, dated 24th May 1975, entitled the Probation (Conditions of Service) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 910) [by Act].

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st May 1975, entitled the Rent Refunds (Housing Authorities) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 909) [by Act].

Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Rules, dated 27th May 1975, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 2) 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 911) [by Act].

3. Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 9th June 1975:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Rehabilitation of Offenders,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Household Composition Tables (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Castle:
Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to Workplace and Transport to Work Tables, Part II (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Great Britain, relating to Economic Activity, Part IV (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Census,—Copies of the New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—
(1) Oxfordshire,
(2) Powys, and
(3) Salop,
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to—
(1) cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery,
(2) drop forgings, etc.,
(3) industrial engines,
(4) steel tubes, and
(5) watches and clocks
[by Act].

Trade Descriptions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd June 1975, entitled the Textile Products (Indications of Fibre Content) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 928) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th June 1975, entitled the Local Authorities etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 944) [by Act].

Port of London,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Port of London Authority for 1974 [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order 1975 [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Transport Docks Board for 1974 [by Act].

Transport,—Statements of re-determination of the salaries payable to members of—
(1) the British Railways Board, and
(2) the British Transport Docks Board
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1975, and
(2) the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1975
[by Act].
Coroners.—Copy of Rules, dated 12th May 1975, entitled the Coroners (Salaries, Fees and Expenses) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 142) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger of Dentsply International Incorporated and A.D. International Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 394].

Mr. Edward Short:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 14th May 1975, entitled—

(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Family Pensions) (No. 2) Order 1975,
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 1975,
(3) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions) (Amendment) (No. 5) Order 1975,
(4) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions Declaration) (Amendment) Order 1975 [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 1975,
(2) the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil (High Street (Elim Street) (Penydarren)) Compulsory Purchase Order No. 4 1974, and
(3) the Milford Haven Conservancy (Wreck Removal) Revision Order 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Donald Coleman (nominated in respect of the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Ellis.

[No. 134.]

Tuesday, 10th June, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Friends' Provident Life Office Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Friends' Provident Life Office Bill ; and the same were agreed to.

Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords].—The Sheffield City Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered to-morrow.

Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords].—The Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the consideration of the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee ;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.
Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 1st May, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) Bill to reduce the total sum of £868,648,000 on page 9 of the Schedule by £83,000,000 by:

(1) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 10 of Part I of the Schedule (Page 6) as follows:
   (a) in column 3, by leaving out “£187,700,000” and inserting “£137,700,000”, and
   (b) in column 4, by leaving out “£86,350,000” and inserting “£61,350,000”;

and

(2) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 25 in Part III of the Schedule (Page 9) as follows:
   (a) in column 3, by leaving out “£60,000,000” and “£64,000,000” and inserting “£56,000,000” and “£60,000,000”, and
   (b) in column 3, by leaving out “£30,000,000” and “£32,000,000” and inserting “£26,000,000” and “£28,000,000”;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-first Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxxiii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. Julius Silverman reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Twenty-second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr 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 on 10th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 389-iii].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 10th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 260-vii].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report further Memoranda submitted to the Energy Resources Sub-Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 156-iii].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Nineteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xxiii].

The Right Honourable Member for Walsall North.—Mr. George Strauss reported from the Select Committee on the Right Honourable Member for Walsall North, 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. 414].

Minutes of further Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 414].
Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords].—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], 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. 413].

Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords].—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords], 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. 411].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sheffield City Council Bill, without Amendment.

Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Boyd-Carpenter and the Lord Peddie to attend to be examined as Witnesses before the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, if their Lordships think fit.

International Road Haulage Permits Bill.—Lords Amendments to the International Road Haulage Permits Bill to be considered upon Friday 11th July ; and to be printed [Bill 173].

Wealth Tax.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Viscount Davidson to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee A of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax.—(Mr. Douglas Jay.)

Limitation Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Limitation Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Attorney General).

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 864) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

Rape (Anonymity of Victims).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide anonymity for victims of illegal rape in criminal cases except by direction of the court: And that Mr. F. P. Crowder, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Maurice Edelman, and Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, do prepare and bring it in.

Rape (Anonymity of Victims) Bill.—Mr. F. P. Crowder accordingly presented a Bill to provide anonymity for victims of illegal rape in criminal cases except by direction of the court: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 172].

Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 28 (Alteration of personal reliefs).

Another Amendment (No. 69) proposed, in page 18, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

" (c) after subsection (1) there shall be added the following subsection:—

' (1A) If the claimant is liable to Class 2 and Class 4 contributions under the Social Security Act 1973, the deduction to be allowed under this section shall be increased by an amount equal to income tax at the standard rate on that part of his contributions which corresponds to the contribution payable by an employer in respect of an employed earner."'—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve : 199.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. John Ellis : 224.

Another Amendment (No. 63) proposed, in page 19, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

" (2A) In section 16 of the Taxes Act (dependent relative) for the references to £100 there shall be substituted references to £140 and for the reference to £145 there shall be substituted a reference to £200 ".—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed, in page 19, line 8, at the end, to add the words—

“(4) In section 10 of the Taxes Act (Children) for any reference to £115 there shall be substituted a reference to £240”.—(Mr. Nigel Lawson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Michael Roberts : 169.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart : 193.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 49 agreed to.

Clause No. 60 (Introductory).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Miss Margaret Jackson : 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Nigel Lawson : 28.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60), as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Miss Betty Boothroyd reported, That the Committee had gone through Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60 of the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60 of the Bill, as amended, do lie upon the Table.

Ways and Means,—Interim benefit for unmarried or separated parents with children (income tax).—Resolved, That provision be made for deeming payments of benefit under Section 16 of the Child Benefit Act 1975 or any corresponding provision having effect in Northern Ireland to be, for the purposes of income tax, payments on account of allowances under the Family Allowances Act 1965 or the Family Allowances (Northern Ireland) Act 1966.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Ways and Means,—Value added tax (time of supply).—Resolved, That provision may be made for amending section 7 of the Finance Act 1972 as from 21st April 1975.—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Nationalised Industries,—Ordered, That the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries have power to examine the Reports and Accounts of the National Water Council and the Regional Water Authorities.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Nationalised Industries,—Ordered, That the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries and any Sub-committee appointed by the Committee have power to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Miss Betty Boothroyd)

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—(Miss Betty Boothroyd):—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 I

Tuesday 10th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 9th May 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 415].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th June 1975, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Greece) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 976) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 9th June 1975, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (Greece) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 975),
(2) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 7) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 971),
(3) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 8) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 972),
(4) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 9) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 973), and
(5) the Import Duties (Turkey) (Reductions and Exemptions) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 974) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Charities,—Copy of the Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 381].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

German Democratic Republic (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Berlin on 15th November 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the German Democratic Republic on international road transport (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 68, 1975),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Phnom Penh on 27th December 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Khmer Republic concerning an interest-free loan towards the cost of the Prek Thnot Power and Irrigation Development Project (United Kingdom—Khmer Republic Power and Irrigation Development (Prek Thnot) Loan Agreement 1974) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 73, 1975),—Copy of a Schedule to the International Whaling Convention 1946, revised to include the Amendments adopted at the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth meetings of the International Whaling Commission [by Command].

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1975, and
(2) the International Whaling Commission (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 9th June 1975, entitled—

(1) the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 960), and
(2) the Customs Duties Relief Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 963) [by Act].

Insurance,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd June 1975, entitled the Insurance Companies (Linked Properties and Indices) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 929) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th June 1975, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Survey and Inspection) (Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 954) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Rules, dated 2nd June 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Cargo and Passenger Ship Construction) (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 927) [by Act].
Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the University of Cambridge on 19th March 1975, amending the Statutes of the University, and

(2) made by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, on 15th March 1975, amending the Statutes of the College

[by Act].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [16th May] from the ratepayers of the London Borough of Croydon concerning the burden of rates; to be printed [by Standing Order].

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [16th May] from South-East London concerning the extension of the Fleet Line; to be printed [by Standing Order].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Secretary Benn (nominated in respect of the Industry Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Secretary Varley.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments Mr. Donald Coleman (nominated in respect of the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, the draft Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, and the draft Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1975); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Ellis.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 10th June 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. W. W. Hamilton an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Industrial Democracy Bill.

[No. 135.]

Wednesday, 11th June, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

British Transport Docks Bill.—The British Transport Docks Bill was read the third time, and passed.

London Transport Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the London Transport Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Fraserburgh Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 174].

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).
Ross and Cromarty County Council Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Ross and Cromarty County Council Bill, but the same not having been proved to their satisfaction, they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Bill to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 11th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 369-iv].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 11th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-xviii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 11th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 419-i].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 11th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 390-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 11th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-xiii].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 11th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-xvi].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 11th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 378-iii].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 11th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-iii].

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of Education in Wales, referred to them on 20th May, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 418].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, the draft Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and the draft Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 21st May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 417].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Value Added Tax (Boats and Outboard Motors) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 745), referred to a Committee on 22nd May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 416].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Select Committee on a Wealth Tax.—The Lords give leave to the Viscount Davidson to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee A of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, if his Lordship think fit.

Child Protection (Medicines).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide protection for young children against the dangers inherent in medicinal substances: And that Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. John Page, Mr. Philip Holland, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Robert Boscawen, and Mr. Roger Sims, do prepare and bring it in.

Child Protection (Medicines) Bill.—Mrs. Jill Knight accordingly presented a Bill to provide protection for young children against the dangers inherent in medicinal substances: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 175].

Social Security Pensions [Money] (No. 2).—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Social Security Pensions [Money] (No. 2):

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for relating the rates of social security retirement pensions and certain other benefits to the earnings on which contributions have been paid and to make other amendments in the law relating to social security and to occupational pensions, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of a mobility allowance, under Chapter II of Part II of the Social Security Act 1975, to and in respect of persons under pensionable age (within the meaning of that Act) and suffering from physical disablement such that they are either unable to walk or virtually unable to do so; the rate of the allowance to be £5 a week.—(Mr. Brian O’Malley.)

Social Security Pensions Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to any Committee to whom the Social Security Pensions Bill may be re-committed that they have power to make provision in the Bill for a new non-contributory benefit under Part II of the Social Security Act 1975, payable to and in respect of persons suffering from such physical disablement that they are unable to walk, or virtually unable to do so.—(Mr. Brian O’Malley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words “ and to make provision in the Bill for bringing into force section 36 of the Social Security Act 1975 on 1st January 1976 in respect of the entitlement to a non-contributory invalidity pension of a married woman who is incapable of performing normal household duties ”.—(Mr. Norman Fowler.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 160.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart: 174.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. John Ellis: 196.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 135.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to any Committee to whom the Social Security Pensions Bill may be re-committed that they have power to make provision in the Bill for a new non-contributory benefit under Part II of the Social Security Act 1975, payable to and in respect of persons suffering from such physical disablement that they are unable to walk, or virtually unable to do so.

Social Security Pensions Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the consideration of the Social Security Pensions Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of the Amendments to Clause No. 62, page 48, line 11; Clause No. 63, page 49, line 44; Clause No. 64, page 50, line 37; the new Clause (Mobility allowance); the Amendments to Schedule No. 4, page 66, line 2; Schedule No. 4, page 66, line 4; Schedule No. 4, page 66, line 12; and the Amendment to the Title, standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mrs. Secretary Castle.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.
(In the Committee)

Clause No. 62 (Consequential amendments and repeals).
An Amendment (No. 2) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 63 (Interpretation).
An Amendment (No. 3) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 64 (Commencement).
An Amendment (No. 4) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause (Mobility allowance)—(Mr. Alfred Morris)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule No. 4 (Consequential amendments).
Amendments (Nos. 5 and 6) made.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 66, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

"47A. In Section 125(1) of that Act, in paragraph (a) for the words 'the sum specified in Part III for' there shall be substituted the words 'the sums specified in Part III for mobility allowance and'.

47B. In Section 135(2) of that Act, after paragraph (c) there shall be inserted—

' (cc) a mobility allowance'.

47C. In Section 145(1) of that Act, after paragraph (b) there shall be inserted—

' (bb) payments to or in respect of persons suffering from physical disability such that they are unable to walk or virtually unable to do so ' "—(Mr. Alfred Morris.)

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out lines 1 to 3.—(Mr. Norman Fowler.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts : 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Miss Betty Boothroyd : 138.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 7) be made, put and agreed to.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Title amended.

Bill, as amended, to be reported

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Miss Betty Boothroyd reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments to the Bill; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to provide for relating the rates of social security retirement pensions and certain other benefits to the earnings on which contributions have been paid; to enable employed earners to be contracted-out of full social security contributions and benefits where the requisite benefits are provided by an occupational pension scheme; to make provision for securing that men and women are afforded equal access to occupational pension schemes; and to make other amendments in the law relating to social security (including an amendment of Part II of the Social Security Act 1975 introducing a new non-contributory benefit called "mobility allowance"); and to make other provision about occupational pensions.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

A Clause (Premium on termination of contracted-out scheme)—(Mrs. Secretary Castle)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Premium on termination of contracted-out employment)—(Mr. Brian O'Malley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Premium under section 40: additional provisions)—(Mr. Brian O'Malley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.
Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day's sitting, the Social Security Pensions Bill and the Motion relating to the Social Security Pensions Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour and that the Motion relating to Economic Policy Guidelines may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later—(Mr. John Ellis);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Joseph Harper: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Henderson, Mr. Dafydd Wigley: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Social Security Pensions Bill and the Motion relating to the Social Security Pensions Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour and that the Motion relating to Economic Policy Guidelines may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.

Social Security Pensions Bill.—The House proceeded further to consider the Social Security Pensions Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 19, to leave out "6·5" and insert "7"—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 36, to leave out the words "when subsection (1) above comes into force"—(Mr. Robert McCrindle.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 89.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 136.

Other Amendments (Nos. 3, 5 and 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 4, to leave out the word "and" and insert the word "to"—(Mr. Gwilym Roberts), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 11, to leave out "2·5" and insert "3"—(Mr. Robert McCrindle), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—

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Question put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 20, at the end, to insert the words "provided that that tax year begins not less than 12 months after the date upon which the draft order was laid before Parliament"—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 12, 13 and 15 to 21) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Brian O'Malley.)

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, to be further considered this day.

Economic Policy Guidelines.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R / 731 / 1 / 75—(Mr. Edmund Dell):—Debate arising:

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Debate stood adjourned.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. David Stoddart):—Debate arising:

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 eighteen minutes past Two o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.18 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 11th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st June 1975, entitled the Police Cadets (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 933) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd May 1975, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Family Benefits) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 931) [by Act].

Local Government Finance (Scotland),—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 404].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 9th June 1975, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1975 [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st May 1975, entitled the Glasgow—Monkland Motorway (Stage I) (Speed Limit) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 932) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:


Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

National Ports Council,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Ports Council for 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
University of London,—Copy of a Statute made by the Senate of the University of London on 15th May 1974, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Reg Prentice:
Commonwealth Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Commonwealth Development Corporation for 1974 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission concerning obligations of landlords and tenants [by Act]; to be printed [No. 377].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Secretary Varley (nominated in respect of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Secretary Benn.

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. John Biffen, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. David Marquand, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. John Spence, and Mr. Richard Wainwright.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Limitation Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Leoni Brittan, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. John Carson, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Ian Gow,
Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Jeffrey Thomas, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. David Weitzman, and Mr. William Wilson.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 697) and the Dundee College of Technology Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 698), viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Mr. Peter Doig, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Tom McMillan, and Mr. Iain Sproat.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 864), viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. H. Boardman, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. E. Fernyhough, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. Tom Pendry, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Toomey, Mr. Alan Williams, and Mr. David Young.

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee E, the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 697) and the Dundee College of Technology Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 698) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, and the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 864) 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. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Child Benefit Bill, and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 697) and the Dundee College of Technology Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 698).

[No. 136.]

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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).

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 12th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 219-xii].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 12th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 260-viii].

Industry Bill,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Industry Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 177].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 420].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Coal Industry Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Coal Industry Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Coal Industry Bill to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 176].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Members’ Interests (Declaration) (No. 2) and any Amendment thereto which may be selected by Mr. Speaker may be made after the time for opposed Business, and if so made, the Questions thereon shall be put forthwith.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Social Security Pensions Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Social Security Pensions Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 34, at the end, to insert the words—

“(8) In the case only of a scheme certified by the Occupational Pensions Board to be an industry-wide scheme for earners employed by more than one employer in the same field of industry the rules of the scheme may provide, as an alternative to the other provisions of this section, for determining pensions by reference to the earner’s average salary revalued where, in the opinion of the Occupational Pensions Board, the benefits of the scheme, taken as a whole, are likely to be more favourable to most earners than would be the case if the rules of the scheme were in accordance with subsection (2) of this section.”—(Mr. Robert McCrindle.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, line 32, to leave out “1/8th” and insert “1/7th”—(Sir George Young);—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 3, to leave out “5” and insert “8”—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke);—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Anthony Berry: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Ellis: 221.

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 6, at the beginning, to insert the words “One half of”—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 30, 31, 34, 36, 40, and 42 to 44) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mrs. Secretary Castle, 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.

Members’ Interests (Declaration) (No. 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, pursuant to the Resolutions of the House of 22nd May 1974, this House agrees with the recommendations made in the Report of the Select Committee on Members’ Interests (Declaration) relative to the arrangements for the registration of Members’ Interests, and with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 43 and 47 of that Report in relation to the declaring of such interests; and that a register of such interests be established as soon as possible in accordance with the proposals made in that Report—(Mr. Edward Short);—

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 5, after the words “Interests”, to insert the words “with the addition of Item 10 to the Form for Register of Interests in Annex 3, whose text shall read ‘10. Any other interest which the Member declares in accordance with the purpose of the Register as agreed by the House and set out in the accompanying letter to this form’.”—(Mr. Nigel Spearing.)

The Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. John Ellis: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Molyneaux, Mr. John Stokes: 21.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That, pursuant to the Resolutions of the House of 22nd May 1974, this House agrees with the recommendations made in the Report of the Select Committee on Members' Interests (Declaration) relative to the arrangements for the registration of Members' Interests, and with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 43 and 47 of that Report in relation to the declaring of such interests; and that a register of such interests be established as soon as possible in accordance with the proposals made in that Report.

Members' Interests (Declaration) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of the Resolution of the House of 22nd May 1974 in relation to disclosure of interests in any proceeding of the House or its Committees—

(i) any interest disclosed in a copy of the register of Members' Interests shall be regarded as sufficient disclosure for the purpose of taking part in any Division in the House or in any of its Committees;

(ii) the term "proceeding" shall be deemed not to include the giving of any written notice, or the asking of a supplementary question—(Mr. Edward Short);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 7, after the word "notice", to insert the words "other than that of a question in relation to which the Member giving notice thereof has an interest which is recorded in the register."—(Mr. John Golding.)

And it being after Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, to put forthwith the Question, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Phillip Whitehead: 76.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. David Stoddart: 94.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order of the House for the purposes of the Resolution of the House of 22nd May 1974 in relation to disclosure of interests in any proceeding of the House or its Committees—

(i) any interest disclosed in a copy of the register of Members' Interests shall be regarded as sufficient disclosure for the purpose of taking part in any Division in the House or in any of its Committees;

(ii) the term "proceeding" shall be deemed not to include the giving of any written notice, or the asking of a supplementary question.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 6th May, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Defective Premises (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th May, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th May, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Value Added Tax (Boats and Outboard Motors) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 745), a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th May, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Thursday 12th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Dr. John Gilbert:
Administration of Estates,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Referendum,—Copy of the Certificate of the Chief Counting Officer relating to the referendum on United Kingdom membership of the European Community [by Command].

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1973, entitled the Surrey County Council Dorking Magistrates' Court Site Compulsory Purchase Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Treaty Series (No. 72, 1975),—Copy of the Onchocerciasis 1974 Fund Agreement, signed at Washington on 14th February 1974 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 74, 1975),—Copy of a Decision, made at Brussels on 7th November 1974, of the representatives of the Governments of the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, establishing supervision of imports of certain products originating in Austria [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 75, 1975),—Copy of a Decision, made at Brussels on 7th November 1974, of the representatives of the Governments of the member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, establishing supervision of imports of certain products originating in Sweden [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd June 1975, entitled the State Awards (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 940) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd June 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Printing and Publishing) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 935) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th June 1975, entitled the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Order 1973 (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 987) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Continental Shelf,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th June 1975, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 8) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 981) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Wales on the Petition [6th May] of the Ratepayers of the City of Cardiff concerning the level of rates and reform of the rating system; to be printed [by Standing Order].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill.
Friday, 13th June, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the National Housewives Association, Keighley branch, and the Ratepayers Federation, for a reduction in local government expenditure, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Hare Coursing Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hare Coursing 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. Thomas Cox, Miss Margaret Jackson: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. John Cope: 101.

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 (Committee of Bills).

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.38 p.m.]
MEMORANDA

Friday 13th June 1975

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee), Mr. Speaker has nominated Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Michael Heseltine, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Tom King, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, and Mr. Secretary Varley, to be members of the Business Committee in respect of the Industry Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Limitation Bill [Lords] and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 864).

[No. 138.]

Monday, 16th June, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords] 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 I).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 16th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-viii].

Industry Bill (Business Committee),—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Business Committee, That they had come to a Resolution in respect of the Industry Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House: That the allotted days which under the Order [12th May] are given to the proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be allotted in the manner shown in the Table set out below and, subject to the provisions of that Order, each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of that Table.

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Report to lie upon the Table.

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 16th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 390-iii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Wealth Tax,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl of Lonsdale and the Lord Norton to attend to be examined as Witnesses before Sub-Committee A of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax. (Mr. Douglas Jay.)

Democratic Elections,—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, supported by Mr. Clement Freud, and Mr. W. W. Hamilton, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to Parliamentary and local government elections; to enable electors to register an alternative vote; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 178].

Supply [18th 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—(Mr. Donald Coleman);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 266.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. David Stoddart: 294.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the British Leyland Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

British Leyland Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the British Leyland Bill.

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 1 (Acquisition of shares).
Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

Tuesday, 17th June, 1975:

Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 242.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Miss Margaret Jackson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. John Ellis: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 239.

So the Question 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.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.30 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 16th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Arms and Ammunition,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th June 1975, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 956) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the First Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1974-75 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 407].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Agriculture,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 3rd June 1975, entitled the Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Control (Revocation) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 164) [by Act].
Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the University of Oxford on 14th March 1975, amending the Statutes of the University,

(2) made by the University of Oxford on 25th March 1975, amending the Statutes of the University, and

(3) made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on 17th March 1975, amending the Statutes of the House

(by Act).

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th May 1975, entitled the South Pembrokeshire District Council (Tenby) Harbour Revision Order 1975, with a Certificate by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and by the Secretary of State for Wales under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Copies of Measures passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled—

(1) the Church Commissioners (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1975,

(2) the Ecclesiastical Offices (Age Limit) Measure 1975, and

(3) the Incumbents (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1975

(by Act); to be printed [Nos. 425 to 427].

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Reports by the Ecclesiastical Committee upon—

(1) the Church Commissioners (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1975,

(2) the Ecclesiastical Offices (Age Limit) Measure 1975, and

(3) the Incumbents (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1975

(by Act); to be printed [Nos. 422 to 424].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Neil Macfarlane and Mr. John Spence (nominated in respect of the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Sir William Elliott and Mr. John Page.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged Mr. Ivan Lawrence from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Limitation Bill [Lords]; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Anthony Kershaw.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 16th June 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Hare Coursing Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 139.]

Tuesday, 17th June, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

London Transport Bill,—The London Transport Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 1st May, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) Bill to reduce the total sum of £868,648,000 on page 9 of the Schedule by £83,000,000 by:

(1) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 10 of Part I of the Schedule (Page 6) as follows:

(a) in column 3, by leaving out " £187,700,000 " and inserting " £137,700,000 " and
(b) in column 4, by leaving out " £86,350,000 " and inserting " £61,350,000 "; and

(2) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 25 in Part III of the Schedule (Page 9) as follows:

(a) in column 2, by leaving out " £60,000,000 " and " £64,000,000 " and inserting " £56,000,000 " and " £60,000,000 "; and
(b) in column 3, by leaving out " £30,000,000 " and " £32,000,000 " and inserting " £26,000,000 " and " £28,000,000 ";

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 (Twenty-second Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxxiv].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Twenty-third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxiii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Twenty-fourth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxiv].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 17th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87-vii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 17th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-xix].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr 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 on 17th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 389-iii].
Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Twentieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xxiv].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Select Committee on a Wealth Tax.—The Lords give leave to the Earl of Lonsdale and the Lord Norton to attend to be examined as Witnesses before Sub-Committee A of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, if their Lordships think fit.

Wealth Tax.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Duke of Grafton to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee B of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax.—(Mr. Douglas Jay)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft International Whaling Commission (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Supply [19th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Coleman);

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords];

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the Business.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords], the Export Guarantees Bill [Lords] and the Nursing Homes Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords].—And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords] 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).

Export Guarantees Bill [Lords].—The Export Guarantees Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

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 12 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Harper 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.
Nursing Homes Bill [Lords].—The Nursing Homes Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

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 24 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Harper 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.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Harper):

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning; Wednesday, 18th June, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.10 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 17th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid, — Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated 17th June 1975, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for—

(1) Health and Personal Social Services, England and Wales, and

(2) International Trade: export credit services and other investment overseas

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Charities, —Draft of an Order, entitled the Charities (Edward Harvist's Charity) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:


Treaty Series (No. 70, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Islamabad on 23rd December 1974, concerning an interest-free development loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Pakistan (United Kingdom-Pakistan Project Loan Agreement 1974) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 77, 1975),—Copy of an International Convention, signed at Brussels between 29th November 1969 and 31st December 1970, relating to intervention on the high seas in cases of oil pollution casualties [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Health Services (Scotland),—Copy of the Report on Health Services in Scotland for 1974 [by Command].
Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Social Security.—Copies of Regulations, dated 9th June 1975, entitled—

1. the Occupational Pension Schemes (Perpetuities) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 957), and

2. the Social Security (Determination of Industrial Injuries Questions) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 958)

[by Act].

Social Security.—Copy of the Report of the Occupational Pensions Board pursuant to Section 68(1) of the Social Security Act 1973, preceded by a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services pursuant to Section 68(2) of that Act, concerning the Occupational Pension Schemes (Perpetuities) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 957) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 410].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to—

1. aluminium and aluminium alloys,
2. copper, brass and other copper alloys,
3. hand tools and implements, and
4. ordnance and small arms

[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Diseases of Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th June 1975, entitled the Importation of a Goat Order (No. 1) 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee H.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Dr. John Gilbert (nominated in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 5, 17, 23, 25, 28, 49 and 60)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Denzil Davies.

[No. 140.]

Wednesday, 18th June, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Greater London Council (Money) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalisation) Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalisation) Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 18th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 369-v].
Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 18th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 189-xx].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 18th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 419-ii].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 18th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 390-iv].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 18th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 248-xiv].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 18th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 378-iv].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 18th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 379-iv].

Limitation Bill [Lords],—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Limitation 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 Limitation 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. 429].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. John Spence reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 697) and the Dundee College of Technology Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 698), referred to a Committee on 23rd May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 430].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 864), referred to a Committee on 10th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 428].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Select Committee on a Wealth Tax,—The Lords give leave to the Duke of Grafton to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee B of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, if his Lordship think fit.

Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rees, supported by Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. J. D. Concannon, presented a Bill to amend the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1973 ; to make further provision with respect to criminal proceedings, the maintenance of order and the detention of crime in Northern Ireland ; to provide for the detention of terrorists there ; 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 179].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) (New Town of Glenrothes) (Special Development) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 908) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)
Representation of the People (Amendment) (No. 2).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act 1949; And that Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Jo Grimond, Mr. Alan Beith, and Mr. Emlyn Hooson, do prepare and bring it in.

Representation of the People (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Clement Freud accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act 1949; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 180].

Bahamas (Gift of a Mace).—Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will give directions that there be presented on behalf of this House a gift of a Mace to the House of Assembly of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and assuring Her Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.—(Mr. Edward Short)

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.

Industry Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of 12th May relating to the Industry Bill (Allocation of Time) be supplemented by substituting the following paragraph for paragraph 2:—

"Report and Third Reading

2.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in three allotted days and shall be brought to a conclusion at Eleven o'clock on the last of those days; and for the purposes of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) this Order shall be taken to allot to the proceedings on Consideration such part of those days as the Resolution of the Business Committee may determine.

(2) The Business Committee shall report to the House their Resolution as to the proceedings on consideration of the Bill, and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading not later than 23rd June.

(3) The Resolutions in any report made under Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) may be varied by a further report so made, whether before or after 23rd June, and whether or not the Resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

(4) The Resolution of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which proceedings on Consideration of the Bill are taken."—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 5, to leave out the word "three" and insert the word "four"—(Mr. Michael Heseltine)}.${\text{—}}$ instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis: 192.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Stan Thorne: 6.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Order of 12th May relating to the Industry Bill (Allocation of Time) be supplemented by substituting the following paragraph for paragraph 2:—

"Report and Third Reading

2.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in three allotted days and shall be brought to a conclusion at Eleven o'clock on the last of those days; and for the purposes of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) this Order shall be taken to allot to the proceedings on Consideration such part of those days as the Resolution of the Business Committee may determine.

(2) The Business Committee shall report to the House their Resolution as to the proceedings on consideration of the Bill, and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading not later than 23rd June.

(3) The Resolutions in any report made under Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) may be varied by a further report so made, whether before or after 23rd June, and whether or not the Resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

(4) The Resolution of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which proceedings on Consideration of the Bill are taken".
Sex Discrimination Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Sex Discrimination Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Discriminatory practices)—(Mr. John Fraser)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Exception for voluntary bodies)—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Communal accommodation)—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Employment exemption order)—(Mr. David Lane)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Codes of practice, guidelines and rules of practice)—(Miss Jo Richardson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Use of public money)—(Miss Jo Richardson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Exemption of employment in ships and aircraft)—(Mr. Ronald Bell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Exemption of police)—(Mr. Ronald Bell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Amendments (Nos. 3, 5, and 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 36, to leave out the words " against him ".(Miss Jo Richardson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 42, to leave out from the word " him " to the end of line 4 in page 3.—(Mr. Ronald Bell.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 14 and 16) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 25, to leave out sub-paragraph (ii).—(Mr. Ronald Bell.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 18 and 19) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 37, to leave out Clause No. 11.—(Mr. Ronald Bell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Miss Jo Richardson: 31.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis: 150.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 8, at the end to insert the words—

" (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply in relation to a firm or partnership in which it is reasonable, having regard to the essential character or declared purpose of the undertaking, that the position should not be held by a woman ".—(Mr. Michael Alison.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 24, to leave out from the word "exists" to the end of line 36.—(Miss Joan Lestor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Ellis: 129.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Michael Roberts: 112.

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Sex Discrimination Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Sex Discrimination Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Sex Discrimination Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 13, to leave out the words "or facilitates".—(Mr. Ronald Bell.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 and 27) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 28, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Ronald Bell.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 29) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 31) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 4, to leave out the words "for purposes" and insert the words "in the ministry".—(Mr. Ivor Clemitson),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 36) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) In the Midwives Act 1951 the following section is inserted after section 35—

'35A. From 1st January 1976 references in this Act to women (except to a woman in childbirth) apply equally to men.'

(5) In the Midwives (Scotland) Act 1951 the said section 35A is inserted after section 37 of that Act as section 37A.".—(Dr. David Owen.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 104.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve: 96.

Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 25, to leave out Clauses Nos. 22 to 28.—(Mr. Ronald Bell.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 38 to 40) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 44, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) This section shall cease to have effect on 1st January 1980".—(Miss Jo Richardson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 43 to 47) made to the Bill.

Thursday, 19th June, 1975:

Another Amendment (No. 51) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

'(3) The trustee or any other person charged with the management of funds subject to such a provision as is referred to in subsection (2) may apply for such provision to be altered to enable him to confer benefits upon persons of either sex, any such application shall be made in accordance with the procedures laid down by Part III of the Charities Act 1960 and the making of such application shall be conclusive evidence that the condition set out in Clause 13(1)(e)(ii) of that Act has been fulfilled".—(Mrs. Helene Hayman.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 52 and 53) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 54) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

"(6) References in the foregoing subsections to the absence of persons of one particular sex, or their presence only in small numbers, shall not be taken as an inference that the absence of an exact balance, or an approximate balance, in the numbers of the different sexes, constitutes evidence of discrimination as specified in Part I of this Act ".—(Mr. Michael Alison.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 56) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 34, at the end, to insert the words " and

(a) to keep under review the number of women who are appointed to the Boards of public bodies and corporations; to certain committees; and to certain panels and tribunals as listed in paragraph 16 of Schedule 3 to this Act; and to report and make recommendations to the Secretary of State accordingly ".—(Mr. Ian Gilmour.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 57) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 34, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) to review existing and proposed legislation, with a view to eliminating discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity between men and women and when so required by the Secretary of State or otherwise think it necessary, to draw up and submit to the Secretary of State proposals for amending such legislation ".—(Miss Jo Richardson.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 58 and 59) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 60) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 27, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) The terms of reference, and any revisions to the said terms, shall be made public before the commencement of any authorised investigation ".—(Mr. David Lane.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 61) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 62) proposed to the Bill, in page 32, line 22, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) Where the Commission has conducted a formal investigation other than on a requirement by the Secretary of State, it shall make available for inspection on request a report of such investigation ".—(Miss Jo Richardson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 65 to 73) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed to the Bill, in page 40, line 19, to leave out Clause No. 68.—(Mr. Ian Percival.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 76) proposed to the Bill, in page 40, line 21, after the word " Act " to insert the words " or the Equal Pay Act 1970 ".—(Miss Jo Richardson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 83, 84, 86 and 89 to 91) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes past Two o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 2.19 a.m.
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 18th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 18th June 1975, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Cabinet Office [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th June 1975, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Israel) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1004) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 17th June 1975, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (Israel) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1003), and
(2) the Import Duties (Spain) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1005) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Electricity,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the South of Scotland Electricity Board for the year ended 31st March 1975 together with the Report of the Electricity Consultative Council for the South of Scotland District [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th June 1975, entitled the Civil Aviation (Gatwick) (Control of Land by Directions) Order 1975, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Trade under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

British Waterways Board,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Waterways Board for 1974 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Hare Coursing Bill, viz.: Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. William Whitlock, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. David Young.

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill (Lords), viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. E. Fernyhough, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Joseph Harper, Sir John Langford-Holt, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. John Page, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Michael Roberts, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Ted Rowlands (nominated in respect of the Community Land Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alec Jones.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. James Kilfedder, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. John Wakeham, and Mr. Kenneth Warren.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1975 and the draft International Whaling Commission (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Maurice
Edelman, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. David James, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. Ted Rowlands, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Peter Tapsell, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, and Mr. James Wellbeloved.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) (New Town of Glenrothes) (Special Development) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 908), viz.: Mr. Peter Doig, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. lain MacCormick, Mr. Bruce Millan, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. James Sillars, Mr. lain Sproat, and Mr. Teddy Taylor.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 18th June 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B, the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, the draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1975 and the draft International Whaling Commission (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, and the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) (New Town of Glenrothes) (Special Development) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 908) to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Hare Coursing Bill, Mr. W. T. Williams Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order 1975, and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1975 and the draft International Whaling Commission (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975.

PRAYERS.

Income Tax.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 1st May 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 the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Indonesia) Order 1975 be made in the form of the draft laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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 13th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 431-i].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Hearing Aid Council (Extension) Bill, without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)
Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Jurisdiction 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 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 safety 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.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Limitation Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Limitation 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).

Counter-Inflation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 864), a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd May, be approved.—(Miss Margaret Jackson):—It was agreed to.

Public Accounts.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th December relating to nomination of members of the Committee of Public Accounts, Dr. John Gilbert and Mr. Denzil Davies be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Robert Sheldon be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Margaret Jackson);

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.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 19th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

International Civil Aviation Organisation (Miscellaneous No. 15, 1975).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Montreal on 16th October 1974, relating to an Amendment to Article 50(a) of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 76, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Moscow on 29th January and 21st March 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, designating the British Airways Board in Agreements supplementary to the Air Services Agreement of 1957 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th June 1975, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 983) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th June 1975, entitled the National Health Service (Transferred Staff—Appeals) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 984) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Cinematograph Films,—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of Trade concerning certain capital payments advanced to the National Film Finance Corporation by the Board of Trade in 1970 which have not been repaid within the statutory period of five years [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Judges,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1975 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 19th June 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) (New Town of Glenrothes) (Special Development) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 908).

[No. 142.]

Friday, 20th June, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix I).

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 18th and 19th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 260-ix to 260-xii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Children Bill [Lords].—The Children 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).

Children [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Children [Money];

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision for children, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) all expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the provisions of the said Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Thomas Cox):

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. Thomas Cox.)

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 I

Friday 20th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
- Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th June 1975, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 989) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
- Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th June 1975, entitled the Agricultural Training Board (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 985) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
- Law Commissions,—Statement by the Lord Chancellor, pursuant to Section 4 of the Law Commissions Act 1965, concerning the pension provisions of a Commissioner of the Law Commission [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Jerry Wiggin (nominated in respect of the Hare Coursing Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Cope.

[No. 143.]  
Monday, 23rd June, 1975.

PRAYERS.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—The Order for resuming, to-morrow, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 1st May, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) Bill to reduce the total sum of £868,648,000 on page 9 of the Schedule by £83,000,000 by:

(1) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 10 of Part I of the Schedule (Page 6) as follows:
   (a) in column 3, by leaving out “ £187,700,000 ” and inserting “ £137,700,000 ” and
   (b) in column 4, by leaving out “ £86,350,000 ” and inserting “ £61,350,000 ”; and

(2) reducing the sums mentioned in Item 25 in Part III of the Schedule (Page 9) as follows:
   (a) in column 2, by leaving out “ £60,000,000 ” and “ £64,000,000 ” and inserting “ £56,000,000 ” and “ £60,000,000 ”; and
   (b) in column 3, by leaving out “ £30,000,000 ” and “ £32,000,000 ” and inserting “ £26,000,000 ” and “ £28,000,000 ”, was read and discharged.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 23rd June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-ix].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 10th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 431-ii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 23rd June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-viii].
Industry Bill (Business Committee).—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Business Committee, That they had come to a Resolution in respect of the Industry Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House:

That the allotted days which under the Order [18th June] are given to the proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be allotted in the manner shown in the Table set out below and, subject to the provisions of that Order, each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of that Table.

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Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 18th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-xvii].

Wealth Tax,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Cottesloe to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee B of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax.—(Mr. Douglas Jay.)

Supply [20th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tom Pendry):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Civil Estimates, 1975-76

Class X, Vote 6, Central and Miscellaneous Services (Department of Education and Science)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £14,142,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1976, for expenditure by the Department of Education and Science on miscellaneous educational services, research and administration, including grants in aid and international subscriptions.

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Subhead D1, Item (1), Salaries &c. of Ministers, be reduced by £1,000—(Mr. Norman St. John-Stevens);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 296.

So the Question was negatived.

The original Question being again proposed:—Debate arising;

And it being after Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tom Pendry):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Rehabilitation of Offenders,—Resolved, That the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th June, be approved.—(Mr. Alexander Lyon.)

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th December relating to nomination of members of the Committee of Public Accounts, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Coleman) :—Debate arising ;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning ;

Tuesday, 24th June, 1975:
And the Question having been proposed after Ten o’clock on Monday 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-three minutes past Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.23 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 23rd June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Secretary Ross :
Arms and Ammunition,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th June 1975, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 991) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle :
Census,—Copies of the New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—
(1) West Glamorgan, and
(2) Wiltshire,
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore :
Patents,—Copy of Rules, dated 23rd June 1975, entitled the Patents (Amendment No. 3) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1021) [by Act].

[No. 144.]

Tuesday, 24th June, 1975.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalisation) Bill [Lords],—The James Hugh Maxwell (Naturalisation) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday next.

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.
Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 24th June, together with a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxxv].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxxvi].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Twenty-fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxv].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 24th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-xxi].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr 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 on 24th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 389-iv].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Twenty-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xxv].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make fresh provision for empowering the court to make orders for the making out of the estate of a deceased person of provision for the spouse, former spouse, child, child of the family or dependant of that person; and for matters connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to establish a Scottish Development Agency; to provide for the appointment by the Secretary of State of a Scottish Industrial Development Advisory Board; to make provision for assistance in connection with air services serving the Highlands and Islands; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to establish a Welsh Development Agency and a Welsh Industrial Development Advisory Board; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords].

Select Committee on a Wealth Tax,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Cottesloe to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee B of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, his Lordship consenting.

Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Bill [Lords],—The Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 181].

Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords],—The Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 182].

Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords],—The Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 183].

Scottish Estimates,—Ordered, That the Estimates set out hereunder be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee:

Class VII, Vote 2, Housing (Scottish Development Department).
Class VIII, Vote 4, Other Environmental Services &c., Scotland.
Class XI, Vote 3, Social Work, Scotland.
Class XIII, Vote 22, Other Services: Scottish Office.
Class XVII, Vote 2, Rate Support Grant to Local Revenues, Scotland.—(Mr Edward Short.)
Prices and Incomes Board.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to re-establish a Prices and Incomes Board—(Mr. David Steel);

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 (Motion for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Cyril Smith: 28.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Golding: 162.

So the Question was negatived.

Supply [21st 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—(Mr. John Ellis);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Fred Silvester: 144.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Joseph Harper: 189.

So the Question was negatived.

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted Business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved.

Social Security.—Resolved, That the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Mr. Michael Meacher.)

Wealth Tax.—Ordered, That Mr. Denzil Davies and Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk be discharged from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax and that Mr. Neville Sandelson and Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from parents and electors in the United Kingdom, for a reversal of the decision to phase out the direct grant to schools in September 1976, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Harper);

And the House having continued to sit after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 25th June, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.8 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 24th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Building Societies,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Building Societies (Special Advances) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Immigration,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th June 1975, entitled the Immigration (Registration with Police) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 999) [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 69, 1975).—Copy of an Additional Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th July 1972, to the Agreement concerning products of the clock and watch industry between the European Economic Community and its member States and the Swiss Confederation (with Agreement of 30th June 1967) [by Command].

Shipping (Miscellaneous No. 11, 1975).—Copy of a proposed Amendment of the Annex to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic 1965 (the Amendment has not been accepted by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 79, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Moscow on 17th February 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on co-operation in the field of medicine and public health [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th June 1975, entitled the Herring (North Sea Fishing) Licensing Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 998) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census.—Copy of the New County Report of the Census 1971, relating to Dyfed, as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Distribution and Other Services.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Distribution and Other Services 1971, relating to Area Tables, East Anglia Region [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd June 1975, entitled the Port of London Authority (Constitution) Revision Order 1975, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Weights and Measures.—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cereal Breakfast Foods and Oat Products) Order 1975,
(2) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Dried Vegetables) Order 1975, and
(3) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Flour and Flour Products) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:


Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture.—Copy of the Report of the Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Land Drainage.—Copy of the Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, pursuant to section 21(6) of the Land Drainage Act 1930, on the Southern Water Authority (Appeals against Precepts) Order 1975 [by Act].

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Children Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Alan Fitch an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Industrial Democracy Bill and Mr. John Wells an additional Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Community Land Bill.
Wednesday, 25th June, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr. William Wilson reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Iron and Steel 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. 435].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 435].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 25th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 369-vi].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 25th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 260-xiii and 260-xiv].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 25th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-xviii].

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 25th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 378-v].

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 25th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-v].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. W. T. Williams reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 17th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 432].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1975 and the draft International Whaling Commission (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 17th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 436].
Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from
the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Town and Country Planning
(Scotland) (New Town of Glenrothes) (Special Development) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975,
No. 908), referred to a Committee on 18th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 434].

Scottish Development Agency Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the
Scottish Development Agency Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Welsh Development Agency Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the
Welsh Development Agency Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Caravan Sites Act 1968 (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to
to amend the Caravan Sites Act 1968; And that Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Alan Lee
Williams, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. David
Mitchell, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Roger Sims, and Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, do prepare
and bring it in.

Caravan Sites Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. John Loveridge accordingly presented a
Bill to amend the Caravan Sites Act 1968; And the same was read the first time; and
ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 184].

Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords];
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. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton : 295.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve : 224.

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 (Committee of Bills).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Diseases of Animals Bill
[Lords], the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords], the Motion relating to Ways
and Means (Disallowance of losses (capital gains tax and corporation tax)) and the
Motion relating to Procedure (Use of Trustee Savings Banks by Solicitors) may be
proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having
been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Scottish Development Agency (No. 2)
[Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a
Scottish Development Agency; to provide for the appointment by the Secretary of State
of a Scottish Industrial Development Advisory Board; to make provision for assistance
in connection with air services serving the Highlands and Islands; and for connected
purposes, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) subject to the prescribed limit—
(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of the expenses of the
Secretary of State in making payments to the Scottish Development Agency;
(b) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of sums required for making
loans to the Scottish Development Agency;
(c) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required for fulfilling
any guarantee given by the Treasury in respect of sums borrowed by that
Agency;

and in this paragraph of this Resolution "the prescribed limit" means the
limit of £300 million imposed by the said Act of the present Session on the
aggregate amount outstanding, otherwise than by way of interest, in respect of—
(i) the general external borrowing (as defined in the Act of the Scottish
Development Agency and their wholly owned subsidiaries;
(ii) sums issued by the Treasury in fulfilment of guarantees in respect of
sums borrowed by the Agency from a person other than the Secretary
of State;
(iii) sums paid to the Agency by the Secretary of State less repayments
to the Secretary of State by the Agency (other than payments made by
the Agency in consideration of receiving public dividend capital) and
less sums paid in respect of the administrative expenses of the Agency; and
(iv) loans guaranteed by the Agency otherwise than in the exercise of powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 7 of the Industry Act 1972 and exercisable by the Agency by virtue of the said Act of the present Session and loans guaranteed by a wholly owned subsidiary of the Agency;

(2) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred by him in consequence of any provision of the said Act of the present Session—
   (a) enabling him to assist persons providing or proposing to provide air services serving the Highlands and Islands; and
   (b) enabling him to pay compensation in respect of the loss of office of any person who suffers such loss in consequence of the said Act;

(3) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State incurred by him in consequence of any provision of the said Act.

And that it is expedient to authorise any payment into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund under the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Diseases of Animals Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 9, to leave out the words “but does not extend to Northern Ireland”.—(Mr. Peter Hordern.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Ways and Means,—Disallowance of losses (capital gains tax and corporation tax),—Resolved, That provision may be made for disallowing losses attributable to transactions within paragraph 15(2) of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1965.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Procedure (Use of Trustee Savings Bank by Solicitors),—Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters which may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may include provision for making “bank” in the Solicitors Act 1974 include a trustee savings bank.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to One o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.31 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 25th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Ancient Monuments,—Copy of the Nineteenth Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland relating to the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Argyll, Volume 2: Lorn [by Command].

Police (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for 1974 [by Command].

Provisional Orders (Scotland),—Copy of a Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under Section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken
into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 27th day of March 1975, namely the Cromarty Petroleum Order, the Inverness Harbour (Citadel Quay, etc.) Order, the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Order, the Scottish Transport Group (Castle Bay Pier) Order and the Stornoway Harbour Order, and are of opinion that the Orders should be allowed to proceed, subject to such Recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Orders [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th June 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Cotton and Allied Textiles) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 996) [by Act].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Twenty-five Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Children Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Andrew Bowden, the Reverend Robert Bradford, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Donald Coleman, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Eric Moonman, Dr. David Owen, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. James Tinn, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. David Weitzman, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead.
Standing Committee C.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Limitation Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. John Carson, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. David James, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Peter Tompkins-Morris, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Jeffrey Thomas, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. David Weitzman, and Mr. William Wilson.
Standing Committee E.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Robert Taylor, and Mr. George Thompson.
Standing Committee J.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of the Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Michael Matee, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Norman Mincampbell, Mr. James Molyneaux, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. Robert Parry, and Mr. Paul B. Rose.
Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Fifteen Members to serve on the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Scottish Estimates, viz.: Sir William Elliott, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Sir Timothy Kitson, Mr. David Mitchell, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. John Osborn, Mr. David Price, Mr. Tim Rallbone, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. van Straubenzee, and Mr. Dennis Walters.
First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Ronald Bell, Sir Edward Brown, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. John Nott, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. George Park, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. John Reper, and Mr. Robert Sheldon.
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. J. M. Craig, Mr. Peter Doig, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchinson, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. James White.
MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Limitation Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee C, the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee E, the Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee J, the draft Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, and the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1975 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. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Children Bill [Lords], and Mr. W. T. Williams an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill.

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Thursday, 26th June, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (Money) Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday next at Seven o'clock.

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 8th July.

Scottish Transport Group (Port Ellen Harbour) Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Scottish Transport Group (Port Ellen Harbour): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 185].

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Industry Bill (Business Committee).—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Business Committee, That they had come to a further Resolution in respect of the Industry Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House:

That the allotted days which under the Order [18th June] are given to the proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be allotted in the manner shown in the Table set out below and, subject to the provisions of that Order, each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of that Table.

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Amendments to Clauses 23 to 30, new Clauses and new Schedules relating thereto, Amendments to Schedules 4 and 5 and any remaining new Clauses and new Schedules.

7.30 p.m.

Third Reading.

11.00 p.m.

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 25th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 419-iii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 25th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 390-v].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 26th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 437-i].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Child Benefit Bill,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Child Benefit Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 186].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 439].

Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill,—Mr W. T. Williams reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Statutory Corporations (Financial 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. 438].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for indemnifying (in whole or in part) or otherwise assisting or protecting policyholders and others who have been or may be prejudiced in consequence of the inability of authorised insurance companies carrying on business in the United Kingdom to meet their liabilities under policies issued or securities given by them, and for imposing levies on the insurance industry for the purpose ; to authorise the disclosure of certain documents and information to persons appointed by the Secretary of State to advise him on the exercise of his powers under the Insurance Companies Act 1974 ; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords]].

Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords].—The Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 187].

Regional Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Order [9th June], That the matter of North West of England Affairs be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs—(Mr. Edward Short) ;—It was agreed to.

Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords];
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. Donald Coleman, Mr. James Hamilton: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 158.

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).

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to the Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the proviso to Standing Order No. 62 (Nomination of Standing Committees), any Standing Committee appointed for the consideration of the Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords] shall consist of Seventeen Members, including not less than Fourteen Members sitting for constituencies in Wales.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to establish a Welsh Development Agency and a Welsh Industrial Development Advisory Board, and for connected purposes, it is expedient to authorise—

1. subject to the prescribed limit—
   (a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of the expenses of the Secretary of State in making payments to the Welsh Development Agency;
   (b) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of sums required for making loans to the Welsh Development Agency;
   (c) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required for fulfilling any guarantee given by the Treasury in respect of sums borrowed by that Agency; and
   (d) in this paragraph of this Resolution “the prescribed limit” means the limit of £150 million imposed by the said Act of the present Session on the aggregate amount outstanding otherwise than by way of interest in respect of—
      (i) the general external borrowing (as defined in the Act) of the Welsh Development Agency and their wholly owned subsidiaries;
      (ii) sums issued by the Treasury in fulfilment of guarantees in respect of sums borrowed by the Agency from a person other than the Secretary of State;
      (iii) sums paid to the Agency by the Secretary of State less repayments to the Secretary of State by the Agency and less sums paid in respect of the administrative expenses of the Agency; and
      (iv) loans guaranteed by the Agency otherwise than in the exercise of powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 7 of the Industry Act 1972 and exercisable by the Agency by virtue of the said Act of the present Session;
   (2) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred by him in consequence of any provision of the said Act of the present Session enabling him to pay compensation in respect of the loss of office of any person who suffers such loss in consequence of the said Act;
   (3) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State incurred by him in consequence of any provision of the said Act.

And that it is expedient to authorise any payment into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund under the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th June, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rees);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 27th June, 1975:

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted Business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th June, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th June, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rees.)
Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the International Whaling Commission (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved.—(Mr. John Ellis): It was agreed to.

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Mr. John Ellis): It was agreed to.

Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th June, be approved—(Mr. John Ellis): It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes past Two o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.9 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 26th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st July 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 440].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Mexico (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Tlatelolco on 25th February 1975, on cultural co-operation between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United Mexican States [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 67, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 13th and 14th February 1975 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Australia, replacing the Schedule to the Agreement for air services between and beyond their respective territories, signed at London on 7th February 1958 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 71, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Valletta on 29th November 1974, amending the Arrangement between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Malta for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Ross:


Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to Economic Activity County Leaflets for—

(1) Berkshire,
(2) Devon,
(3) Dorset, and
(4) Durham;

with general explanatory notes [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th June 1975, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1001) [by Act].

 Countryside Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Countryside Commission for the year ended 30th September 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 402].
Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1974-75 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 405].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection
Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Donald Coleman (nominated in respect of the Children Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Miss Margaret Jackson.

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Dennis Skinner (nominated in respect of the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hugh D. Brown.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 26th June 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords], Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords], Mr. W. T. Williams Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Estimates referred to the Committee, Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1975 and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1975.

[No. 147.]
Friday, 27th June, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Hampstead, for the right to free National Health Service abortions, was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Privilege,—Complaint having been made yesterday by Mr. George Cunningham, Member for Islington South and Finsbury, of words alleged to have been spoken by Mr. Arthur Scargill, President of the Yorkshire Area of the National Union of Mineworkers and of a resolution of the Yorkshire Area Council of that Union, which, he submitted, disclosed a breach of the privileges of this House ;

Ordered, That the matter of the Complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges. —(Mr. George Cunningham.)

Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill,—The Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) 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).

Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) [Money] ;
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1973, it is expedient to authorise—

1. the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—
   (a) of remuneration and allowances to Advisers appointed under the Act of the present Session;
   (b) of any reasonable costs or expenses incurred by a person detained under that Act in obtaining legal advice or assistance;
   (c) of any reasonable expenses incurred by any person in connection with a reference to an Adviser appointed under that Act;
   (d) of any payments to persons released or about to be released from detention under that Act; and

2. any increase attributable to the Act of the present Session in the sums payable under any other Act out of moneys provided by Parliament.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—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 27th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th June 1975, entitled the Animals (Restriction of Importation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1008) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 27th June 1975

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 Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 148.]

Monday, 30th June, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 30th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-x].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 30th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-ix].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 30th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 189-xxii].
Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the New Towns Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to establish an Agency with the duties of promoting equality of opportunity in employments and occupations in Northern Ireland between people of different religious beliefs and of working for the elimination of discrimination which is unlawful by virtue of the Act; to render unlawful, in connection with such employments and occupations, certain kinds of discrimination on the ground of religious belief or political opinion; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]].

Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 188].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Building Societies (Special Advances) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Supply [22nd allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—Debate arising;

Mrs. Winifred Ewing rose in her 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, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Douglas Henderson : 9.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Miss Margaret Jackson : 4.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative, because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 31 (Majority for Closure).

And it being after Seven o'clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 7 (Time for taking Private Business), further proceeding stood postponed.

Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Eastbourne Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now considered;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Jonathan Aitken : 45.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. John Golding : 66.

So the Question was negatived.

Supply.—The House again proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment.—The House resumed the postponed proceeding on the Question, That this House do now adjourn:—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) (New Town of Glenrothes) (Special Development) Order 1975 (S.L., 1975, No. 908), dated 21st May 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th June, be annulled.—(Mr. W. W. Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

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. Donald Coleman);

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. James Hamilton.)

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 30th June 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th June 1975, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (African, Caribbean and Pacific States) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1062) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—
  (1) dated 26th June 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 10) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1065),
  (2) dated 27th June 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 11) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1066),
  (3) dated 30th June 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Developing Countries) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1067), and
  (4) dated 30th June 1975, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1064) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Countryside (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Countryside Commission for Scotland for 1974 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:


Social Security,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th June 1975, entitled the Social Security Act 1975 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1013) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th June 1975, entitled the Social Security (Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1058) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) (Reserve Fund) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th June 1975, entitled the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1063) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee J.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Sir Nigel Fisher (nominated in respect of the Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Cecil Parkinson.

[No. 149.]

Tuesday, 1st July, 1975.

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).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 1st July, and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fourth Report).

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxxvii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Twenty-sixth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxvii].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 1st July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87-viii].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had made progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 448].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords],—Mr. John Wells reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 450].

Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords],—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee J, That they had gone through the Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords], and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 447].

Scottish Estimates,—Mr. W. T. Williams reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered certain of the Estimates referred to them on 24th June, viz.:

Class XIII, Vote 22, Other Services: Scottish Office, and
Class XVII, Vote 2, Rate Support Grant to Local Revenues, Scotland,
and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 451].

Social Security (Abolition of Wage Stop Rule) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 11th July, the Social Security (Abolition of Wage Stop Rule) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

New Member Sworn,—Peter James Bottomley, Esquire, Member for Greenwich, Woolwich West, was sworn.

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)
Northern Ireland Affairs,—*Ordered*, That the matter of the Northern Ireland Economy, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee for their consideration.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Standardisation of Containers,—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote the standardisation of containers: And that Mr. David Lane, Sir Paul Bryan, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Anthony Steen, and Mr. Richard Wainwright, do prepare and bring it in.

Standardisation of Containers Bill,—Mr. David Lane accordingly presented a Bill to promote the standardisation of containers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 189].

Business Committee (Industry Bill),—*Ordered*, That the Report of 26th June from the Business Committee be now considered.—(Mr. Joseph Harper) :—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Report.

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—

It was agreed to.

Industry Bill [1st allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 128) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, to leave out the words "a body" and insert the word "bodies".—(Mr. Douglas Crawford),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Andrew Welsh : 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Joseph Harper : 240.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, at the end to insert the words "( ) The Members of the Board shall be appointed from among persons who appear to the Secretary of State to have wide experience of, and to have shown capacity in, industry, technology, commercial or financial matters, administration, or the organisation of workers".—(Mr. Tom King.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Richard Luce : 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Joseph Harper : 238.

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 173) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 175) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 26, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

"(2) The Board will have separate and distinctive responsibilities for—

(a) Identification of enterprises in difficulty—

(i) the early identification of those industrial enterprises which are vulnerable to overseas competition and/or where competitiveness is being undermined due to external factors;

(ii) the early identification of individual enterprises which are likely to reduce employment drastically or cease trading altogether.

(b) Provision of immediate assistance—

The National Enterprise Board shall be responsible for co-ordination and assistance to companies which are liable at short notice to cease trading or reduce the numbers employed drastically in such ways that—

(i) time is available to identify potentially viable parts of the enterprise and plans can be made and implemented for their continued existence;

(ii) additional financial or other assistance can be provided for those whose jobs are endangered.

(c) Assistance to improve international competitiveness—

Within the overall strategy for the future of British industry, the National Enterprise Board shall be responsible for co-ordinating and providing assistance to selected enterprises in order that—

(i) measures are taken that significantly improve the international competitiveness of existing or new sectors of British industry;

(ii) British industry can develop closer links with its European counterparts.
In order to discharge these responsibilities the Board will—
(a) establish a close working relationship with other bodies and agencies concerned
with British industry;
(b) be empowered to provide assistance which shows an agreed rate of return for
existing or proposed profitable enterprises;
(c) provide the Minister with a written case explaining the reasons and basis for
assistance in any case. This will be laid before Parliament within three months
of financial assistance being provided;
(d) ensuring, in consultation with the representatives of the Department of Employ-
ment, that all companies assisted develop adequate representation at both works
and board level”—(Mr. Richard Walwyn)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. A. J. Beith : 208.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. James Hamilton : 223.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, to leave out lines 32 and
33.—(Mr. Tom King.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Richard Luce : 199.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Thomas Cox : 223.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 38, at the end, to
insert the words—
"(2A)(a) In any undertaking owned by the Board, the Board shall consult
the employees as to the form of management they wish to see implemented;
(b) at any time trade union representatives of a majority of the employees in such
an undertaking may require the Board to hold a ballot of all employees as to
whether they wish to have the undertaking constituted as a workers' co-operative,
and, if the ballot shows a majority of the employees in favour of such a consti-
tution, then the Board shall co-operate with the employees in its preparation,
and shall implement it if a further ballot shows a majority of employees in favour
of its implementation;
(c) the constitution of a workers' co-operative under this section shall provide for
management by a worker representative body elected by all employees, for the
payment of interest on capital employed to the Board, for payment of deprecia-
tion into a reserve fund, for an employees' income stabilisation fund, and for the
division of the income of the undertaking between employees after payment of
interest, depreciation, taxes and other provisions, in accordance with a Code of
Practice approved by the Secretary of State which the Secretary of State shall
by order direct the Board and any worker co-operatives constituted under this
section to observe;
(d) a duly constituted worker co-operative which fails to observe its obligations
under the Code of Practice shall revert to the managerial control of the Board”.

—(Dr. Jeremy Bray.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ron Thomas, Dr. Jeremy Bray : 72.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. J. D. Dormand : 336.

And it being after half-past Nine o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to
Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) and the Orders [12th May, 18th June, and
this day] to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by a member of the
Government, of which notice had been given, to that part of the Bill to be concluded
at half-past Nine o'clock.

Other Amendments (Nos. 7, 8, 10 to 14, 16 to 23, 26, 34 and 179) made to the Bill.

A Clause (The Board and the media)—(Mr. Secretary Varley)—brought up and read.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. J. D. Dormand : 332.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Eddie Loyden : 66.

Other Amendments (Nos. 124 and 125) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 167) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 2, after the word
"manufacturing" to insert the words "extraction or service".—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Motion relating to the European Parliament (Membership) may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Walter Harrison);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman : 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. A. J. Beith : 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Motion relating to the European Parliament (Membership) may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.

Industry Bill [1st allotted Day].—The House again proceeded to consider the Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 167) be made:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 43 to 51) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

" (3A) Where 30 per cent. or more of the share capital of the body corporate vests in the Secretary of State or the Board by virtue of a vesting order, the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the Board shall serve on the holders of the share capital that does not so vest, within 28 days of the making of the order, a notice informing them of the making of the order and of the right of each of them to require the Secretary of State or the Board to acquire the share capital held by him.

(3B) The recipient of a notice under subsection (3A) above may, within three months of the date of the notice, serve on the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the Board, a counter-notice requiring him or them to acquire the share capital held by the recipient in the body corporate.

(3C) A vesting order shall have effect, from the date of a counter-notice, as if the share capital specified in the notice had been specified in the vesting order.

(3D) Subsections (3A) to (3C) above shall have the same effect in relation to share capital vesting in nominees for the Secretary of State or the Board as in relation to share capital vesting as mentioned in those subsections ".—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 3, after the word "on" to insert the words "each of".—(Mr. Michael Grylls)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Fred Silvester : 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis : 222.

And it being after Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) and the Orders [12th May, 18th June, and this day] to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment (No. 53) be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Joseph Harper : 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. David Steel : 13.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the Business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

Another Amendment (No. 54) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 55) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 21, to leave out from the beginning to the word "to" in line 29 and insert the words—

" (a) any capital or assets which will vest by virtue of the order ; and
(b) any assets
(i) of a body corporate whose capital will so vest, or
(ii) of any subsidiary of such a body corporate ;

and may in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of this subsection, prohibit or set aside the transfer of any such capital or assets or any right in respect of such capital or assets.

(3) A vesting order setting aside a transfer of capital or assets such as are mentioned in subsection (2)(a) above shall entitle the Secretary of State or the Board to recover the capital or assets transferred.
(3A) A vesting order setting aside a transfer of assets such as are mentioned in subsection (2)(b) above shall entitle the body corporate or subsidiary to recover the assets transferred.

(3B) Any vesting order setting aside a transfer shall give the person entitled to recover the capital or assets a right, if he fails to recover them.”—(Mr. Secretary Varley)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart : 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. A. J. Beith : 15.

Another Amendment (No. 56) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 57) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 34, at the end, to insert the words “ and the Secretary of State shall publish a copy of any such notice in the London Gazette, the Edinburgh Gazette and the Belfast Gazette as soon as practicable after he has given it ”.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division and Mr. Speaker stated that he thought that the Ayes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared that the Ayes had it, eight Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

Another Amendment (No. 58) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 35, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division, and Mr. Speaker stated that he thought that the Ayes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared that the Ayes had it, thirteen Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

Other Amendments (Nos. 59 to 68) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 13, to leave out from the word “ installations ” to the word “ for ” in line 15.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 199.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. David Penhaligon : 14.

Another Amendment (No. 33) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 74) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 17, to leave out the words “ of that section ”.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. John Ellis : 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Geraint Howells : 13.

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 14, at the end, to insert the words “ and after that paragraph there shall be added (but not as part of it) the words ‘ and any statutory instrument made by virtue of this subsection shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament ’ ”.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division, and Mr. Speaker stated that he thought that the Ayes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared that the Ayes had it, three Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

Another Clause (Arbitration of disputes relating to vesting and compensation orders) —(Mr. Secretary Varley)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

A Schedule (Arbitration)—(Mr. Secretary Varley)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

And further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be further considered this day.
European Parliament (Membership).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Guy Barnett, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Tom Ellis, Mr. John Evans, Mr. William Hamilton, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mr. John Prescott, and Mr. Michael Stewart, be designated members of the European Parliament:

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House—(Mr. Robert Mellish):—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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Miss Betty Boothroyd: 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Cyril Smith: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. David Stoddart: 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Geraint Howells: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Guy Barnett, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Tom Ellis, Mr. John Evans, Mr. William Hamilton, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mr. John Prescott and Mr. Michael Stewart, be designated members of the European Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 thirteen minutes past Three o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.13 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 1st July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1975, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Dividends) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1081) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Race Relations,—Copy of the Report of the Race Relations Board for 1974 [by Act];

to be printed [No. 409].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Treaty Series (No. 98, 1975),—Copy of a Protocol signed at Vienna on 7th July 1971, relating to an Amendment to Article 56 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 100, 1975),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Quito on 15th December 1972, concerning a loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Ecuador (United Kingdom—Ecuador Loan 1972) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Foot:

Health and Safety.—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th June 1975, entitled—
(1) the Factories Act 1961 (Repeals) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1012), and
(2) the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 (Repeals) Regulations 1975
(S.I., 1975, No. 1011)
[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census.—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971 relating to Economic Activity
County leaflets for—
(1) Cheshire, and
(2) Kent
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd June 1975, entitled the Anti-
Dumping Duty (Temporary Suspension) (No. 4) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1025) [by
Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copies of the Reports on the Census of Production relating
to—
(1) corsets and miscellaneous dress industries,
(2) electrical machinery,
(3) engineers' small tools and gauges,
(4) footwear,
(5) glass,
(6) margarine,
(7) miscellaneous stationers' goods, and
(8) photographic and document copying equipment
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Continental Shelf.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th June 1975, entitled the Continental
Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 9) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1080) [by Act].

Gas.—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th June 1975, entitled the Gas (Meter) (Amend-
ment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1071) [by Act].

Health and Safety.—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th June 1975, entitled—
(1) the Polmaise 3/4 Mine (Nos. 3 & 5 Shafts) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1079), and
(2) the Shilbottle Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) (Revocation) Regulations 1975
(S.I., 1975, No. 1078)
[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1975, entitled the Household Flour Prices
Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1074) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That
they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Eric Moonman (nominated in
respect of the Children Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Helene
Hayman.

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had
discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Michael Roberts (nominated in respect of
the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in
substitution Mr. Anthony Berry.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the
Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory
Instruments Mr. Hugh D. Brown (nominated in respect of the Rate Support Grant
(Increase) (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1975) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bruce
Millan.
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee E and the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee J.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mrs. Lena Jeger an additional Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Community Land Bill.

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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Scottish Transport Group (Port Ellen Harbour) Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Scottish Transport Group (Port Ellen Harbour) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills. That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords] and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 369-vii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries. That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 419-iv].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. 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 the Committee, together with an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 454].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 454].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology. That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 260-xv].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage.—Mr. W. W. Hamilton, reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage. That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-xv].
Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 185-xix].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 378-vi].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 379-vi].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 19th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 452A].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 25th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 452].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Israel) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1004) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Common Ownership,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for changing companies into self-governing democratic enterprises ; and that Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. John Evans, Mr. James Callaghan, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. John Ovenden, and Mr. David Watkins, do prepare and bring it in.

Common Ownership Bill,—Mr. George Rodgers accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for changing companies into self-governing democratic enterprises: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 191].

Industry Bill [2nd allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 76) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, to leave out line 16 and insert the words “ For the purpose of obtaining information which in the opinion of either of the Ministers is needed to form or to further national economic policies, or needed for consultations between Government, employers or workers on the outlook for a particular sector of manufacturing industry, including the outlook for the major companies in that sector, that Minister, if it appears to him that one of the following conditions is satisfied namely—

(a) that a company "—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment (ia) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 2, after the word “ information ” to insert the words “ from a company or companies which have made or which have signified in writing to the Secretary of State their intention to make a planning agreement and "—(Mr. John Stanley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Richard Luce : 169.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Miss Margaret Jackson : 214.

Question, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

Other Amendments (Nos. 77 and 78) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 79) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 21, to leave out the words “ or that a subsidiary of any person is carrying on such an undertaking " and insert the words " and

(ii) that it is desirable, for the purpose of obtaining information of that description, that the company or companies concerned should provide the Government and a representative of each relevant trade union with any such information relating to the undertaking,

may serve a preliminary notice on the company or companies concerned.
(1A) In this Act—

"company or companies concerned" means—

(a) where it appears to the Minister that the condition mentioned in subsection (1)(a) above is satisfied, the company carrying on the undertaking, and

(b) where it appears to the Minister that the condition specified in subsection (i)(b) above is satisfied—

(i) the group's holding company, if that company is registered in the United Kingdom, and

(ii) all the companies in the group, if the holding company is not registered in the United Kingdom; and

"preliminary notice" means a notice—

(a) stating which of the conditions specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) above appears to the Minister to be satisfied in relation to the undertaking;

(b) informing the company or companies concerned that if the Minister is not satisfied that such information relating to the undertaking as is specified in paragraph (ii) of that subsection will be given voluntarily both to him and to a representative of each relevant trade union he will consider making an order under this section; and

(c) requiring them—

(i) to give a representative of each relevant trade union a notice of the service of the preliminary notice within 14 days of the date on which it is served; and

(ii) to give the Minister, within such reasonable time as may be specified in the preliminary notice, a list of representatives of relevant trade unions to whom he has given the notice mentioned in paragraph (i) above.

(1B) When a Minister serves a preliminary notice, he shall lay before each House of Parliament a statement that he has served it, specifying the company or companies concerned and the date on which it was served.

(1C) Subject to subsection (1D) to (1F) below, when a Minister has served a preliminary notice—

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 6, to leave out the words "a representative of each relevant trade union" and insert the words "employee representatives"—(Mr. David Penhaligon),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Richard Wainwright: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 203.

Another Amendment (b) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 6, to leave out the words "a representative of each relevant trade union" and insert the words "all employees"—(Mr. John Stanley),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Michael Roberts: 187.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox: 200.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 79) be made, put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 80 to 83) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 84) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 28, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 149.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Giles Radice: 220.

And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) and the Orders [12th May, 18th June, and yesterday] to put forthwith the Questions on Amendments moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to that part of the Bill to be concluded at Eleven o'clock, and other Amendments (Nos. 85 to 90, 180, and 92 to 100) were made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 177) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 32, to leave out from the word "above" to the end of line 39 and insert the words "the Minister may serve—

(a) a further notice on the company or companies concerned provisionally requiring them to furnish to a representative of each relevant trade union within such reasonable time, which shall not be less than 28 days, as may be specified in the notice, the whole or part of the information furnished to him under section 21 above, and

(b) a notice as to the furnishing of that information on the representative of each relevant trade union"—(Mr. Secretary Varley)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Joseph Harper: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Russell Kerr: 58.

Other Amendments (Nos. 103 to 106, 178, 107 and 108) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 126) proposed to the Bill, in page 29, line 31, to leave out Schedule No. 3.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. John Ellis: 147.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Giles Radice: 230.

And further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be further considered to-morrow.

And further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Women's Regional Advisory Committee, Southern Region Labour Party, for implementation of the Finer Report on one-parent families, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Ellis):—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 I

Wednesday 2nd July 1975

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, Session 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Highlands and Islands Shipping Services,—Draft of an Undertaking between the Secretary of State for Scotland and Caledonian MacBrayne Limited [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1975, entitled the Tea Prices (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1083) [by Act].
Mr. Edward Short:

Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th June, entitled the Belgium (Extradition) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1034) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 25th June 1975, entitled—
(1) The Merchant Shipping (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) (Malta) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1045), and
(2) The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1036) [by Act].

Parliamentary Commissioner,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th June 1975, entitled the Parliamentary Commissioner Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1033) [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 Surrey County Council Dorking Magistrates’ Court Site Compulsory Purchase Order 1973 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Nicholas Edwards, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. Glynfor Evans, Mr. Iwan Evans, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Barry Jones, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Geraint Morgan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, and Mr. Jeffrey Thomas.

Standing Committee J,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. William Craig, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. A. E. P. Duff, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Sir Michael Havens, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Richard Luce, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Secretary Rees, and Mr. David Stoddart.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy 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 Building Societies (Special Advances) Order 1975, and the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Israel) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1004), viz.: Mr. Churchill, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. David Marquand, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. George Park, Mr. George Reid, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, and Mr. John Ryman.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the maximum Number of Judges Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. F. P. Crowder, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Sir Michael Havens, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Peter Thomas, and Mr. Raphael Tuck.

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Peter Doig, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchinson, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. Bruce Millan, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. James White.

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had added Twelve Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Northern Ireland Economy, viz.: Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. James Sillars, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. John Tosh, Mr. David Watkins, and Mr. Bernard Weatherill.
Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Mr. Gregor Mackenzie to serve on the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of North West of England Affairs.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 2nd July 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Building Societies (Special Advances) Order 1975 and the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Israel) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1004) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments and the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1975 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. Ifor Davies Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords], Mr. Michael English Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Northern Ireland Economy, Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of North West of England Affairs, Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Building Societies (Special Advances) Order 1975 and the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Israel) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1004), and Mr. W. T. Williams Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1975.

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Thursday, 3rd July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Scottish Transport Group (Port Ellen Harbour) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Scottish Transport Group (Port Ellen Harbour) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Dundee Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Dundee Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 193].

Dundee Port Authority Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Dundee Port Authority: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 194].

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Scottish Estimates.—Mr. W. T. Williams reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, that they had considered the remaining Estimates referred to them on 24th June, viz.: Class VII, Vote 2, Housing (Scottish Development Department), Class VIII, Vote 4, Other Environmental Services &c., Scotland, and Class XI, Vote 3, Social Work, Scotland, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 451].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the British Leyland Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 195].

Industry Bill [3rd allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 109) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, to leave out lines 17 to 34 and insert the words—

"(1) A Minister who has served a notice under section 22 above may by notice be required to refer the matter to an advisory committee.

(2) Such a reference may be required—

(a) by the company or companies concerned, where the Minister proposes to require them to furnish information under section 22 above and they claim that it should not be furnished for special reasons, or

(b) by the representative of any relevant trade union, where the Minister proposes that some or all of the information furnished to him shall not be furnished to representatives of relevant trade unions for special reasons.

(3) A Minister may himself refer to an advisory committee any proposal that some or all of the information furnished to him shall not be furnished to representatives of relevant trade unions for special reasons.

(3A) Schedule (Advisory committee) shall have effect"—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 4, to leave out the words "an advisory committee" and insert the words "the Appeals Tribunal"—(Mr. John Stanley), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Anthony Berry: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis: 297.

Another Amendment (b) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 4, to leave out the word "advisory" and insert the word "appeal"—(Mr. Richard Wainwright), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Geraint Howells: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis: 277.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 109) be made, put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 110 to 112) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 188) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 15, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. John Stanley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being half-past Seven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) and Orders [12th May, 18th June and 1st July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded, pursuant to the said Orders, to put forthwith the Questions on the Amendments moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to that part of the Bill to be concluded at half-past Seven o'clock.
Amendments (Nos. 113 to 120) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 121) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

" (1A) In determining the extent to which an undertaking is engaged in manufacturing industry, the following activities shall be treated as manufacturing industry so far as they relate to products manufactured or to be manufactured by the undertaking—

research,

transport,

distribution,

repair and maintenance of machinery,

sales and marketing,

storage,

production and distribution of energy and heating,

administration,

training of staff,

packaging ".—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Miss Betty Boothroyd : 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 269.

A Schedule (Advisory Committees)—(Mr. Secretary Varley)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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:

Nursing Homes Act 1975.


Hearing Aid Council (Extension) Act 1975.


Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1975.


British Leyland Act 1975.

Fraserburgh Harbour Order Confirmation Act 1975.

Friends’ Provident Life Office Act 1975.

Sheffield City Council Act 1975.


Industry Bill,—The Question being put, That the Industry Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Miss Margaret Jackson : 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 276.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Administration of Estates,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd):—It was agreed to.

Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd):—It was agreed to.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Southampton and elsewhere, for free National Health Service abortion, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Petition from Preston and elsewhere, for free National Health Service abortion, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 3rd July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Trustee Savings Bank,—Copy of the Report of the Inspection Committee of Trustee Savings Banks for the year ended 20th November 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Egypt (No. 2, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 11th June 1975, on economic, industrial and technological co-operation between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Egypt (No. 3, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 11th June 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to Economic Activity County leaflets for—
(1) Bedfordshire,
(2) Buckinghamshire,
(3) Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely,
(4) Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly,
(5) Cumberland,
(6) Derbyshire,
(7) Essex,
(8) Gloucestershire,
(9) Herefordshire,
(10) Hertfordshire,
(11) Huntingdon and Peterborough, and
(12) Leicestershire [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th June 1975, entitled the Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1049) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Housing,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Increase of Subsidy) Order 1975 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Sugar,—Accounts of the Sugar Board, showing Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the period 1st February to 31st December 1973 and Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1973; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 457].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Gwynfor Evans (nominated in respect of the Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Daiyd Wigley.

Standing Committee J.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Richard Luce (nominated in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bernard Weatherill.

Northern Ireland Committee.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged Mr. Bernard Weatherill from the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Northern Ireland economy and had appointed the following Eight Members, viz. : Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Churchill, Mr. John Farr, Mr. David James, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Airey Neave, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 3rd July 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. W. T. Williams Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords] and Mr. Victor Goodhew an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Hare Coursing Bill.

[No. 152.]

Friday, 4th July, 1975

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day’s sitting, proceedings on or relating to the proposed Motion (Aids to Shipbuilding), if not previously concluded, shall lapse one and a half hours after they have been entered upon, and may be proceeded with after Four o’clock, though opposed—(Mr. Joseph Harper) ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Cocks, Mr. John Ellis : 35.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. David Penhaligon : 14.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, proceedings on or relating to the proposed Motion (Aids to Shipbuilding), if not previously concluded, shall lapse one and a half hours after they have been entered upon, and may be proceeded with after Four o’clock, though opposed.

Supply [23rd allotted Day] [First Part].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Harper) ;

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Aids to Shipbuilding.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/1362/75—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman) ;
And it being one and a half hours after their commencement, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Order this day.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt) :—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 fifteen minutes past Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 5.15 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Friday 4th July 1975
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Roads.—Copy of the Report on Roads in England for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 403].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Medicines.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Medicines (Feeding Stuffs Additives) Order 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
Standing Committee J,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Bernard Weatherill (nominated in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. David James.

MEMORANDUM
Friday 4th July 1975
In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee H (transferred from Standing Committee B).

[No. 153.]
Monday, 7th July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Greater London Council (Money) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

McDermott Scotland Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 8 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to McDermott Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 196].

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 7th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-x].
Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill (changed to Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Bill), with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1923 and certain other enactments relating to salmon and freshwater fisheries, and to repeal certain obsolete enactments relating to such fisheries; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill [Lords]].

Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill [Lords].—The Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 197].

Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Bill to be considered upon Friday next; and to be printed [Bill 198].

Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill (changed to Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Bill).—Lords Amendments to the Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill (changed to Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Bill) to be considered upon Friday next; and to be printed [Bill 199].

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Wealth Tax.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Viscount Leverhulme and the Lord Seebohm to attend to be examined as Witnesses before Sub-Committee A of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax.—(Mr. Douglas Jay.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the proceedings on the Motion relating to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill (Allocation of Time) may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

United Kingdom Bill of Rights.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House urges Her Majesty's Government to recommend the setting up of a Royal Commission to investigate and report upon the subject of a Bill of Rights extending to the whole of the United Kingdom—(Mr. James Kilfedder):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

One-Parent Families.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising the serious plight of one-parent families and mindful of the resultant deprivation suffered by over one million children, notes with approval the steps already taken by Her Majesty's Government to alleviate their hardship; but expresses regret that the Finer Committee Report on One-Parent Families (Command Paper No. 5629) has not yet been considered by Parliament on a Government Motion; affirms its belief that it is intolerable to a civilised society for innocent children to be the victims of circumstance; and therefore calls for the presentation to the House of positive proposals to meet the main findings of the Finer Committee—(Mr. James Wellbeloved);

And it being Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of Government Business).

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Bill:

Committee

1. The Standing Committee to which the Bill is allocated shall report the Bill to the House on or before the 15th day of July 1975.

Report and Third Reading

2.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in two allotted day and shall be brought to a conclusion at Seven o'clock on the second of those days: and for the purposes of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) this Order shall be taken to allot to the proceedings on Consideration such part of those days as the resolution of the Business Committee may determine.
The Business Committee shall report to the House their resolutions as to the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill, and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading, not later than the second day on which the House sits after the day on which the Chairman of the Standing Committee reports the Bill to the House.

The resolutions in any report made under Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) may be varied by a further report so made, whether or not within the time specified in sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, and whether or not the resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

The resolutions of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which proceedings on Consideration of the Bill are taken.

Procedure in Standing Committee

3.—(1) At a sitting of the Standing Committee at which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under a resolution of the Business Sub-committee the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the sittings of the Committee until the proceedings have been brought to a conclusion.

(2) No Motion shall be made in the Standing Committee relating to the sitting of the Committee except by a member of the Government, and the Chairman shall permit a brief explanatory statement from the Member who makes, and from a Member who opposes, the Motion, and shall then put the Question thereon.

4. No Motion shall be made to postpone any Clause, Schedule, new Clause or new Schedule but the resolutions of the Business Sub-committee may include alterations in the order in which Clauses, Schedules, new Clauses and new Schedules are to be taken in the Standing Committee.

Conclusion of Proceedings in Committee

5. On the conclusion of the proceedings in any Committee on the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

Dilatory motions

6. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on the Bill shall be made in the Standing Committee or on an allotted day except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Extra time on allotted days

7.—(1) On the first allotted day paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings on the Bill for one hour after Ten o'clock.

(2) Any period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock under paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) shall be in addition to the period under this paragraph.

(3) If an allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over from an earlier day, a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon that Motion shall be added to the period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock under this paragraph, and the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall also be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion.

Standing Order No. 13

8. Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business) shall not apply on an allotted day.

Private Business

9. Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration at Seven o'clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Private Business for a period of three hours from the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill, or, if those proceedings are concluded before Ten o'clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven o'clock and the completion of those proceedings.
Conclusion of Proceedings

10.—(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee or the Business Sub-committee and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall forthwith proceed to put the following Question (but no others), that is to say—

(a) the Question or Questions already proposed from the Chair, or necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed (including, in the case of a new Clause or new Schedule which has been read a second time, the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill);

(b) the Question on any amendment or Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of any Member, if that amendment or Motion is moved by a member of the Government;

(c) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded;

and on a Motion so moved for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(3) If, at Seven o'clock on an allotted day, any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time have not been concluded, any Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) which, apart from this Order, would stand over to that time shall stand over until those proceedings have been concluded.

(4) If a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over to Seven o'clock on an allotted day, or to any later time under sub-paragraph (3) above, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day at any hour falling after the beginning of the proceedings on the Motion shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

Supplemental orders

11.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order (including anything which might have been the subject of a report of the Business Committee or Business Sub-committee) shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and the last foregoing paragraph shall apply as if the proceedings were proceedings on the Bill on an allotted day.

(2) If on an allotted day on which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee the House is adjourned, or the sitting suspended, before that time, no notice shall be required of a Motion moved at the next sitting by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

Saving

12. Nothing in this Order or in a resolution of the Business Sub-committee or the Business Committee shall—

(a) prevent any proceedings to which the Order or resolution applies from being taken or completed earlier than is required by the Order or resolution, or

(b) prevent any business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day after the completion of all such proceedings on the Bill as are to be taken on that day.

Re-committal

13.—(1) References in this Order to proceedings on Consideration or proceedings on Third Reading include references to proceedings, at those stages respectively, for, on or in consequence of re-committal.

(2) On an allotted day no debate shall be permitted on any Motion to re-commit the Bill (whether as a whole or otherwise), and Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to dispose of the Motion, including the Question on any amendment moved to the Question.

Interpretation

14.—(1) In this Order—

"allotted day " means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the Day provided that a Motion for alloting time to the proceedings on the Bill to be taken on that day either has been agreed on a previous day, or is set down for consideration on that day:
"the Bill" means the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill;

"resolution of the Business Sub-committee" means a resolution of the Business Sub-committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee;

"resolution of the Business Committee" means a resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House—(Mr. Secretary Benn);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out paragraph 8.—(Mr. Christopher Price.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker proceeded to put the Questions necessary to dispose of them, pursuant to Standing Order No. 44 (Allocation of time to Bills).

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Fred Silvester: 259.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Bill:—

Committee

1. The Standing Committee to which the Bill is allocated shall report the Bill to the House on or before the 15th day of July 1975.

Report and Third Reading

2.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in two allotted days and shall be brought to a conclusion at Seven o'clock on the second of those days; and for the purposes of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) this Order shall be taken to allot to the proceedings on Consideration such part of those days as the resolution of the Business Committee may determine.

(2) The Business Committee shall report to the House their resolutions as to the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill, and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading, not later than the second day on which the House sits after the day on which the Chairman of the Standing Committee reports the Bill to the House.

(3) The resolutions in any report made under Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) may be varied by a further report so made, whether or not within the time specified in sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, and whether or not the resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

(4) The resolutions of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which proceedings on Consideration of the Bill are taken.

Procedure in Standing Committee

3.—(1) At a sitting of the Standing Committee at which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under a resolution of the Business Sub-committee the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the sittings of the Committee until the proceedings have been brought to a conclusion.

(2) No Motion shall be made in the Standing Committee relating to the sitting of the Committee except by a member of the Government, and the Chairman shall permit a brief explanatory statement from the Member who makes, and from a Member who opposes, the Motion, and shall then put the Question thereon.

4. No Motion shall be made to postpone any Clause, Schedule, new Clause or new Schedule but the resolutions of the Business Sub-committee may include alterations in the order in which Clauses, Schedules, new Clauses and new Schedules are to be taken in the Standing Committee.

Conclusion of Proceedings in Committee

5. On the conclusion of the proceedings in any Committee on the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.
Dilatory motions

6. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on the Bill shall be made in the Standing Committee or on an allotted day except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Extra time on allotted days

7.—(1) On the first allotted day paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings on the Bill for one hour after Ten o'clock.

(2) Any period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock under paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) shall be in addition to the period under this paragraph.

(3) If an allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over from an earlier day, a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon that Motion shall be added to the period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock under this paragraph, and the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall also be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion.

Private Business

8. Any Private Business which has been set down for consideration at Seven o'clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Private Business for a period of three hours from the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or, if those proceedings are concluded before Ten o'clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven o'clock and the completion of those proceedings.

Conclusion of Proceedings

9.—(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee or the Business Sub-committee and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall forthwith proceed to put the following Question (but no others), that is to say—

(a) the Question or Questions already proposed from the Chair, or necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed (including, in the case of a new Clause or new Schedule which has been read a second time, the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill);

(b) the Question on any amendment or Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of any Member, if that amendment or Motion is moved by a member of the Government;

(c) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded; and on a Motion so moved for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(3) If, at Seven o'clock on an allotted day, any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time have not been concluded, any Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) which, apart from this Order, would stand over to that time shall stand over until those proceedings have been concluded.

(4) If a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over to Seven o'clock on an allotted day, or to any later time under sub-paragraph (3) above, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day at any hour falling after the beginning of the proceedings on the Motion shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

Supplemental orders

10.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order (including anything which might have been the subject of a report of the Business Committee or Business Sub-committee) shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and the last foregoing paragraph shall apply as if the proceedings were proceedings on the Bill on an allotted day.
(2) If on an allotted day on which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a resolution of the Business Committee the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before that time, no notice shall be required of a Motion moved at the next sitting by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

**Saving**

11. Nothing in this Order or in a resolution of the Business Sub-committee or the Business Committee shall—

(a) prevent any proceedings to which the Order or resolution applies from being taken or completed earlier than is required by the Order or resolution, or

(b) prevent any business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day after the completion of all such proceedings on the Bill as are to be taken on that day.

**Re-committal**

12.—(1) References in this Order to proceedings on Consideration or proceedings on Third Reading include references to proceedings, at those stages respectively, for, on or in consequence of re-committal.

(2) On an allotted day no debate shall be permitted on any Motion to re-commit the Bill (whether as a whole or otherwise), and Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to dispose of the Motion, including the Question on any amendment moved to the Question.

**Interpretation**

13.—(1) In this Order—

“allotted day” means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the Day provided that a Motion for allotting time to the proceedings on the Bill to be taken on that day either has been agreed on a previous day, or is set down for consideration on that day;

“the Bill” means the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill;

“resolution of the Business Sub-committee” means a resolution of the Business Sub-committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee;

“resolution of the Business Committee” means a resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House.

**Business of the House.**—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That at this day’s sitting, the Child Benefit Bill and the Motion relating to European Parliament (Membership) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Joseph Harper);

The House divided.

_Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis: 205._

_Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Pardoe: 98._

So the Question was agreed to.

**Ordered,** That at this day’s sitting, the Child Benefit Bill and the Motion relating to European Parliament (Membership) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

**Child Benefit Bill.**—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Child Benefit Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, to leave out the words “the appointed day” and insert the words “5th April 1976”—(Sir Brandon Rhys Williams),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

_Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Anthony Berry: 98._

_Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Donald Coleman: 109._

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 11, at the end, to insert the words “or

(c) he is over the age of nineteen years and no child tax allowance is being allowed in respect of him and he is receiving full-time education by attendance at a recognised educational establishment”.—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
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Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 33, at the end, to insert the words "except that that rate shall not be lower than the combined net value to a standard rate taxpayer of any family allowance and child tax allowance that it replaces".—(Sir George Young.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 33, at the end, to insert the words "and different rates shall be prescribed from 5th April 1979 for— (a) a child aged under 5 years; (b) a child aged under 16 years and over six years; (c) a child aged more than 15 years".—(Sir George Young.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. James Lester: 21.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. James Hamilton: 104.

Amendments (Nos. 6 and 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 38, at the end, to insert the words "(3A) In the year beginning with the appointed day and in each subsequent year beginning with the anniversary of that day, the Secretary of State shall consider whether the rate or any of the rates then in force under this section should be increased having regard to the national economic situation as a whole, the general standard of living and such other matters as he thinks relevant".—(Mrs. Secretary Castle.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 95.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. James Lester: 15.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 16, at the end, to insert the words "or to a court (when disclosure is requested by that court, in connection with proceedings at which evidence is required as to the income of a person regularly incurring expenditure in respect of a child or responsible for contributing to the cost of providing for a child)".—(Sir Brandon Rhys Williams.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 19, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Sir George Young)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 13, to leave out Clause No. 15.—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 16 and 20) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

European Parliament (Membership).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mrs. Winifred Ewing be designated a member of the European Parliament:

That this Order be a standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Walter Harrison);

The Question was amended, in line 1, by inserting, after the word "That ", the words "Mr. Russell Johnston be discharged from membership of the European Parliament, and that ".—(Mr. Ifor Davies.)

And the Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Russell Johnston be discharged from membership of the European Parliament and that Mrs. Winifred Ewing be designated a member of the European Parliament:

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to Five o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 4.37 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Monday 7th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Countryside.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th June 1975, entitled the Countryside (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1032) [by Act].

Police.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd June 1975, entitled the Police Grant (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1056) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to:

1. agricultural machinery (except tractors),
2. cans and metal boxes,
3. coke ovens and manufactured fuel,
4. construction and earth moving equipment,
5. grain milling,
6. leather (tanning and dressing) and fellmongery,
7. office machinery,
8. paper and board,
9. production of man-made fibres, and
10. spinning and doubling on the cotton and flax systems
[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Gas.—Copies of the Reports for the year ended 31st March 1975 of—

1. the Eastern Gas Consumers' Council,
2. the East Midlands Gas Consumers' Council,
3. the National Gas Consumers' Council,
4. the North Eastern Gas Consumers' Council,
5. the Northern Gas Consumers' Council,
6. the North Thames Gas Consumers' Council,
7. the North Western Gas Consumers' Council,
8. the Scottish Gas Consumers' Council,
9. the South Eastern Gas Consumers' Council,
10. the Southern Gas Consumers' Council,
11. the South Western Gas Consumers' Council,
12. the Wales Gas Consumers' Council, and
13. the West Midlands Gas Consumers' Council
[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th June 1975, entitled the Home Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1050) [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 South Pembrokeshire District Council (Tenby) Harbour Revision Order 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee H.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords], to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee B).

Standing Committee J.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Miss Joan Maynard nominated in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael O'Halloran.
MEMORANDA

Monday 7th July 1975

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 H in respect of the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords].

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 74 (Business sub-committees), Mr. Speaker has nominated the following members of Standing Committee D to be members of the Business Sub-committee to consider the allocation of Time Order relating to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill: Mr. Bonner Pink (Chairman), Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. John Smith, and Mr. Roger Stott.

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Tuesday, 8th July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

European Secondary Legislation, &c., Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Twenty-seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxvii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxvii].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Michael English reported from Standing Committee J, That they had gone through the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 200].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 464].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Mobile Homes Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the British Transport Docks Bill, without Amendment.

Mobile Homes Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Mobile Homes Bill to be considered upon Friday next; and to be printed [Bill 202].

Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 (Amendment) Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee. (Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Regional Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of South West of England Affairs be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs. (Mr. Edward Short.)
Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (African, Caribbean and Pacific States) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1062) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the Energy Industries in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

House of Commons Disqualification (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the disqualification of Members of the House of Commons on account of failure to attend the House without reasonable cause—(Mr. W. W. Hamilton):

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, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 94.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Ian Gow: 90.

Ordered, That Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Bruce George, and Mrs. Helene Hayman, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

House of Commons Disqualification (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. W. W. Hamilton accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the disqualification of Members of the House of Commons on account of failure to attend the House without reasonable cause: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 201].

Supply [24th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tom Pendry):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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. Joseph Harper.)

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.

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. Joseph Harper):— 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-one minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.39 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 8th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Poisons,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th June 1975, entitled the Poisons List Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1072) [by Act].

Poisons,—Copy of Rules, dated 27th June 1975, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1073) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 406].
Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 72, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of the Philippines on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 73, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Chad on the supply of common wheat, sorghum and maize as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 74, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco on the supply of butteroil as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 75, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Children,—Statement on Children in the care of Local Authorities, in registered voluntary homes or boarded out by voluntary organisations in England and Wales on 31st March 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th July 1975, entitled the Origin of Goods (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1109) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd June 1975, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Temporary Use in Great Britain) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1046) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Industrial Injuries,—Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners on 31st March 1975, as investments for moneys forming part of the Industrial Injuries Fund, paid to them under section 29(3) of the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act 1965 [by Act].

Ironstone Restoration,—Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners on 31st March 1975, as investments for moneys forming part of the Ironstone Restoration Fund [by Act].

National Insurance,—Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners on 31st March 1975, as investments for moneys forming part of the National Insurance Fund and the National Insurance (Reserve) Fund [by Act].

Ecclesiastical Law,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1975, entitled the Legal Officers Fees Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1087) [by Measure].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. Carol Mather (nominated in respect of the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Alison.

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 8th July 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Limitation Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee J (transferred from Standing Committee C).

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 C in respect of the Industrial Democracy Bill and Sir Stephen McAdden an additional Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords].
Wednesday, 9th July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Dundee Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the consideration of the Dundee Harbour Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.

Dundee Port Authority Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the consideration of the Dundee Port Authority Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr. Daniel Awdry reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to whom the Recess Elections Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, that they had gone through the Bill, and had made an Amendment thereto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 469].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 469].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 9th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 419-vi].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report further Memoranda submitted to the Energy Resources Sub-Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 156-iv].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report further Memoranda submitted to the Science Sub-Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 261-ii].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 9th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 378-viii].

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 9th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-vii].

Northern Ireland.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Northern Ireland Economy, referred to them on 1st July, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 467].

Regional Affairs.—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That they had considered the matter of North West of England Affairs, referred to them on 26th June, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 470].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Building Societies (Special Advances) Order 1975, and the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Israel) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1004), referred to a Committee on 2nd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 468].
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. W. T. Williams reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 1st July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 465].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Wealth Tax.—The Lords give leave to the Viscount Leverhulme and the Lord Seebohm to attend to be examined as Witnesses before Sub-Committee A of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, if their Lordships think fit.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Increase of Subsidy) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Parliamentary Elections Act 1695 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Elections Act 1695: And that Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Giles Radice, and Mr. Anthony Steen, do prepare and bring it in.

Parliamentary Elections Act 1695 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Elections Act 1695: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 203].

Supply [25th 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—(Miss Margaret Jackson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Richard Luce : 117.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper : 165.

So the Question was negatived.

Financial Assistance for Industry (Alfred Herbert Limited).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay or undertake to pay sums by way of financial assistance under Section 8 of the Industry Act 1972 in respect of a guarantee or guarantees to be given to the bankers of Alfred Herbert Limited covering borrowing facilities made available by the bankers to that company, insofar as the amount paid or undertaken to be paid under the guarantee or guarantees is in excess of £5 million but does not exceed £15 million—(Mr. Secretary Varley);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted Business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis : 110.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 74.

So the Question was agreed to.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tom Pendry);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 10th July, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes past Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.13 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 9th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Law Commissions.—Statement of determination of the pension payable on retirement to a Law Commissioner [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Education.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th June 1975, entitled the Further Education Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1054) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Census,—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to Economic Activity County leaflets for—
(1) Lincolnshire (Parts of Holland),
(2) Lincolnshire (Parts of Kesteven) and Lincoln County Borough,
(3) Lincolnshire (Parts of Lindsey excluding Lincoln County Borough),
(4) Norfolk,
(5) Northamptonshire,
(6) Rutland, and
(7) Shropshire
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Building and Buildings,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Noise Insulation Regulations 1975 [by Act].
Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th July 1975, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1111) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Shipbuilding Industry (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
General Dental Council,—Account of the income and expenditure of the General Dental Council for 1974, and Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1974 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee J.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Limitation Bill [Lords] to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee C).

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Bill [Lords], viz.:
Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Ronald Bell, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Dr. M. S. Miller, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. David Stoddart, and Mr. John Stradling Thomas.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Five Members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Energy Industries in Wales, viz.:
Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Charles Irving, Sir John Langford-Holt, Mr. Colin Shepherd, and Mr. Michael Spicer.

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Mr. Gregor Mackenzie to serve on the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of South West of England Affairs.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (African, Caribbean and Pacific States) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1062), viz.:
Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Geoff Edge,
Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis, Mr. Frank Hookey, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. Roger Moore, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. John Stokes, and Mr. Peter Tapsell.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Increase of Subsidy) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Tom Urwin, and Mr. Terry Walker.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 9th July 1975

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) (African, Caribbean and Pacific States) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1062) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, and the draft Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Increase of Subsidy) Order 1975 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Energy Industries in Wales, Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Bill [Lords], Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (African, Caribbean and Pacific States) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1062) and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Increase of Subsidy) Order 1975.

[No. 156.]

Thursday, 10th July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Dundee Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Dundee Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

Dundee Port Authority Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Dundee Port Authority Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 8th April: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 471].
Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 18th April: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 472].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 4th March, 11th March, 22nd April, and 13th May and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 18th March: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 473].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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 (Ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 474].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 10th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 437-ii].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Guard Dogs Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law of Scotland relating to divorce and separation; to facilitate the reconciliation of the parties in consistorial causes; to amend the law as to the power of the court to award aliment to spouses in actions for aliment; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Divorce (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to make fresh provision for and in connection with the keeping of local land charges registers and the registration of matters therein; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Local Land Charges Bill [Lords].

Guard Dogs Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Guard Dogs Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 204].

Divorce (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Divorce (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 205].

Local Land Charges Bill [Lords].—The Local Land Charges Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 208].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Medicines (Feeding Stuffs Additives) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. (Mr. Edward Short.)

Supply [26th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.


Expenditure.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Seventh Report from the Expenditure Committee in the last Parliament (House of Commons Paper (1974) No. 310) on Police Recruitment and Wastage and of the relevant Government Observations (Command Paper No. 6016). (Mr. James Boyden.)

Weights and Measures.—Resolved, That the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Dried Vegetables) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th June, be approved. (Mr. Alan Williams.)
Weights and Measures.—Resolved, That the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Flour and Flour Products) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th June, be approved.—(Mr. Alan Williams.)

Weights and Measures.—Resolved, That the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cereal Breakfast Foods and Oat Products) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th June, be approved.—(Mr. Alan Williams.)

Building Societies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Building Societies (Special Advances) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th June, be approved.—(Mr. John Ellis):—It was agreed to.

Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (Israel) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1004), a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th June, be approved.—(Mr. John Ellis):—It was agreed to.

Judges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved.—(Mr. John Ellis):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.48 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 10th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Civil Estimates (Revised Estimates), 1975-76.—Revised Estimates of Sums required in the year ending 31st March 1976 for certain civil services [by Command] ; to be printed [No. 443].

Civil Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1975-76.—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1976 for Civil Departments [by Command] ; to be printed [No. 445].

Defence Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1975-76.—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1976 for Defence Services [by Command] ; to be printed [No. 444].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 76, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 24th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 83, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Dakar and Bamako on 20th March 1974, concerning grain to be supplied by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Mali within the framework of the Cereals Food Aid Programme of the European Economic Community (United Kingdom Food Aid Grant: Mali Agreement 1974) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 84, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Dakar and Bamako on 21st February 1975, concerning grain to be supplied by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Mali within the framework of the Cereals Food Aid Programme of the European Economic Community (United Kingdom Food Aid Grant: Mali Agreement 1975) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 87, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Brasilia on 1st March 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Brazil, concerning the settlement of claims of certain British companies [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence.—Copy of Rules, dated 27th June 1975, entitled the Imprisonment and Detention (Army) (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1086) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Shore:

Merchant Shipping Acts (Dispensing Powers).—Report by the Department of Trade of exemptions granted under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906, during 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st July 1975, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1089) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

River Authorities.—Copies of the Reports for the year ended 31st March 1974 of—
(1) the Glamorgan River Authority, and
(2) the Gwynedd River Authority
[by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Smallholdings.—Copy of the Report on Smallholdings in England and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee H.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Dr. Shirley Summerskill (nominated in respect of the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alexander Lyon.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 10th July 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. John Spence Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Limitation Bill [Lords] and Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of South West of England Affairs.

Friday, 11th July, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

International Road Haulage Permits Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the International Road Haulage Permits Bill ; and the same were agreed to.

Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Bill ; and the same were agreed to.

Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill (changed to Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Protection Bill (changed to Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Bill) ; and the same were agreed to.

Mobile Homes Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Mobile Homes Bill ; and the same were agreed to.
Guard Dogs Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Guard Dogs Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Battered Wives (Rights to Possession of Matrimonial Home) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Battered Wives (Rights to Possession of Matrimonial Home) 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.

Residential Boats (Security of Tenure) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Residential Boats (Security of Tenure) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Safety Packaging for Medicines Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Protection of Mentally Retarded Persons (Evidence) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Mentally Retarded Persons (Evidence) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Rating Reform Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating Reform Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st January, That the Cinematograph and Indecent Displays Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Child Protection (Medicines) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Child Protection (Medicines) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Caravan Sites Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Divorce (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 11th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Inflation,—Copy of Government Proposals for reducing the rate of inflation [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Taxes,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1975, entitled the Central Institutions (Recognition) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1098) [by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Castle:
National Health Service.—Copies of Orders, dated 4th July 1975, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Constitution of Area Health Authorities) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1099), and
(2) the National Health Service (Constitution of Regional Health Authorities) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1100)
[by Act].
National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th July 1975, entitled the National Health Service (Health Authorities: Membership) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1101) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th July 1975, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1975 [by Act].
Local Government Finance,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 460].
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th July 1975, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1130) [by Act].

[No. 158.]

Monday, 14th July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

McDermott Scotland Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the McDermott Scotland Order Confirmation Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Lotteries Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Lotteries Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Lotteries Bill to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 209].

Wealth Tax,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee B of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax.—(Mr. Douglas Jay.)

Supply [27th allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tom Pendry);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr. Roland Moyle);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning.
Tuesday, 15th July, 1975:

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted Business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tom Pendry):—Debate arising:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o’clock on Monday 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-five minutes to One o’clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.35 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 14th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1975, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1159) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

White Fish Authority.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the White Fish Authority for the year ended 31st March 1975 by Act).

Tuesday, 15th July, 1975.

PRAYERS.

Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords].—The Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords].—The Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Dundee Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The Dundee Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time and passed.

Dundee Port Authority Order Confirmation Bill,—The Dundee Port Authority 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).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fifth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xxxix].
European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Twenty-eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxviii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxviii].

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. Edward Short reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), 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. 482].

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. Edward Short reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), 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. 483].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Twenty-second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xxvi].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to establish the British National Oil Corporation and make provision with respect to the functions of the Corporation; to make further provision about licences to search for and get petroleum and about submarine pipe-lines and refineries; to authorise loans and guarantees in connection with the development of the petroleum resources of the United Kingdom and payments in respect of certain guarantees and loans by the Bank of England; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 206].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 484].

Community Land Bill.—Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine reported from Standing Committee G, That they had gone through the Community Land Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 207].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 480].

Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from Standing Committee H, That they had gone through the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords], 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. 481].

Limitation Bill [Lords].—Mr. John Spence reported from Standing Committee J, That they had gone through the Limitation Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 212].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 479].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Scottish Transport Group (Port Ellen Harbour) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Plymouth City Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Westminster Abbey Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal to attend to be examined as a Witness before Sub-Committee B of the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, if his Lordship think fit.
Highways Bill.—Mr. Ronald Bell, supported by Mr. Michael Shersby, and Mr. R. Graham Page, presented a Bill to amend the Highways Act 1959: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 213].

Bill of Rights.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the inalienable rights and liberties of the subject: And that Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. David Steel, and Mr. Russell Johnston, do prepare and bring it in.

Bill of Rights Bill.—Mr. A. J. Beith accordingly presented a Bill to declare the inalienable rights and liberties of the subject: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 214].

Supply [28th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Ellis);

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Post Office.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with deep concern the announcement of an estimated £300 million deficit for the Post Office in the current year, only three months after the Chancellor's budget estimate was a deficit of £70 million; deplores the failure of Ministers to advance any coherent strategy to meet the critical situation of the Post Office, or to exercise any effective financial control over it; and calls upon the Secretary of State for Industry immediately to set up an independent inquiry to identify the options for the future operation of the Post Office and to make recommendations—(Mr. Tom King);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "regrets that the actions of the previous Administration in imposing artificial restrictions on the development of the nationalised industries created severe financial problems for the Post Office; and endorses the Government objective of phasing out the deficits of the nationalised industries and restoring them to profitability"—(Mr. Gregor Mackenzie), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. John Ellis: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 260.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House regrets that the actions of the previous Administration in imposing artificial restrictions on the development of the nationalised industries created severe financial problems for the Post Office; and endorses the Government objective of phasing out the deficits of the nationalised industries and restoring them to profitability.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Coal Industry Bill and of the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Coal Industry Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Coal Industry Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 3, line 16, to leave out subsection (4) and insert—

"(4) Subject to the provisions of Schedule 1 to this Act, where damage to any land or to anything lawfully on that land whenever constructed or brought thereon arises from the exercise of the right to withdraw support conferred on the Board by this section, the Board shall either—

(a) pay proper compensation for the damage including such consequential loss as would be recoverable in an action of nuisance in respect of that withdrawal, or

(b) with the consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld) of the person who would otherwise be entitled to the payment of compensation for the damage, make good the damage to the reasonable satisfaction of that person and without expense to him;

and, where appropriate, the Board shall pay such proper compensation in accordance with paragraph (a) above for damage not made good in accordance with paragraph (b) above."

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alex Eadie);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning;
Wednesday, 16th July, 1975:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 159.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 129.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 15 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Alexander Eadie, Mr. John Hannam, and Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson.

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Benn.)
Committee to withdraw immediately.

Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

Mr. Robert Mellish, 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.

Mr. Robert Mellish, 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 interest of the Prince of Wales as Duke of Cornwall 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, with Amendments.

Coal Industry Bill,—Mr. Secretary Benn reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Coal Industry Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 3, line 16, for the following Reason:

Because the Commons consider that the Lords Amendment would introduce a basis of compensation for subsidence damage much wider than that which has worked satisfactorily for many years and on the basis of which the National Coal Board have prepared their plans for mining operations, and believe that Parliament should await the recommendations of Her Majesty's Government on this subject.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past One o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

(Adjourned at 1.22 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 15th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Fire Services,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire Service for 1974 [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 68, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 23rd November 1972, between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation, on the application of the rules on community transit, together with an Additional Protocol signed at Brussels on 4th December 1973 on special procedures implementing the Agreement following the accession to the European Economic Community of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom [by Command].

European Communities (No. 70, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th November 1972, between the European Community and the Republic of Austria, on the application of the rules on community transit, together with an Additional Protocol signed at Brussels on 1st January 1974 on special procedures implementing the Agreement following the accession to the European Economic Community of the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Hospital Endowments (Scotland),—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust for the year ended 31st July 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 433].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd July 1975, entitled the Colleges of Education (Compensation) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1092) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:


Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th March 1975, entitled the Letocetum Roman Site Wall Preservation Order 1975, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1975, entitled the Slum Clearance (Retention of Buildings) (Compensation Notice) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1108) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Secretary Benn:


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger of the NFU Development Trust Limited and FMC Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 441].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Minister of State, Civil Service Department, on the Petition [28th April] from London and other places, for freedom for individuals and defined groups to inspect written or other recorded information concerning them kept by any official body; to be printed [by Standing Order].

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [13th June] of the Keighley Branch of the National Housewives Association for a reduction in local government expenditure; to be printed [by Standing Order].
16th July 1975

Wednesday, 16th July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Bahamas (Gift of a Mace).—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 18th June relating to Bahamas (Gift of a Mace) had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that I will give directions that there be presented on behalf of your House a gift of a Mace to the House of Assembly of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and assuring me that your House will make good the expenses attending the same.

It gave me the greatest pleasure to learn that your House desires to make such a presentation and I will gladly give directions for carrying your proposal into effect.

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 30th June relating to Town and Country Planning (Scotland) had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) (New Town of Glenrothes) (Special Development) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 908), dated 21st May 1975, be annulled.

I will comply with your request.

McDermott Scotland Order Confirmation Bill.—The McDermott Scotland Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be considered to-morrow.

Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 210].

Lerwick Harbour (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Lerwick Harbour (Miscellaneous Provisions): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 211].

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 487].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Wealth Tax.—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 16th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379 viii].

Industrial Democracy Bill.—Ordered, That Standing Committee C have leave to make a Special Report relating to the Industrial Democracy Bill.

Mr. John Wells reported from the Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read, as follows:

That, in view of the statement by the Government of its firm intention to introduce legislation on industrial democracy in the 1976-77 Session of Parliament and to make a further statement on the matter before the House rises for the summer recess, Your Committee are of the opinion that it would not be of advantage to proceed further with the Bill.

Mr. John Wells further reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to report the Industrial Democracy Bill, so far as amended, to the House.

Bill and Special Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 489].
Second Reading Committee.—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Bill [Lords], 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 Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) 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. 449].

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Energy Industries in Wales, referred to them on 8th July, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 488].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (African, Caribbean and Pacific States) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1062), referred to a Committee on 8th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 486].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Increase of Subsidy) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 485].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend and repeal certain provisions of the Shard Bridge Act 1862; to confer new powers on the Shard Bridge Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Shard Bridge Bill [Lords]].

Shard Bridge Bill [Lords].—The Shard Bridge Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill.—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Secretary Crosland, Mr. Secretary Foot, and Mrs. Secretary Williams, presented a Bill to limit liability for certain remuneration; to enable certain provisions of Part II of the Counter-Inflation Act 1973 to be extended and to amend section 2 of that Act; to enable grants to local authorities to be reduced in certain circumstances; to enable housing subsidy to be increased and to provide for a new grant to local authorities in Scotland; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 215].

Business of the House (Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill).—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

Business of the House (Finance (No. 2) Bill).—Ordered, That the Third Reading of the Finance (No. 2) Bill may be taken immediately after the consideration of the Bill, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the interval between the stages of Bills brought in upon Ways and Means Resolutions.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

Electric Lighting.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899—(Mr. Cyril Smith);

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 Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. David Sted, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, and Mr. Russell Johnston, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Electric Lighting Bill.—Mr. Cyril Smith accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act 1899: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 216].
Ways and Means,—Value added tax (gaming machines).—Resolved, That charges to value added tax may be imposed and other provision made in respect of the playing of games of chance by means of machines.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Ways and Means,—Capital gains on certain stock dividends (capital gains tax and corporation tax).—Resolved, That charges to capital gains tax, and to corporation tax on capital gains, may be imposed in connection with provisions about the treatment under Part III of the Finance Act 1965 of certain cases in which, on or after 6th April 1975, a company issues share capital in respect of shares in the company held by a trustee.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Finance (No. 2) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Finance (No. 2) Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 5, Schedule No. 1, Clause No. 6, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 7 and 8, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 9 to 14, Schedule No. 4, Clause No. 15, Schedule No. 5, Clause No. 16, Schedule No. 6, Clause No. 17, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 18 to 33, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 34 to 37 and 39 to 52, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 53 to 62, Schedule No. 10, Clauses Nos. 63 and 64, Clause No. 38, Clauses Nos. 65 to 67, Schedule No. 11, Clause No. 68, Schedule No. 12, and Clauses Nos. 69 to 72, new Schedules, and Amendments relating to Schedule No. 13.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

A Clause (VAT : gaming machines)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Exemption for registered friendly societies)—(Mr. Joel Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Capital gains on certain stock dividends)—(Mr. Joel Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Travelling expenses of local authority employees displaced by local government reorganisation)—(Dr. Edmund Marshall)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Indexation of capital gains tax)—(Mr. Nigel Lawson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time : — Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 193 of Taxes Act 1970)—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time : — Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Stock appreciation)—(Mr. Peter Hordern)—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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. James Hamilton : 215.

Amendment (No. 109) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, to leave out lines 16 to 20.—(Mr. Hamish Watt.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made : — Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 30, column 2, to leave out “ 12,000 ”.—(Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee, to be further considered to-morrow.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.40 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Community Relations Commission.—Copy of the Report of the Community Relations Commission for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 446].

Mr. Secretary Ross:


Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Great Britain relating to Economic Activity: Part V (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Housing.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th July 1975, entitled the Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1114) [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, as amended by the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1965, That a Petition has been presented against the Civil Aviation (Gatwick) (Control of Land by Directions) Order 1975 by Mr. W. A. Greenfield, and that they have taken it into consideration and have certified it as proper to be received and as a Petition for Amendment [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Medicines (Feeding Stuffs Additives) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. H. Boardman, Mr. John Ellis, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. James Molyneaux, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Tom Swain, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 16th July 1975

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee), Mr. Speaker has nominated Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. John Smith, and Mr. Roger Stott, to be members of the Business Committee in respect of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Medicines (Feeding Stuffs Additives) Order 1975 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. John Wells an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Industrial Democracy Bill and Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Medicines (Feeding Stuffs Additives) Order 1975.
Thursday, 17th July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

McDermott Scotland Order Confirmation Bill.—The House proceeded, according to Order, to consider the McDermott Scotland Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Twenty-ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxix].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 17th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87-ix].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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 1st July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 431-iii].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill (Business Committee).—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Business Committee, That they had come to a Resolution in respect of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House:

That of the two allotted days for proceedings on the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill under the Order [7th July], the first shall be allotted to Consideration and the second to Third Reading.

Procedure.—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 491].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 491].

Hare Coursing Bill.—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Hare Coursing Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 217].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 490].

Regional Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of Unemployment in the East Midlands be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

United States of America (Bicentenary).—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will give directions that, to mark the Bicentennial celebrations of the United States of America, there be made, on behalf of Parliament to the Congress of the United States, as representative of the American people, a loan for one year of one of the two original copies of Magna Carta dated 1215 A.D. and held by the British Library; that a permanent showcase be presented to the Congress for the display of the document, and that the document be replaced at the end of the loan period by a replica; that the presentation be made by representatives from both Houses of Parliament; and assuring Her Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

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.
Finance (No. 2) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 112) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 17, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 108) proposed to the Bill, in page 86, line 1, at the end, to insert the words “ (ii) burglar alarms and ancillary equipment.”—(Mr. Robert Banks.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 86, line 23, at the end, to insert the words:

“ (q) shackles and bottle screws.”—(Mr. Jerry Wiggin.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 86, to leave out lines 24 to 26.—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Cyril Smith : 131.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. David Stoddart : 150.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 86, line 40, at the end, to insert the words “ but excluding radio equipment designed for communication or navigational purposes primarily on radio frequencies designated for maritime or aircraft use.”—(Mr. Jerry Wiggin.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 87, line 25, at the end, to insert the words—

“ (4A) On and after 1st August 1975 item 1 shall not include any television set which was, and so long as it remains, supplied under a contract of hire entered into prior to 16th April 1975.”—(Mr. John MacGregor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve : 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper : 106.

Another Amendment (No. 36) proposed to the Bill, in page 87, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

“ (ii) boats and canoes of rigid construction designed to be propelled solely by oars or paddles, and

(iii) open or partially decked boats with an open cockpit whose principal form of propulsion is by sails and which are not constructed or capable of being adapted to be propelled by machinery internally installed and which have no built-in living accommodation.”—(Mr. Jerry Wiggin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Michael Roberts : 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. David Stoddart : 120.

Another Amendment (No. 118) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 23, after the word " more ", to insert the words " or that she is a widow whose deceased husband had previously received this relief on grounds of age ".—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 57) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 37, after the word " words ", to insert the words " mobility allowance ".—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 58 to 64 and 66 to 69) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 70) proposed to the Bill, in page 37, line 34, after the word " appeal ", to insert the words " provided always that if the Commissioners shall consider that the conduct of the inspector has been oppressive or vexatious they may award the taxpayer the costs of such application ".—(Mr. Peter Rees.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 72 to 75) made to the Bill.

Friday, 18th July, 1975:

Another Amendment (No. 76) proposed to the Bill, in page 40, line 31, to leave out the words “1st July” and insert the words “5th April”—(Mr. Peter Rees),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 77, 79, 83 and 86 to 102) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Amendments of enactments relating to Friendly Societies)—(Mr. Joel Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 104 to 107) made to the Bill.

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.

Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) 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).

Customs and Excise,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (African, Caribbean and Pacific States) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1062), a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved—(Mr. James A. Dunn):—It was agreed to.

Housing,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Increase of Subsidy) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Mr. James A. Dunn):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to One o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.58 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 17th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Ultimus Haeres (Scotland) (Account and List of Estates).—Copy of an Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer in the Administration of Estates and Treasure Trove in Scotland on behalf of the Crown in 1974, and of an Alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Haeres in Scotland, administered by the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, in the same year [by Command].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th July 1975, entitled the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1132) [by Act].

Exchequer and Audit,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 17th July 1975, under Section 3 of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921, relating to the accounts of the Air Travel Reserve Fund Agency [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Czechoslovakia (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of a Consular Convention, signed at Prague on 3rd April 1975, between the United Kingdom and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 90, 1975),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Amman on 8th and 10th March 1975 concerning an interest free development loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Ross:

Ancient Monuments,—Copy of the Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 421].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th July 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Chemical and Allied Products) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1115) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Airports Authority for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Overseas Investment and Export Guarantees,—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade for the year ended 31st March 1975 on the discharge of his functions under the Overseas Investment and Export Guarantees Act 1972 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 461].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Distribution and Other Services,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Distribution and Other Services 1971, Part 3: Area Table—Wales [by Act].

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to—

(1) carpets,
(2) dyestuffs and pigments,
(3) mechanical handling equipment,
(4) paint,
(5) pottery, and
(6) soft drinks
[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Covent Garden Market Authority,—Statement of remuneration and allowances payable to the Chairman of the Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act].

[No. 162.]

Friday, 18th July, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Attorney General against Jonathan Cape Limited and Others, and against Times Newspapers Limited,—A Petition of the Right Honourable Samuel Charles Silkin, Q.C., Her Majesty's Attorney General, who is the Plaintiff in two actions pending in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, the one, 1975 H No. 3389, against Jonathan Cape Limited and Hamish Hamilton Limited, First Defendants, and Mrs. Anne Patricia Crossman, Second Defendant, and Graham Carlton Greene, Third Defendant, and The Right Honourable Michael Foot, Fourth Defendant, the other, 1975 H No. 3480, against Times Newspapers Limited, both of which said actions are listed for hearing in London on the 22nd day of July 1975, was presented and read: setting forth first, that your Petitioner's claim in each of the said actions is for an injunction to restrain the said Defendants, inter alia, from printing, publishing, distributing, selling or otherwise disclosing or reproducing certain material which records or reveals details of (i) discussions in Cabinet or in Cabinet Committee, any record of such discussions and papers prepared for or arising out of those discussions; (ii)
discussions or communications between Ministers and between Ministers and advisers concerning the development and formulation of policies and their execution; (iii) discussions and communications between Ministers and their advisers and the persons responsible for the appointment and transfer of senior members of the public service and their fitness for positions of responsibility; second, that reference is desired to be made at the hearings of the said actions to the following Reports of Debates of your Honourable House:

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and praying that leave be given to the proper Officers of the House to attend the trials of the said actions and to produce the said Reports, and formally to prove the same before the Court according to their competence.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given for reference to be made to the said Reports of Debates and for the Editor of the Official Reports or other proper Officer to attend the trials of the said actions and to produce the said Reports—(Mr. Solicitor General):—Debate arising;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Debate to be resumed upon Monday next.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to 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 discriminates against the policyholders of reputable life assurance companies and societies and consequently against small savers, does not deal with a major source of distress in an insurance company failure, namely, the cumbersome and costly liquidation processes, takes no action to recover any of the large payments made to the proprietors of failed insurance companies shortly before their failure, does nothing to prevent the reckless practices by speculative insurance companies, and, in consequence, signalld neglects to give genuine protection to policyholders"—(Mr. W. T. Williams),—instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Sydney Tierney: 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Miss Margaret Jackson: 55.

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 (Comittal of Bills).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill [Lords].—The Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thomas Cox 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.

Civil Aviation,—Resolved, That the Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers’ Licensing) (Reserve Fund) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved.—(Mr. Eric Deakins)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes past Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 5.17 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 18th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1975, providing for Amendments to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th July 1975, entitled the Schools General (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1135) [by Act].

Petroleum,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th July 1975, entitled the Sea Designation (Loch Fyne) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1134) [by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 9th July 1975, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Alteration of Sheriff Court Fees) 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1148) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Social Security,—Copies of Schemes, dated 9th July 1975, entitled—
(1) The Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) (No. 2) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1139), and
(2) the Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1138)
[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Agriculture,—Copies of Orders, dated 10th July 1975, entitled—
(1) the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1140), and
(2) the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1141)
[by Act].
PRAYERS.

Remand in Custody of a Member,—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a letter, dated this day, from Bow Street Magistrates' Court, which he read to the House, as follows:

Dear Sir,

Re: John Thomson Stonehouse, M.P.

The above-named defendant appeared at this Court on Saturday, 19th July, 1975, and stands remanded in custody until Monday, 28th July, 1975.

Yours faithfully,
J. Ferley,
Chief Clerk.

Mr. John Thomson Stonehouse,—Mr. Speaker further acquainted the House, that he had received a letter, dated 9th July 1975, from Mr. John Thomson Stonehouse, which he read to the House, as follows:

Dear Mr. Speaker,

As you know I have been unable to attend the House firstly for medical reasons and since 21st March under restraint. However I am hoping next week to be able to arrive in London and as soon as I have recovered from the journey I wish to make a personal statement in the House. At the appropriate time I would ask you to consider a request for such a statement.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN STONEHOUSE.

Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order for considering, to-morrow, the Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Order Confirmation Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Wednesday next.

Lerwick Harbour (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order for considering, to-morrow, the Lerwick Harbour (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order Confirmation Bill, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Wednesday next.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, 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. 496].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 21st July to be printed [No. 496].

Attack on Inflation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the White Paper on the Attack on Inflation (Command Paper No. 6151)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question and add the words “supports Her Majesty’s Government’s belated commitment to reduce the disastrous rate of inflation and their acceptance of the need both for strict cash limits throughout the public sector and for a substantial reduction in the level of pay settlements; regrets, however, Her Majesty’s Government’s prolonged failure to reduce public spending and to promote the prosperity of the private sector; and deplores their decision to increase indiscriminate subsidies and to proceed with further measures of nationalisation, which are damaging in themselves and inconsistent with the conquest of inflation”—(Mrs. Margaret Thatcher),—instead thereof.

The Question being 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 Motion relating to the Attack on Inflation may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until midnight; and that any Motion relating to a Petition of the Right Honourable Samuel Charles Silkin, Q.C., Her Majesty's Attorney General, may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. John Ellis.)

Attack on Inflation.—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made: — The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. (Mr. David Stoddart.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Church of England (General Synod) Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Church Commissioners (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament—(Mr. Terry Walker);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 22nd July, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Church Commissioners (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.

Church of England (General Synod) Measures.—Resolved, That the Ecclesiastical Offices (Age Limit) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament. (Mr. Terry Walker.)

Petition of the Right Honourable Samuel Charles Silkin, Q.C., Her Majesty's Attorney General,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th July, That leave be given for reference to be made to the said Reports of Debates and for the Editor of the Official Report or other proper Officer to attend the trials of the said actions and to produce the said Reports;

And the Question being again proposed: —The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

The Question was amended, in line 1, after the word "given", by inserting the words "to all parties to the said actions"—(Mr. Arthur Davidson), and in line 2, by leaving out the words "the said" and inserting the word "any"—(Mr. Arthur Davidson), instead thereof.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. James A. Dunn: 25.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Norman Lamont: 3.

And it appearing on the report of the Division that Forty Members were not present, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Walter Harrison.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes to Three o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.35 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 21st July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


National Debt,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th July 1975, entitled—

1. the Premium Savings Bonds (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1191),

2. the Savings Certificates (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1192), and

3. the Savings Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1193) [by Act].

Savings Banks,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th July 1975, entitled the National Savings Bank (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1190) [by Act].

Savings Banks,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Amendment) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th July 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1185) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Criminal Procedure,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th July 1975, entitled the Fixed Penalty (Increase) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1153) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Medical Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Medical Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 459].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Fairfield Home (Nottinghamshire),—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the fire at Fairfield Home, Edwalton, Nottinghamshire, on 15th December 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

General Lighthouse Fund,—Statement of Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 462].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Iron and Steel,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Steel Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Tuesday, 22nd July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Shard Bridge Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

McDermott Scotland Order Confirmation Bill,—The McDermott Scotland 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).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 22nd July, together with Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-sixth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xl].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xlii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c. 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 (Thirtieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxx].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Twenty-third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xxvii].

Employment Protection Bill,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Employment Protection Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to establish machinery for promoting the improvement of industrial relations; to amend the law relating to workers' rights and otherwise to amend the law relating to workers, employers, trade unions and employers' associations; to provide for the extension of the jurisdiction of industrial tribunals; to amend the law relating to unemployment benefit and supplementary benefit as respects persons affected by trade disputes; to amend the Employment Agencies Act 1973 as respects the exercise of licensing functions under that Act; to amend the Employment and Training Act 1973 as respects the status of bodies established, and the powers of the Secretary of State, under that Act; to amend the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 as respects the appointment of safety representatives, health and safety at work in agriculture and the disclosure of information obtained under that Act; to provide for the extension of employment legislation to certain areas outside Great Britain; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 218].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 497].

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 Question 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.)

Local Land Charges Bill [Lords].,—Ordered, That the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Rent Act 1974 (Amendment).,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend security of tenure and rent regulations to tenants of non-resident landlords where meals are provided which are not prepared on the premises: And that Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. J. W. Rooker, and Mr. Ron Thomas, do prepare and bring it in.

Rent Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. John Ovenden accordingly presented a Bill to extend security of tenure and rent regulations to tenants of non-resident landlords where meals are provided which are not prepared on the premises: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 219].
22nd July 1975

Supply [29th 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 Question, That the total amount outstanding for the year 1975-76 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund for the purposes defined in those Votes.

Defence and Civil Estimates, 1975-76 (Outstanding Votes)

And the Question being put, That a sum, not exceeding £19,647,600,900, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges for Defence and Civil Services for the year ending on 31st March 1976:—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Denzil Davies do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.—Mr. Robert Sheldon accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on 31st March 1976, to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament, and to repeal certain Consolidated Fund and Appropriation Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 220].

Supply.—The House, according to Order, again proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Attack on Inflation,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the White Paper on The Attack on Inflation (Command Paper No. 6151);

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word “ House ” to the end of the Question and add the words “ supports Her Majesty's Government's belated commitment to reduce the disastrous rate of inflation and their acceptance of the need both for strict cash limits throughout the public sector and for a substantial reduction in the level of pay settlements: regrets, however, Her Majesty's Government's prolonged failure to reduce public spending and to promote the prosperity of the private sector; and deplores their decision to increase indiscriminate subsidies and to proceed with further measures of nationalisation, which are damaging in themselves and inconsistent with the conquest of inflation”,—instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate;

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question 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;

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 327.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Ian Mikardo: 54.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the White Paper on the Attack on Inflation (Command Paper No. 6151).

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the Motions relating to Members' Salaries, Parliamentary Expenses and Parliamentary Remuneration may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Members' Salaries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable in principle that the salaries of Members should be regulated to correspond with the amounts of the salary paid to a specified grade in the public service.—(Mr. Edward Short);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word "with" to the end of the Question, and add the words "a point on the scale paid to an Assistant Secretary in the public service, not later than three months after the next General Election, and annually until that date, the salaries of Members should be increased by not less than the same amount of increase as these Assistant Secretaries"—(Mr. Joe Ashton)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning;

**Wednesday, 23rd July, 1975:**

Mr. Robert Mellish 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. Joe Ashton, Dr. John Cunningham: 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart: 127.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Dr. John Cunningham: 169.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Tim Rathbone: 70.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable in principle that the salaries of Members should be regulated to correspond with a point on the scale paid to an Assistant Secretary in the public service, not later than three months after the next General Election, and annually until that date, the salaries of Members should be increased by not less than the same amount of increase as these Assistant Secretaries. Parliamentary Expenses,—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, further provision with respect to allowances, facilities and other payments for Members of this House should be made as follows:—

(1) the rate of the supplementary London allowance (£228 a year under the 1974 Resolution) to be £340 a year in respect of periods beginning on or after 13th June 1975, but as and when thereafter any change is made in the Civil Service rate of Inner London weighting, the rate payable in respect of Members entitled to the allowance to correspond to that Civil Service rate, omitting the element in it which represents the cost of travel to work;

(2) the annual limit on the additional costs allowance (£1,050 under the 1974 Resolution) to be—
   (a) for the period 1st April 1975 to 31st March 1976, £1,639, and
   (b) for any subsequent period of twelve months ending with 31st March, an amount equal to 144 times the Class A(i) London rate (regular visitors) for a night's subsistence, as obtaining in the Civil Service in that period, and allowing for any change in the rate in the period by taking a weighted average;

(3) the annual limit on the secretarial allowance (£1,750 under the 1974 Resolution) to be replaced by a limit of £2,910 for the period from 1st April 1975 to 31st March 1976, and £3,200 for any subsequent period of twelve months beginning with 1st April;

(4) the car mileage allowance (7.7 pence a mile under the 1974 Resolution) to be 10.2 pence per mile for journeys commenced on or after 13th June 1975, but as from when the corresponding Civil Service rate is next altered thereafter, the allowance for Members of this House to be the same as that corresponding rate (which is the rate for cars over 1,750 cc used for journeys on official business);

(5) the number of return journeys for which, in accordance with the 1971 Resolution, facilities for free travel are available to the spouses of Members of this House (ten journeys a year under that Resolution) to be fifteen for the period of twelve months ending with 31st December 1975 or any subsequent period of twelve months beginning with 1st January.

In this Resolution—

"the 1971 Resolution" means the Resolution relating to Parliamentary Expenses which was passed by this House on 20th December 1971;

"the 1974 Resolution" means the Resolution relating to such expenses passed by this House on 30th July 1974.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Parliamentary Remuneration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision should be made with respect to the salaries and pensions of Members of this House:—

(1) the salary payable to a Member (other than one who is for the time being an officer of the House or a salaried holder of Ministerial office) to be at the rate of £5,750 a year;

(2) the salary payable to a Member who is for the time being an officer of the House or a salaried holder of Ministerial office, but is not a member of the Cabinet, to be at the rate of £3,700 a year;

(3) the salary payable to a Member who is for the time being a holder of Ministerial office and a member of the Cabinet to continue at the rate of £3,000 a year, as under the Resolution passed by this House on 20th December 1971;

(4) the proper rate of salary under head (1) of this Resolution is £8,000 a year, and in the case of all Members their ordinary salary for pension purposes (and in particular for the purposes of enactments relating to contributory pensions and the deduction of contributions from salary) is to be regarded as being at the rate of £8,000 a year notwithstanding that payment at that rate is not actually made;

(5) each Member is, by way of supplement to his salary payable under head (1), (2) or (3) above, to be credited with £112.50 a year (that is to say a yearly amount equal to 5 per cent. of the difference between £5,750 and £8,000).

(6) This Resolution has effect as respects service on and after 13th June 1975.

In this Resolution—

(a) "salaried" means for the time being in receipt of a salary under the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975; and

(b) "Ministerial office" means the same as in section 2 of the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975, as that Act is for the time being in force—(Mr. Walter Harrison);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 5, to leave out "£5,750" and insert "£6,300"—(Mr. George Cunningham),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 5, to leave out the words "£5,750 a year" and insert the words "£4,812 a year, being an increase of £6 a week"—(Mr. Walter Johnson),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Phillip Whitehead: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart: 197.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision should be made with respect to the salaries and pensions of Members of this House:—

(1) the salary payable to a Member (other than one who is for the time being an officer of the House or a salaried holder of Ministerial office) to be at the rate of £5,750 a year;

(2) the salary payable to a Member who is for the time being an officer of the House or a salaried holder of Ministerial office, but is not a member of the Cabinet, to be at the rate of £3,700 a year;

(3) the salary payable to a Member who is for the time being a holder of Ministerial office and a member of the Cabinet to continue at the rate of £3,000 a year, as under the Resolution passed by this House on 20th December 1971;

(4) the proper rate of salary under head (1) of this Resolution is £8,000 a year, and in the case of all Members their ordinary salary for pension purposes (and in particular for the purposes of enactments relating to contributory pensions and the deduction of contributions from salary) is to be regarded as being at the rate of £8,000 a year notwithstanding that payment at that rate is not actually made;

(5) each Member is, by way of supplement to his salary payable under head (1), (2) or (3) above, to be credited with £112.50 a year (that is to say a yearly amount equal to 5 per cent. of the difference between £5,750 and £8,000).

(6) This Resolution has effect as respects service on and after 13th June 1975.

In this Resolution—

(a) "salaried" means for the time being in receipt of a salary under the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975; and

(g) "Ministerial office" means the same as in section 2 of the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975, as that Act is for the time being in force.
Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Walter Harrison) :—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 nine minutes to Three o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.51 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 22nd July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:


Prisons and Borstals,—Copy of Statistical Tables supplementary to the Report on the work of the Prison Department for 1974 [by Command].

Representation of the People,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th July 1975, entitled the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Denmark (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Copenhagen between 17th February and 7th March 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark, extending to the Faroe Islands the provisions of the Supplementary Protocol of 8th February 1973 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 27th March 1950, as previously modified (the extension is not in force) [by Command].

European Communities (No. 77, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 23rd July 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Democratic Republic of Somalia for the supply of flour and soft wheat and husked rice as food aid; with Letters, exchanged at Brussels on 18th December 1974, amending the Agreement [by Command].

European Communities (No. 78, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 23rd July 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 89, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Canberra on 6th March 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Australia, further amending the Agreement on social security signed at Canberra on 29th January 1958 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Wages Councils,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th July 1975, entitled the Made-up Textiles Wages Council (Great Britain) (Variation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1156) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

New Towns,—Copy of the Report of the Cwmbran and Newtown (Mid-Wales) Development Corporations for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 453].

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, as amended by the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1965, That a Petition has been presented against the Port of London Authority (Constitution) Revision Order 1975 by the Greater London Council, and that they have taken it into consideration and have certified it as proper to be received and as a Petition for Amendment [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1975, entitled the Dutch Elm Disease (Local Authorities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1163) [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That
they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Robert Hughes (nominated in
respect of the Children Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harry
Ewing.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 22nd July 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Com-
mittees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords] to Standing
Committee B and the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Bill [Lords] to
Standing Committee C.

[No. 165.]

Wednesday, 23rd July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being
read, for considering the Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Order Confirmation
Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

Lerwick Harbour (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order Confirmation Bill,—The House pro-
ceeded, according to Order, to consider the Lerwick Harbour (Miscellaneous Provisions)
Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered
to be printed (see Appendix I).

Science and Technology,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Select Committee on Science
and Technology, That they had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to
make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 504].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That
they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on
23rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 185-xx].

Regional Affairs,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Standing Committee on Regional
Affairs, That they had considered the matter of South West of England Affairs, referred
to them on 8th July, and had directed her to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 505].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. John Wells reported from the First
Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Medicines (Feeding Stuffs
Additives) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 10th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 506].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Social Security Pensions Bill, with Amendments; to
which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Social Security Pensions Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Social Security Pensions Bill to be
considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 222].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order
1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1132) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)
Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to 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 existing contractual rights to be overridden by a White Paper which is not open to parliamentary amendment; for the legal obligations imposed by the White Paper to be interpreted by a member of the Cabinet instead of by the Courts; which leaves to a further unpublished Bill the specification of additional sanctions referred to in the White Paper; and provides for an undefined increase in indiscriminate housing subsidies”—(Sir Geoffrey Howe)—instead thereof.

The Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—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, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Sioodart: 320.

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, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. John Ellis: 294.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Gordon Wilson: 16.

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.(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Committee to-morrow.

Business of the House.—Ordered. That, at this day’s sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Lotteries Bill, the Limitation Bill [Lords] and the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Remuneration, Charges and Grants [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Remuneration, Charges and Grants [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to limit liability for certain remuneration; to enable certain provisions of Part II of the Counter-Inflation Act 1973 to be extended and to amend section 2 of that Act; to enable housing subsidy to be increased and to provide for a new grant to local authorities in Scotland, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of a new grant to local authorities in Scotland for the year 1976-77; and

(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under any other Act.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Lotteries Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Lotteries Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 7 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 8, in page 11, line 12, at end insert new Clause A (Commencement orders)—

“A. The Secretary of State shall not make an order under section 19(5) hereof until draft regulations shall have been made under section 10 above and such draft regulations have been laid before, and approved by, resolutions of both Houses of Parliament,” was amended, in line 2, by leaving out from “19(5)” to the end and adding the words “below appointing a day for the coming into operation of section 1 above until he has made regulations under section 10 above which provide for their coming into operation on that day.
(2) Regulations so providing shall not be made unless a draft of them has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill),—instead thereof, and, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 9 was disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 11, line 15, after the word "below", by inserting the words "or of regulations of which a draft has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 10 to 12 were agreed to.

Limitation Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Limitation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Attorney General, 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.

Mr. Attorney General, 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'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, with Amendments.

Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Public Service Vehicles (Arrest of Offenders) Bill [Lords], 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, without Amendment.

Local Government.—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved.—(Mr. Gordon Oakes.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Liverpool and other places, for free National Health Service abortion, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—Debate arising;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 24th July, 1975:

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 twenty-three minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.23 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 23rd July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Civil Aviation.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 4th June 1975 on a loan to be made to the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 507].

Coal Industry.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 6th June 1975, and

(2) on 27th June 1975
on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 508 and 509].

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 28th May 1975, and
(2) on 5th June 1975
on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 510 and 511].

Gas,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 28th May 1975,
(2) on 2nd July 1975,
(3) on 2nd July 1975, and
(4) on 3rd July 1975
on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 512 to 515].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 3rd June 1975 on loans raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board,
and
(2) on 27th June 1975 on loans raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 516 and 517].

Iron and Steel,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 13th May 1975,
(2) on 13th May 1975,
(3) on 18th June 1975, and
(4) on 18th June 1975
on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 518 to 521].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 14th May 1975 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 522].

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th June 1975 on loans raised by Stevenage Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 523].

Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 7th July 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 524].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th June 1975 on loans raised by the North West Water Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 525].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st June 1972, entitled the Kent County Council (Ashford St. Mary's Church of England School) Compulsory Purchase Order 1972, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Education and Science under Section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

War Pensioners,—Copy of the Report on War Pensioners for 1974 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 456].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Iron and Steel,—Statement of re-appointment of a part-time member of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mineral Exploration and Investment Grants,—Report by the Secretary of State for Industry on the discharge of his functions under the Mineral Exploration and Investment Grants Act 1972 for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 412].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th July 1975, entitled the Electricity (Transfer of Transmission Assets) (South Eastern Electricity Board) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1150) [by Act].
Mr. Frederick Peart:

Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1975, entitled the Medicines (Medicines Act 1968 Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1169) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mr. Andrew Welsh.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Ronald Bell, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, and Mr. Ken Weetch.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Walter Clegh, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. Andrew Welsh, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Mr. Gregor Mackenzie to serve on the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of Unemployment in the East Midlands.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1975 and the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1132), viz.: Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Tom Ellis, Mr. David Ginsburg, Sir John Hall, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Neil Kinnoch, Mr. Eric Moonman, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, and Mr. Robert Taylor.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 23rd July 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1975, and the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1132) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

[No. 166.]

Thursday, 24th July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Dart Harbour and Navigation Authority Bill; and the same were agreed to.
Lerwick Harbour (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Lerwick Harbour (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 24th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 530-d].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 23rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 390-vi].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report Memoranda submitted to Sub-Committee C.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 528-i].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 502].

So much of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee as relates to the Report to be printed [No. 502].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of further Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 503].

So much of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee as relates to the Report to be printed [No. 503].

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 (Second Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 526].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the British Waterways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Safety of Sports Grounds Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Science and Technology,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Science and Technology be printed [No. 527].

Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Remuneration under existing agreements).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 5, at the beginning, to insert the words "Subject to subsection (2A) below".—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Emlyn Hooson: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Stoddart: 257.
Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 1, line 8, to leave out from the word “limits” to the word “he” in line 10 and insert the words “set out in the Schedule (The Attack on Inflation) to this Act.”—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—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. James A. Dunn 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 Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill.

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 1 (Remuneration under existing agreements).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 5) be made:—Debate resumed;

Friday, 25th July, 1975:

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

Question put, That the Question be now put;

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Mr. James Hamilton and Mr. Laurie Pavitt were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Question put accordingly, That the Amendment be made;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 274.

Another Amendment (No. 105) proposed, in page 1, line 13, to leave out the words “before the commencement of this Act” and insert the words “by him”.—(Mr. David Howell.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 107) proposed, in page 1, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

“(1A) Where any statement term or provision contained in any of paragraphs 1 to 48 inclusive of the aforesaid document is inconsistent with any statement term or provision contained in the Annex to the said document the former shall prevail over the latter.”—(Sir Michael Havers.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 74) proposed, in page 2, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

“(3A) New or improved benefits under occupational pension or death benefit schemes which are tax approved, or under comparable schemes not requiring tax approval, and any reimbursement of a corresponding increase in employee contributions may, unless subsection (3B) below applies, be given outside the pay limit prescribed under this section.

(3B) Where a change in the pension scheme has the effect of increasing the pay, net of any pension contribution of a substantial proportion of the group of employees covered by the scheme, that increase counts against the pay limit unless—

(a) a revaluation of the scheme, made in accordance with generally accepted principles for such revaluations, has shown a surplus in respect of those receiving the increase, the value of which equals or exceeds the increase; or

(b) there has been a corresponding reduction in benefits to those receiving the increase; or

(c) the change had been proposed before 1st August 1975.
(30) New or improved benefits under schemes for payments to workers who leave an employer’s service because of redundancy (as defined for the purposes of the Redundancy Payments Act 1965) are outside the pay limit prescribed under this section, as are benefits which become payable after 6 months of incapacity.”—(Mr. Paul Dean.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 234.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox : 270.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 2, line 12, to leave out subsection (5).—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee proceeded to a Division, but no Member being willing to act as Division (No Teller for the Ayes), the Chairman declared that the Noes had it.

Another Amendment (No. 114) proposed, in page 2, line 14, at the end, to add the words—

“ (6) For the purposes of the last foregoing subsection hereof the Secretary of State—
(a) shall forthwith draw up and publish rules as to how any such question is to be presented to and processed and determined by him; and
(b) shall at all times abide by and ensure that all others concerned in the processing and determination of such questions abide by the rules of natural justice; and
(c) shall determine such question according to the terms and provisions of the Schedule to the Act for the time being in force and shall not in any event go outside the limits thereby prescribed or contrary to any of the said terms and provisions;
(d) shall afford to all parties to any question so referred to him an opportunity of making written representations to him before he makes any determination thereof or thereon; and
(e) shall in the first instance make a provisional determination and give notice thereof to all employers and employees and to any organisations of employers or employees who may be affected by such determination and afford to them an opportunity of making written representations to him; and
(f) when all the foregoing requirements have been complied with but not before shall make a final determination in writing giving his reasons for arriving at the said determination.”—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Adam Butler : 226.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. J. D. Dormand : 266.

Another Amendment (No. 115) proposed, in page 2, line 14, at the end, to add the words—

“ (6) It shall be illegal for an employer to pay to an employee or for an employee to accept any sum the payment of which is made unenforceable by the provisions of this section and the payment or acceptance of any such sum shall be an offence punishable on summary conviction with a fine not exceeding £200 but no person shall be convicted of an offence hereunder if he satisfies the Court that at the time when he made or accepted the payment in question he had reasonable grounds for believing and did believe that it was enforceable in law.”—(Sir Michael Havers.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. John Peyton),—put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Duration of section 1 and of certain provisions of Counter-Inflation Act 1973).

Amendment (No. 19) proposed, in page 2, line 17, to leave out the word “ July ” and insert the word “ January ”.—(Mr. Eric S. Heffer.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Sydney Bidwell : 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. James A. Dunn : 229
Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed, in page 2, line 26, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Price code).

Amendment (No. 35) proposed, in page 3, line 15, to leave out from the word “section” to the end of line 17.—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 36) proposed, in page 3, line 15, after the word “section”, to insert the words “after giving any person or persons paying such remuneration an opportunity of making representations”.—(Mr. Nigel Lawson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 118) proposed, in page 3, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

“(c) The powers conferred by this section shall not include power—

(a) to make provision for any payment by the employer by way of penalty or otherwise;

(b) to create any new criminal offence directly or indirectly;

(c) to make any provision taking effect from a date earlier than the date on which the provision itself is effectively made;

(d) to confer any power to legislate by means of orders, rules, regulations or other subordinate instrument;

and any change in the price code made under or in purported pursuance of the provisions of this section shall to the extent that it does or purports to do or but for these provisions would do any of those things be null and void and of no effect.”—(Mr. Ian Percival.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts: 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Miss Margaret Jackson: 222.

Another Amendment (No. 76) proposed, in page 3, line 19, at the end, to add the words—

“(3) Where a company negotiates with any person new levels of remuneration for that person within the limits imposed by the policy set out in the documents laid before Parliament by command of Her Majesty’s Government in July 1975 (Command Paper No. 6151) that company may apply to the Secretary of State for a certificate of conformity stating that such new levels conform with the document and the Secretary of State shall announce his decision as to whether to issue such certificate within one month of such application such certificate to be made available thereafter on demand by the company.

(4) Any company in possession of a certificate of conformity shall on presentation of such certificate to the Price Commission be entitled to reflect the additional cost of such agreement within its prices in compliance with the prices code existing prior to the publication of Command Paper No. 6151 in such manner as that company may agree with the Price Commission”.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Donald Coleman and Mr. James Hamilton were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Clause No. 4 (Power to reduce certain grants to local authorities).

Amendment (No. 69) proposed, in page 3, line 21, to leave out the words “or likely to be taken”.—(Mr. Timothy Raison.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed, in page 3, line 24, to leave out from the word “he” to the end of line 25 and insert the word “shall”.—(Mr. John Pardoe.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed, in page 3, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—
"(4) Where a local authority, in order to make payments of remuneration in excess of the limits stated in section 1, proposes to increase its rate demand, or to make a supplementary rate demand, it must seek the approval of the Secretary of State".—(Mr. Keith Speed.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 73) proposed, in page 3, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—
"(4) Where a county council or a regional water authority or any other precepting authority (including the Inner London Education Authority), in order to make payments of remuneration in excess of the limits stated in section 1, proposes to increase the amount of the precept levied on any district councils, it must seek the approval of the Secretary of State".—(Mr. Keith Speed.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed, in page 3, line 38, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Nigel Lawson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment (No. 64) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Housing subsidy—special element).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis: 236.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. W. Benyon: 157.

Clause No. 6 (Rent limitation subsidy in Scotland).

Amendment (No. 93) proposed, in page 4, line 28, at the end, to insert the words "and will be related to the total of any subsidy paid under section 5 above having regard to the proportion of publicly owned housing stock which is located in Scotland".—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Interpretation).

Amendment (No. 56) proposed, in page 4, line 34, to leave out the words "whether in money or otherwise" and insert the words "in money".—(Mr. Max Madden.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 8 and 9 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thomas Cox reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered upon Monday next; and be printed [Bill 221].

Medicines.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Medicines (Feeding Stuffs Additives) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn till Monday next.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Five o'clock on Friday afternoon, adjourned till Monday next. [Adjourned at 4.56 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 24th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Pensions,—Copy of Rules, dated 17th July 1975, entitled the Superannuation (Judicial Offices) (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1183) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Treaty Series (No. 85, 1975),—Copy of a Convention, signed at New York from 20th June to 31st December 1956, on the recovery abroad of maintenance [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 92, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Dacca on 28th August 1974, concerning wheat to be supplied by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh within the framework of the Cereals Food Aid Programme of the European Economic Community (United Kingdom Food Aid Grant: Bangladesh Agreement 1974) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st July 1975, entitled the Importation of Cattle (No. 4) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Social Science Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Social Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 531].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Armed Forces Pay,—Copy of the Supplement to the Fourth Report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay for 1975, relating to—

(1) service medical and dental officers, and

(2) officers of the non-regular permanent staffs of the Ulster Defence Regiment and the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve

[by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, Economic Activity County Leaflets, relating to—

(1) Greater London
(2) Staffordshire, and
(3) Westmorland

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Railways Board for 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Ancient Monuments,—Copy of the Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Wales for 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 476].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Coal Industry,—Copies of—

(1) the Report and Accounts of the National Coal Board for the period 31st March 1974 to 29th March 1975, and
(2) National Coal Board Statistical Tables for 1974-75

[by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st March to 31st May 1975 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 477].

Weights and Measures,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th July 1975, entitled the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1173) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mrs. Helene Hayman and Mr. Emlyn Hooson (nominated in respect of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harry Gourlay and Mr. David Penhaligon.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 24th July 1975

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 B in respect of the Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords], Mr. John Wells Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Bill [Lords], Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords], Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of Unemployment in the East Midlands, and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1975 and the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1132).

Monday, 28th July, 1975.

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).

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Business Committee (Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill),—Ordered, That the Report of 17th July from the Business Committee be now considered—(Mr. J. D. Dormand):—The House accordingly considered the Report.

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee), That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It was agreed to.

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill [1st allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (United Kingdom Oil Conservation Authority)—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin)—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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 230.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 296.

Another Clause (Reports of participation agreements)—(Mr. Hamish Gray)—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.
Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 1, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

"(2) The Corporation shall consist of four Divisions which shall be named respectively the Scottish Division, English Division, Welsh Division and Northern Ireland Division.

(3) Each such Division shall assume responsibility for the powers granted to the Corporation under section 2 of this Act in relation to the appropriate areas allocated to it as aftermentioned, but shall have no responsibility for the searching for and getting of petroleum existing in its natural condition in strata external to the United Kingdom and its controlled waters other than waters immediately contiguous to areas so allocated to each Division.

(4) The geographical areas of operation of the respective Divisions of the Corporation shall be defined as follows—

(i) The Scottish Division shall have power to search for and get petroleum existing in its natural condition in strata lying in the Scottish area of the United Kingdom continental shelf as designated by paragraph 1(3) of the Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) Order 1968 and, by permission of the Corporation, in any waters immediately contiguous thereto.

(ii) The Northern Ireland Division shall have power to search for and to get petroleum existing in its natural condition in strata lying in the Northern Ireland area of the United Kingdom continental shelf as designated by paragraph 1(3) of the Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) Order 1968 and, by permission of the Corporation, in any waters immediately contiguous thereto.

(iii) The English Division and the Welsh Division shall have power to search for and get petroleum existing in its natural condition in strata lying in the area referred to as 'the English area' of the United Kingdom continental shelf in paragraph 1(3) of the Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) Order 1968 and, by permission of the Corporation in any waters immediately contiguous thereto.

(5) The Board of the Corporation shall consist of not less than sixteen and not more than twenty persons appointed by the Secretary of State to be members of the Corporation; and the Secretary of State—

(a) shall appoint one member to be chairman of the Corporation;

(b) may appoint another member or other members to be the deputy chairman of the Corporation;

(c) shall ensure that two members are persons employed in the civil service of the State (or in the cases of the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Divisions respectively, employed by the civil service of any legislative and executive branch of government for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, respectively, which may by Parliament be created) and that at least three members of the Corporation shall be persons having experience in oil exploration and exploitation;

(d) shall ensure that at least twelve of the members so appointed have been nominated by the Boards of said Divisions to serve on the Board of the Corporation and that no Division shall be represented by less than three such members so nominated and appointed "—(Mr. Gordon Wilson),— instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Douglas Henderson: 16.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. David Stoddart: 287.

Amendments (Nos. 2, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 26, at the end, to insert the words "and shall be laid before each House of Parliament".—(Mr. Peter Viggers.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 34, to leave out paragraph (b) and insert the words—

"(b) to prepare in respect of each accounting year a statement of accounts in such form as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, direct being a form which shall conform with the best commercial standards and which shall distinguish between the exploration activities, the production activities and the other main activities of the Corporation".—(Mr. John Moore),—instead thereof.
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 21 to 24, 26 and 31) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 146) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2A) Where a licence is revoked on the grounds of any act or omission occurring after the licence was altered by virtue of the preceding section which act or omission would not have provided grounds for revocation of the licence had it occurred before the date of such alteration, and it is shown that the holder of the licence—

(i) has incurred expenditure in carrying out work which is rendered abortive by revocation, or

(ii) has otherwise sustained loss or damage which is directly attributable to the revocation

there shall be paid to him out of the National Oil Account full and prompt compensation in respect of that expenditure, loss or damage ".—(Mr. Peter Rost.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve: 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 293.

And it being after Eleven o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) and Orders [7th July and this day], to put forthwith the Questions on the Amendments moved by a member of the Government, of which notice had been given, to the remaining part of the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 35, 36, 38 to 40, 44, 46, 47, 58, 60, 63 to 65, 68, 73, 74, 76, 80, 82 to 84, 86 to 91, 94, 99, 100, 102, 106, 107 and 109 to 138) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James A. Dunn):—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 minutes past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.20 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 28th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Election Expenses,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty of 7th November 1974 for a Return relating to Election Expenses; to be printed [No. 478].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Education,—Copy of the Report on Education and Science in 1974 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

General Practice Finance Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the General Practice Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 455].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Bankruptcy,—Copy of the Report of Bankruptcy for 1974 [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th July 1975, entitled the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1184) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1975, entitled the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1234) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to—

(1) abrasives,
(2) bedding, &c.,
(3) canvas goods and sacks and other made-up textiles,
(4) gloves,
(5) jute,
(6) leather goods,
(7) manufactured stationery,
(8) miscellaneous manufactures of paper and board,
(9) miscellaneous textiles,
(10) miscellaneous wood and cork manufactures,
(11) polishes,
(12) spirit distilling and compounding,
(13) sports equipment, and
(14) sugar

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Juries,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th July 1975, entitled the Juries (Form of Medical Certificate) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 200) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Benn:


Electricity,—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 1975, of—

(1) the Central Electricity Generating Board,
(2) the Eastern Electricity Board,
(3) the East Midlands Electricity Board,
(4) the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board.
(5) the Midlands Electricity Board,
(6) the North Eastern Electricity Board,
(7) the North Western Electricity Board.
(8) the South Eastern Electricity Board,
(9) the Southern Electricity Board,
(10) the South Wales Electricity Board,
(11) the South Western Electricity Board, and
(12) the Yorkshire Electricity Board

[by Act].


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prices,—Copies of Orders, dated 28th July 1975, entitled—

(1) the Bread Prices Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1245),
(2) the Butter Prices Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1243), and
(3) the Cheese Prices (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1244)

[by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:


Mr. Reg Prentice:

Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 23rd July 1975, entitled the Indian Civil Service Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme 1975 [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Pensions,—Copy of Rules, dated 17th July 1975, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunals (England and Wales) (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1188) [by Act].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 20th June 1975, entitled the Election Petition (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 177) [by Act].

Trustees,—Copy of Rules, dated 18th July 1975, entitled the Public Trustee (Custodian Trustee) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1189) [by Act].

Tuesday, 29th July, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Shard Bridge Bill [Lords],—The Shard Bridge Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords],—The Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Order Confirmation Bill. Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Experiments on Living Animals,—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of Experiments performed under the Act 39 and 40 Vict. c. 77, during 1974.—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill.)

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 29th July, and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xlii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xliii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Thirty-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxxi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxxii].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Twenty-fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xxviii].

Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Bill [Lords],—Mr. John Wells reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Bill [Lords] 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. 533].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Statutory Corporations (Financial Provisions) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Child Benefit Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Greater London Council (Money) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

House of Lords Offices.—The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Robert Gordon Cooke, esquire, a Member of this House, and to Michael Hugh Lawrence, esquire, a Clerk of this House, to attend to be examined as Witnesses before the Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee appointed by the Lords on House of Lords Offices.

House of Lords Offices.—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message this day, as requests the attendance of Robert Gordon Cooke, esquire, a Member of this House, and of Michael Hugh Lawrence, esquire, a Clerk of this House, before the Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on House of Lords Offices, be now considered.

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

And Mr. Robert Cooke, having signified that he was willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships;

Resolved, That Robert Gordon Cooke, esquire, a Member of this House, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit.

Resolved, That Michael Hugh Lawrence, esquire, a Clerk of this House, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Child Benefit Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Child Benefit Bill to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 224].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1140) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1141) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 1975, (S.I., 1975, No. 1185) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Royal Palace of Westminster (Appropriation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the common ownership of the Royal Palace of Westminster for the duration of the time it remains the seat of the United Kingdom Parliament; to make provision to bring the Palace and those who work therein within the scope of all past, present, and future protective labour legislation; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Cyril Smith, and Mr. Greville Janner, do prepare and bring it in.

Royal Palace of Westminster (Appropriation) Bill,—Mr. J. W. Rooker accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the common ownership of the Royal Palace of Westminster for the duration of the time it remains the seat of the United Kingdom Parliament; to make provision to bring the Palace and those who work therein within the scope of all past, present, and future protective labour legislation; 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 223].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill [2nd allotted Day].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 277.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Compulsory notification of claims and settlements)—(Sir Geoffrey Howe)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Pensions)—(Mr. Richard Wainwright)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising;
And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Question again proposed, That the proposed Clause (Pensions) be read a second time:—Debate resumed;
Question put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. A. J. Beith : 245.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Laurie Pivitt : 266.

Another Clause (Legal sanctions—equality of treatment)—(Mr. Kenneth Baker)—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.

Wednesday, 30th July, 1975:

Another Clause (Further provisions as to sanctions under section 3 of this Act)—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim)—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 Roberts, Mr. W. Benyon : 216.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Tom Pendry : 254.

Another Clause (Power to modify Acts about prices, charges and remuneration)—(Mr. Ian Percival)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.
Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, after the word “ persons ”, to insert the words “ currently in receipt of more than £3,000 per annum ”.—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 45) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, at the end, to insert the words “ paragraphs 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 18, 19 and 24 of ”.—(Sir David Renton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, at the end, to insert the words “ (1A) Where any statement term or provision contained in any of paragraphs 1 to 48 inclusive of the aforesaid document is inconsistent with any statement term or provision
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

An Amendment (No. 51) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 35, after " (3) ", to insert " or (4) ".—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 58) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that such sanctions shall only consist of the disallowance of excessive remuneration as defined in the Consultative Documents containing draft amendments to the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1974 (as amended)".—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) In this Act, the monetary value of any non-monetary remuneration shall be the estimated market value of such non-monetary remuneration on the date, being a date between 31st July 1975 and 1st August 1976, on which any increase in such non-monetary remuneration is agreed by the employer".—(Mr. Nigel Lawson.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes past Five o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 5.23 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 29th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Savings Banks,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1975, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Interest-bearing Receipts) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1256) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 79, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Empire of Ethiopia on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Sudan (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Khartoum on 8th March 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 93, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Kingston on 31st December 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Jamaica revising the route schedule to the Air Services Agreement signed at Kingston on 25th March 1970 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 96, 1975),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Nicosia on 20th June 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Fisheries,—Copy of the Report on fisheries of Scotland for 1974 [by Command].

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Economic Activity County Tables, Part I (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence,—Copy of the Account of the United States Mutual Defence Assistance Programme Equipment Disposal Deposit Account for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Command].
Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971 relating to Economic Activity County Leaflets for—

(1) East Suffolk,
(2) Hampshire,
(3) Oxfordshire,
(4) Wiltshire, and
(5) Yorkshire East Riding

[by Act].

Medicines,—Copy of the Report of the Medicines Commission for 1974, with the Reports of the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the Veterinary Products Committee and the British Pharmacopoeia Commission, and a Memorandum prepared by the Medicines Division of the Department of Health and Social Security [by Act]; to be printed [No. 442].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Post Office,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Post Office for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th July 1975, entitled the Milford Haven Conservancy Revision Order 1975, 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 Benn:

Gas,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Gas Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Veterinary Profession,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the veterinary profession [by Command].

Mr. Reg Prentice:

Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 25th July 1975, entitled the Dominica Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Parliamentary Papers,—General Alphabetical Index to Bills, Reports and Papers printed by Order of the House of Commons, and to Reports and Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command, Sessions 1959-60 to 1968-69; to be printed [No. 494].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Fifth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1974-75 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 498].

[No. 169.]

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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

British Waterways Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the British Waterways Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Order Confirmation Bill,—The Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport 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 D).
British Motor Cycle Industry.—**Resolved,** That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the abridged version of the Report to the Secretary of State for Industry of the Boston Consulting Group Limited on strategy alternatives for the British Motor Cycle Industry.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, 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. 552].
  Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 30th July to be printed [No. 552].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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 (Tenth Report).

  Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 495].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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 (Eleventh Report).

  Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 534].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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 (Twelfth Report).

  Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 535].

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. Edward Short reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), 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. 540].

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. Edward Short reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), 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. 541].

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. Edward Short reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), 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. 542].

So much of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee as relate to the Report to be printed [542].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (See Appendix II).

Violence in Marriage,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton reported from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, 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, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table and to be printed [No. 553].
  Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 553].

Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

  Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 226].
  Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 538].
Local Land Charges Bill [Lords].—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Local Land Charges 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 Local Land Charges 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. 536].

Regional Affairs.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That they had considered the matter of Unemployment in the East Midlands, referred to them on 17th July, and had directed her to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 539].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1975 and the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1132), referred to a Committee on 22nd July and 23rd July respectively.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 537].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Finance (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Milford Haven Conservancy Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the British Railways (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Caravan Rating.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law in respect of the rating of caravans: And that Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. David Marquand, Mr. John Mendelson, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mr. Frank R. White, do prepare and bring it in.

Caravan Rating Bill.—Dr. Edmund Marshall accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law in respect of the rating of caravans: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 225].

Employment Protection Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Employment Protection Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Provision of financial aid for postal ballots in trade union elections)—(Mr. James Prior)—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. Richard Luce, Mr. Adam Butler: 241.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Thomas Cox: 276.

Another Clause (Protection against disciplinary proceedings for trade union members taking part in a trade dispute)—(Mr. Ronald Brown)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Superintendent registrars and others to be deemed employees and registrar general to be deemed employer)—(Mr. Ronald Brown)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Protection of pension, &c., rights)—(Mr. Ronald Brown)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Peaceful picketing)—(Mr. J. W. Rooker)—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. John Lee, Mr. Ian Mikardo: 91.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James A. Dunn: 335.
Another Clause (Application to House of Lords and House of Commons)—(Mr. Paul B. Rose)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Payment of compensation out of Redundancy Fund in certain cases)—(Mr. Leon Brittan)—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. Fred Silvester, Mr. Richard Luce : 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James A. Dunn : 261.

Another Clause (Small businesses)—(Mr. David Mitchell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Employment Protection Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Miss Margaret Jackson : 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve : 210.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Employment Protection Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.

Employment Protection Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Employment Protection Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Small businesses), be read a second time:—Debate resumed;

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. W. Benyon : 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Ellis : 211.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, to leave out from the first word “of” to the end of the subsection and insert the words—

“ (a) assisting the peaceful settlement of trade disputes and other questions arising between employers and employees by offering and providing conciliation and arbitration,

(b) helping the safeguarding of individual rights of employees whether it is threatened by employers, trade unions, organisations of them or by fellow employees, and

(c) encouraging the improvement of collective bargaining and, where necessary and appropriate, its extension and development and the reform of collective bargaining machinery”—(Mr. Leon Brittan), instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

“ Where an inquiry relates to industrial relations in a particular industry, undertaking or part of an undertaking the Service shall, before entering on the inquiry, publish the scope of the intended inquiry and give a reasonable opportunity to those concerned to express their views in relation to the inquiry”.—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 4 to 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 36, after the word “shall”, to insert the words “consult, as appropriate, with the TUC and the CBI and taking into account any advice given by them”.—(Mr. David Madel.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 8, 9 and 12) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 20, after the word "section", to insert the words "or taking effect under Part I of Schedule 1 to the 1974 Act".—(Mr. David Madel.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 27, after the word "Committee", to insert the words "or the Employment Appeal Tribunal".—(Mr. David Madel.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 41, after the word "union", to insert the words "or an employer".—(Mr. Leon Britton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 41, to leave out the word "employees" and insert the word "workers"—(Mr. Albert Booth),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:

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Question put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 18 to 27, 29, 30, 32 to 37, 40, 42, 44 and 45) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be further considered this day.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Southsea and other places for free National Health Service abortion, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.37 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 30th July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Criminal Statistics,—Copy of Statistics and Supplementary Statistics relating to crime and criminal proceedings in England and Wales in 1974 [by Command].

Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth,—Copies of Reports of the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth entitled—

(1) Initial Report on the Standing Reference, and
(2) Income from Companies and its Distribution
[by Command].

Experiments on Living Animals,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty yesterday, relating to Experiments on Living Animals; to be printed [No. 493].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Statements by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—

(1) residential care of handicapped persons under the age of 65 in Scotland, and
(2) separation of younger from older patients in hospital in Scotland
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 501 and 500].

Parole Board,—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for Scotland for 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 492].
Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st July 1975, entitled the Direct Grant Grammar Schools (Cessation of Grant) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1198) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st July 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Iron and Steel) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1197) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:


Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, Economic Activity County Leaflets, relating to—

(1) Cardiganshire,  
(2) Caernarvonshire, and  
(3) Warwickshire  
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the English Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

British Motorcycle Industry,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day of the abridged version of the Report to the Secretary of State for Industry of the Boston Consulting Group Limited on strategy alternatives for the British motorcycle industry; to be printed [No. 532].

Mr. Edward Short:

Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 23rd July 1975, entitled the Fugitive Offenders (Designated Commonwealth Countries) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1213) [by Act].

South Atlantic Territories,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 23rd July 1975, entitled the St. Helena Supreme Court (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1211) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st July 1975, entitled the Herring (North Yorkshire Coast) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1201) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Atomic Energy,—Copy of the Balance Sheet of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority as at 31st March 1975, and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 543].

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 1975, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 544].

Independent Broadcasting Authority,—Account prepared pursuant to Section 27(5) of the Independent Broadcasting Act 1973 of additional payments to the Independent Broadcasting Authority by programme contractors under Section 26(1) and of the sums paid into the Consolidated Fund under Section 27(4) in the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 545].

Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 551].

National Research Development Corporation,—Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 547].

National Savings Bank,—Account of the National Savings Bank Investment Account Fund for 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 548].
National Savings Bank,—Accounts with respect to ordinary deposits and expenses of the National Savings Bank for 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 549].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Land Purchase),—Account of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland in respect of the functions transferred under the Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding Up) Act 1935, for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 546].

Trustee Savings Banks,—Accounts prepared pursuant to Sections 39 and 83 of the Trustee Savings Banks Act 1969 and Statement prepared pursuant to Section 42 of that Act, in respect of the Fund for the Banks for Savings, for the year ended 20th November 1974; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 550].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1975, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Tom Ellis, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Geraint Morgan, Mr. Walter Padley, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, and Dr. Shirley Summerskill.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1185), viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. John Gorst, Sir John Hall, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1140) and the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1141), viz.: Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. William Craig, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Mr. Tom Swain, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, and Mr. James Wellbeloved.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 30th July 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, the Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1185) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, and the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1140) and the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1141) to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. John Spence Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1975 and Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1185).

The House met at half-past Two o'Clock.

PRAYERS.

United States of America (Bicentenary).—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 17th July relating to United States of America (Bicentenary) had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that I will give directions that, to mark the bicentennial celebrations of the United States of America, there be made, on behalf of Parliament to the Congress of the United States, as representative of the American people, a loan for one year of one of the two original copies of Magna Carta dated 1215 AD and held by the British Library; that a permanent showcase be presented to the Congress for the display of the document, and that the document be replaced at the end of the loan period by a replica; that the presentation be made by representatives from both Houses of Parliament; and assuring me that you will make good the expenses attending the same.

It gave me the greatest pleasure to learn that your House proposes that this historic occasion be marked in such a way and I will gladly give directions for carrying your proposals into effect.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 30th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 419-vi].

Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 227].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 554].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Sex Discrimination Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Dundee Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dundee Port Authority Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London Transport Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Sex Discrimination Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Iron and Steel Bill [Lords].

Sex Discrimination Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Sex Discrimination Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 228].

Iron and Steel Bill [Lords].—The Iron and Steel Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 229].

Sittings of the House.—Resolved, That this House do meet on Thursday next at Eleven o'clock, that no Questions be taken after Twelve o'clock, that Mr. Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he shall have reported the Royal Assent to the Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses, but that, subject to this condition, Mr. Speaker shall at Five o'clock, or as soon thereafter as he shall have so reported, adjourn the House without putting any Question.—(Mr. Edward Short.)
Adjournment (Summer).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House at its rising on Thursday next do adjourn till Monday 13th October.—(Mr. Edward Short):—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;

Resolved, That this House at its rising on Thursday next do adjourn till Monday 13th October.

Business of the House (Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill).—Ordered, 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 the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) 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 Friday morning;

Friday, 1st August, 1975:

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.

It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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 4 agreed to.

Schedules A, B and C agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. David Stoddart 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. Deputy Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

Local Land Charges Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 93 (Consolidated Fund Bills), 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).

Local Land Charges [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Local Land Charges [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision for and in connection with the keeping of local land charges registers and the registration of matters therein, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any administrative expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown or Government department in consequence of the said Act;
(b) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown or government department in the payment of any amount recoverable from him or them under the said Act by a registering authority;

(c) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Taxes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison): It was agreed to.

Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1132), a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th July, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison): It was agreed to.

Select Committees (Adjournment of House),—Ordered, That whenever the House stands adjourned for more than two days, and any Select Committee having power to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House shall have agreed to a Report, or shall have resolved that their Minutes of Proceedings should be printed or that the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them or before any Sub-committee appointed by them or any Papers laid before them should be reported to the House and printed, they shall have power to direct the printing of such Report, Minutes or Papers, and such printing shall be under the authority of this House; and any such Reports, Minutes or Papers shall be deemed to have been reported to the House and shall be laid upon the Table when the House next sits.

Ordered, That this be a Standing Order of the House until the end of this Parliament.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Ten o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 10.24 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 31st July 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—

(1) 17th December 1974,
(2) 18th December 1974,
(3) 19th December 1974,
(4) 20th December 1974,
(5) 23rd December 1974,
(6) 24th December 1974,
(7) 27th December 1974,
(8) 30th December 1974,
(9) 31st December 1974,
(10) 2nd January 1975,
(11) 3rd January 1975,
(12) 6th January 1975,
(13) 8th January 1975,
(14) 9th January 1975,
(15) 10th January 1975,
(16) 13th January 1975,
(17) 14th January 1975,
(18) 15th January 1975,
(19) 16th January 1975,
(20) 21st January 1975,
(21) 31st January 1975,
(22) 7th February 1975,
(23) 14th February 1975,
(24) 18th February 1975,
(25) 24th February 1975,
(26) 28th February 1975,
(27) 7th March 1975,
(28) 11th March 1975,
(29) 18th March 1975,
(30) 21st March 1975,
(31) 25th March 1975,
(32) 27th March 1975,
(33) 1st April 1975,
(34) 4th April 1975,
(35) 8th April 1975,
(36) 11th April 1975,
(37) 15th April 1975,
(38) 18th April 1975,
(39) 29th April 1975,
(40) 6th May 1975,
(41) 16th May 1975,
(42) 20th May 1975,
(43) 23rd May 1975,
(44) 30th May 1975,
(45) 5th June 1975, and
(46) 6th June 1975,

relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 556 to 601].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th July 1975 on loans to be raised by the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 555].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1975, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (The Overseas Countries and Territories) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1267) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1975, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1260) [by Act].

New Towns (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th July 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by Livingston Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 603].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 80, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 31st January 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Democratic Republic of Somalia on the supply of flour of soft wheat and rice as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 81, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 13th February 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Chad on the supply of soft wheat, maize and sorghum as food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 88, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 2nd and 3rd April 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America further amending the Agreement concerning procedures for the implementation and enforcement of rules for advance booking charter flights signed at Washington on 30th March 1973 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 97, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 9th December 1974 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of maintenance orders (with agreed Statement) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Criminal Statistics (Scotland),—Copy of Statistics relating to police apprehensions and criminal proceedings in Scotland for 1974 [by Command].

New Towns (Scotland),—Copy of the Reports of the Cumbernauld, East Kilbride and Stonehouse, Glenrothes, Irvine and Livingston Development Corporations for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 475].
Rating and Valuation.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1975, entitled the Valuation (Local Panels and Appeal Committees Model Scheme) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1220) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Patents,—Copy of Rules, dated 28th July 1975, entitled the Patents (Amendment No. 4) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1262) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Harbours,—Statement of redetermination of the salary of the Director General of the National Ports Council [by Act].

Transport,—Statement of determination of the pension of a member of the British Railways Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the Wales Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Atomic Energy,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of British Nuclear Fuels Limited for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Agricultural Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Covent Garden Market Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority for the year ended 30th September 1974 [by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copies of Orders, dated 24th July 1975, entitled—

(1) the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1230), and

(2) the Milk (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1229)

[by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 30th July 1975, entitled the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) (No. 2) Scheme 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Reg Prentice:

Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 30th July 1975, entitled—

(1) the Mauritius Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975,

(2) the Mauritius Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975, and

(3) the Mauritius Public Officers' Widows' and Children's Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975

[by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Sixth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1974-75 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 529].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 20th June 1975, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 3) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 178) [by Act].

[No. 171.]

Friday, 1st August, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. John Thomson Stonehouse,—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received a letter dated 31st July 1975, from Mr. John Thomson Stonehouse, which he read to the House, as follows:
Dear Mr. Speaker,

Further to my previous letter I am writing to confirm my request for a personal statement to be made in the House.

I am copying this letter to the Leader of the House.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN STONEHOUSE.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without Amendment.

Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

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 and to the following Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919:

17. Dundee Port Authority Order Confirmation Act 1975.


Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords],—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved.—(Mr. Roland Moyle.)
Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Shipbuilding Industry (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th July, be approved.—(Mr. Stanley Orme.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

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 1st August 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 1st August 1975, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for—

(1) the Department of Employment, and
(2) the Northern Ireland Office

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st August 1975, entitled the Bingo Duty (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1274) [by Act].


Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st August 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1275) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Camps (Scotland),—Copy of the Report for 1974 of the Scottish National Camps Association Limited [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Particulars of grants of pay, allowances, &c., sanctioned by the Minister for the Civil Service during the year ended 31st March 1975 under the Dispensing Order of 14th January 1922 made under Section 2 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act 1917 [by Command].

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th July 1975, providing for amendments to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, Economic Activity County Leaflets, relating to—

(1) Flintshire, and
(2) Northumberland

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Juries,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd July 1975, entitled the Jurors (Payments) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 207) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd July 1975, entitled the National Coal Board (Overseas Activities) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1219) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities and Colleges,—Copy of an Amending Scheme made by Saint Hugh's College, Oxford, on 28th July 1975, for administering certain funds of the College [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. 172.)


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Greater London Council (Money) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the British Railways (No. 2) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Milford Haven Conservancy Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Milford Haven Conservancy Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 22nd July and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xxix].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xxx].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendment made by this House to the Lotteries Bill in lieu of one of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed; and, without Amendment, to the Amendment made by this House to another of their Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the McDermott Scotland Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Social Security Pensions Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Social Security Pensions Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3, in page 7, line 32, at end insert—

"(2) Regulations may—

(a) provide for an invalidity pension to be payable to a pensioner who, whilst continuing to be incapacitated for normal full-time work, becomes capable of undertaking light work in circumstances which satisfy prescribed conditions; 

(b) prescribe the amount such a pensioner may earn before his pension is affected in any way; and

(c) prescribe the effect any earnings additional to the amount referred to in paragraph (b) above will have on a pensioner's entitlement to invalidity pension."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Michael Meacher); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton: 247.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. W. Benyon: 222.
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So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendment disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 12 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 13 was disagreed to.

Amendments were made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 36, line 26, after the word "unless", by inserting the words " either---(a) "—(Mr. Paul Dean); and in page 36 line 28, after the word " above", by inserting the words " or (b) those provisions conform with such additional requirements as may be prescribed "—(Mr. Paul Dean.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 14 to 63 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 64 was disagreed to.

Amendments were made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment last disagreed to, in page 13, line 29, at the end, by inserting the words—

" (3A) In the tax year 1976-77, and thereafter in each subsequent tax year, the Secretary of State shall consider whether the rate of mobility allowance should be increased having regard to the national economic situation as a whole, the general standard of living and such other matters as he thinks relevant "—(Mr. Michael Meacher); and in page 71, line 33, by leaving out from the word " Act " to the end of line 35, and inserting the words—

" for paragraph (a) there shall be substituted—

" (a) Parts I, IV and V of Schedule 4 to this Act and paragraphs 1 to 3, 4 and 5 of Part III ; and " —(Mr. Michael Meacher).—instead thereof.

Lords Amendments Nos. 65 to 73 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments: And the Committee was nominated of Mrs. Secretary Castle, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Robert McCrindle, and Mr. Brian O'Malley.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Brian O'Malley.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Social Security Pensions Bill,—Mrs. Secretary Castle reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Social Security Pensions Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed her to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the second Amendment made by the Lords in page 7, line 32, for the following Reason:

Because it would be inconsistent with the purposes for which invalidity pension is provided under the Social Security Act 1975 and would tend to the imposition on the National Insurance Fund of a burden which it should not be made to accept at the present time.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Child Benefit Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Child Benefit Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 3, line 29, leave out " shall " and insert " may ".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. James Hamilton : 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve : 251.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 and 4 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 9 were agreed to.
Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 2, line 27, at end insert New Clause A (Repayment and disqualification).

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, at the end, to add the words—

"(8) Any person who has been surcharged in respect of an item of account or a loss or deficiency attributable to a council's failure to implement the Housing Finance Act 1972 may make an application to the court in respect of the said surcharge and the provisions of this section shall apply to the said application and to the powers and duties of the court in respect of it as if it were an application made under this section in respect of a certificate to which it applies."—(Mr. Ian Percival.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 257.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart: 271.

So the Question was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 271.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Anthony Berry: 261.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4, in page 2, line 39, leave out subsection (3) and insert—

"(2) A council shall perform their duty under this section by a general increase of the rents of those of their housing revenue account dwellings in the part or parts of their area to which the certificate relates; and a council may make any such increase notwithstanding section 111 of the Housing Act 1957 (charges for local authority's houses)".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 272.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Fred Silvester: 263.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 5 and 6 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 7 was disagreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended, in page 3, line 33, by leaving out from the word "in" to the end of line 34 and inserting the words "appropriate annual portions"—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong), instead thereof; and in page 3, line 37, at the end, by inserting the words—"(1) In subsection (1) above 'appropriate annual portions' means annual portions each of which is not less than one-fifth of the sum charged to the general rate fund, except that, if the effective date of the rent loss certificate falls in February or March, the council shall not be obliged to charge any amount in respect of the year commencing on the 1st April following the effective date."—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong.)

Lords Amendment No. 8, in page 3, line 38, leave out Clause 4.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Crosland):—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. Walter Harrison.)

Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in their Amendment (No. 8) to the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.
And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 261.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 268.

So the Question was negatived.

Lords Amendments Nos. 9 and 10 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 11 was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Secretary Crosland, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Timothy Raison, and Mr. David Stoddart.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Crosland.)
Committee to withdraw immediately.

Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Crosland reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 2, line 27; page 3, line 19, and page 3, line 21, for the following Reason:
Because it is wrong in the circumstances dealt with by the Bill to confer jurisdiction on the court and wrong to provide for repayment by a person named in a rent loss certificate.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 39, for the following Reason:
Because a council's discretion as to the performance of their functions under the Bill should not be fettered.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 4, line 41, and page 5, line 6, for the following Reason:
Because the said Amendments might involve charges on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Tidworth, Hampshire, for the retention of the Tidworth Military Hospital, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 11.35 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 4th August 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 20th June 1975,
(2) 23rd June 1975,
(3) 27th June 1975,
(4) 1st July 1975, and
(5) 4th July 1975,
relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 606 to 610].
Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe,—Copy of the text of the speech delivered by the Prime Minister at the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe at Helsinki on 30th July 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd July 1975, entitled the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1228) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th July 1975, entitled the Valuation Appeal Committee Procedure (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1261) [by Act].

Town and Country Planning (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th July 1975, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1204) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Science Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 611].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Engineering Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1975.

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th August 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1290) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st July 1975, entitled the Motorways Traffic (Leeds Inner Ring Road) (Speed Limit) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1233) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Horticulture,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Apple and Pear Development Council for the year ended 31st March 1975 [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 Letocetum Roman Site Wall Preservation Order 1975 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that copies of the undermentioned Statutory Instruments had yet to be 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)]:—

(1) the Bingo Duty (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1274), and
(2) the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1275).

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. Julius Silverman reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Thirty-second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxxii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxxii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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. 613].

Children Bill [Lords],—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Children Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 230].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 612].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Criminal Jurisdiction Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Lerwick Harbour (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Picketing (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law in respect of picketing otherwise than in the course of industrial disputes: And that Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. Ron Atkins, Mr. James Lamond, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. John Watkinson, Mr. Michael Ward, and Mr. Palmer, do prepare and bring it in.

Picketing (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law in respect of picketing otherwise than in the course of industrial disputes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 231].

Employment Protection Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Employment Protection Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 46) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 44, at the end, to insert the words “and in consequence is neither paid for that day by his employer nor entitled to be paid by virtue of his contract of employment remuneration at least equal to the remuneration he would have received if he had been provided with work on the whole of that day.”—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 47) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 48) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 23, at the end, to insert the words “or a trade dispute in a nationalised industry.”—(Mr. James Prior.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. W. Benyon: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Miss Margaret Jackson: 237.

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 43, at the end, to insert the words “and the amount of guarantee payment payable to an employee in respect of any one week shall not exceed the amount which, when added to any earnings in respect of any work actually done during that week, equals that employee’s week’s pay, which shall be calculated by applying the provisions of Part II of Schedule 3 to this Act.”—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 51, 53, 55 and 56) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 57) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, line 1, after the first word “the”, to insert the words “generality of.”—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 58 to 64 and 66 to 68) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 69) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, line 45, at the end, to insert the words—

"(c) to paid leave when absent from work on the advice of a doctor, in order to obtain ante-natal or post-natal medical care".—(Mrs. Helene Hayman.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 70) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 1, to leave out the word "both".—(Mr. David Madel.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 72) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 73) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 11, to leave out the words "two years" and insert the words "one year".—(Miss Jo Richardson),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Miss Jo Richardson: 56.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. James Hamilton: 181.

Other Amendments (Nos. 74, 76 and 78) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 82) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 42, to leave out Clause No. 37.—(Mr. James Prior.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. James Hamilton: 219.

Another Amendment (No. 83) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 43, to leave out the word "six" and insert the word "eighteen".—(Miss Jo Richardson),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 88) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 34, to leave out "29" and insert "52".—(Mrs. Audrey Wise),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 89) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 35, to leave out the word "job" and insert the word "occupation".—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 90 and 91) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 92) proposed to the Bill, in page 31, line 27, to leave out subsection (7).—(Mr. Harold Walker.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. James A. Dunn: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Michael Roberts: 178.

Another Amendment (No. 96) proposed to the Bill, in page 32, line 12, at the end, to insert the words "or she gives the employer a certificate from a duly accredited officer of the local authority within whose area she lives or within which is her place of employment that no nursery or child-minding facilities are available for her child".—(Miss Jo Richardson.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 100, 102, 108, 109, 111, 112 and 114) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 115) proposed to the Bill, in page 37, line 44, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that no obligation shall arise under this section to permit an employee to take time off for the purpose of calling, organising, procuring, financing or taking part
in industrial action whether or not in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute ".
—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 117) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 118) proposed to the Bill, in page 38, to leave out lines 7 and 8 and insert the words "An employee who with the permission of his employer takes time off for the purposes specified in this section shall be entitled to be paid by his employer for that time"—(Mr. Leon Brittan),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 119 to 124 and 126) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 127) proposed to the Bill, in page 40, line 40, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Gwilym Roberts.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 238, 129 to 134 and 137) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 139) proposed to the Bill, in page 52, line 7, to leave out from the beginning to the word "shall" in line 10 and insert the words—

"(1) At the commencement of the hearing of any complaint under paragraph 17 of Schedule 1 of the 1974 Act (unfair dismissal) the industrial tribunal hearing the complaint"—(Mr. Leon Brittan),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 140 and 141) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 142) proposed to the Bill, in page 54, line 35, to leave out from the word "with" to the end of line 37 and insert the words "section 68 below, to be paid by the employer to the employee, but may also award such additional sum as the tribunal considers just and equitable in all the circumstances having regard to any further costs sustained by the complainant in consequence of the failure of the employer to comply with the order, unless the employer satisfies the tribunal that it was not reasonably practicable to comply with it"—(Mr. Leon Brittan),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 143 to 145) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 222) proposed to the Bill, in page 68, line 1, after the word "of", to insert the words "the Committee under this Act or".—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 163) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 226) proposed to the Bill, in page 69, line 33, at the end, to insert the words—

"(7) For the purpose of the application of this section and sections 81 and 82 below to agriculture—

(a) any reference to a wages council shall be construed as a reference to an agricultural wages board;

(b) any reference to the Wages Councils Act 1959 shall be construed as a reference to the Agricultural Wages Act 1948 or to the Agricultural Wages (Scotland) Act 1949 and, in particular, references to section 11 of that Act shall be construed as a reference to section 3 of either of those Acts, as appropriate;

(c) a reference to Part II of the Wages Councils Act 1959 shall be construed as a reference to sections 3 to 11 of the 1948 Act or to the corresponding sections of the 1949 Act, as appropriate".—(Miss Joan Maynard.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 164, 165 and 167 to 170) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 171) proposed to the Bill, in page 71, line 9, after the word "employer", to insert the words "or a person or body representing workers".—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 172) proposed to the Bill, in page 71, line 24, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "inquire" in line 26.—(Mr. Cyril Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Richard Wainwright: 10.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. James Hamilton: 202.

Another Amendment (No. 177) proposed to the Bill, in page 72, line 27, to leave out the word "consult" and insert the word "notify"—(Mr. David Madel), instead thereof.

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 Employment Protection Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Employment Protection Bill.—Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 177) be made to the Employment Protection Bill:—Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 179) proposed to the Bill, in page 73, line 41, at the end, to insert the words—

"(10) (a) The Secretary of State shall in consultation with employers and independent trade unions representing employees publish a scheme for the payment of redundancy benefit to those seafarers including fishermen who are employed voyage by voyage or trip by trip or under any maritime or fishing articles of agreement.

(b) such a scheme shall be subject to negative procedure under the Statutory Instruments Act 1946".—(Mr. John Prescott.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 181, 183, 236, 237, 184, 185 and 235) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 223) proposed to the Bill, in page 85, line 10, at the end, to insert the words "and requiring him to report periodically to Parliament thereon".—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Another Amendment (No. 188) proposed to the Bill, in page 85, line 11, to leave out Clause No. 104.—(Mr. David Madel.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 190, 191 and 196) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 197) proposed to the Bill, in page 91, line 12, to leave out “16, 20, 21”—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 198 to 202 and 205 to 208) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 211) proposed to the Bill, in page 139, line 11, after the word "conditions", to insert the words "substantially less favourable than".—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 225) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 217) proposed to the Bill, in page 148, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

"21. In Clause 10, subsection 7, add at end "and the Secretary of State shall be answerable in Parliament for the Commission and the Executive".—(Mr. John Evans.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 219) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
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 Caledonian MacBrayne Limited, a draft of which was laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved—(Mr. Bruce Millan);

And it being One and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted Business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Undertaking between the Secretary of State for Scotland and Caledonian MacBrayne Limited, a draft of which was laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.00 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 5th August 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th August 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax (Higher Rate) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1297) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

British Council,—Copy of a Statement on Indemnities for borrowed objects (British Council) [by Command].

European Communities (No. 82, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Peru on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 83, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 85, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 17th January 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the supply of common wheat and skimmed milk powder as emergency food aid [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 81, 1975),—Copy of Decisions, made by the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community meeting in Council at Brussels on 2nd December 1974, opening, allocating and providing for the administration of tariff quotas and opening tariff preferences for certain steel products originating in developing countries [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Education,—Copies of Regulations—

(1) dated 22nd July 1975, entitled the Local Education Authorities Awards Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1207), and

(2) dated 23rd July 1975, entitled the Students' Dependents' Allowances Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1225)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Footwear, Leather and Fur Skin) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1242) [by Act].

Industrial Training,—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 1975, of—

(1) the Air Transport and Travel Industry Training Board,

(2) the Carpet Industry Training Board,

(3) the Ceramics, Glass and Mineral Products Industry Training Board,

(4) the Chemical and Allied Products Industry Training Board,
(5) the Clothing and Allied Products Industry Training Board,
(6) the Construction Industry Training Board,
(7) the Cotton and Allied Textiles Industry Training Board,
(8) the Distributive Industry Training Board,
(9) the Food, Drink and Tobacco Industry Training Board,
(10) the Footwear, Leather and Fur Skin Industry Training Board,
(11) the Furniture and Timber Industry Training Board,
(12) the Hotel and Catering Industry Training Board,
(13) the Iron and Steel Industry Training Board,
(14) the Knitting, Lace and Net Industry Training Board,
(15) the Man-Made Fibres Industry Training Board,
(16) the Paper and Paper Products Industry Training Board,
(17) the Petroleum Industry Training Board,
(18) the Printing and Publishing Industry Training Board,
(19) the Road Transport Industry Training Board,
(20) the Rubber and Plastics Processing Industry Training Board,
(21) the Shipbuilding Industry Training Board,
(22) the Water Supply Industry Training Board, and
(23) the Wool, Jute and Flax Industry Training Board

[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st August 1975, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1291) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th July 1975, entitled the Family Allowances (Determination of Claims and Questions) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1250) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Companies,—Copy of the Report on Companies for 1974 by the Department of Trade [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th August 1975, entitled the Customs Duties Reliefs (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1296) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Consumer Protection,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1975, entitled the Glazed Ceramic Ware (Safety) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1241) [by Act].

Counter-Inflation,—Copies of Orders, dated 4th August 1975, entitled—

(1) the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1294), and

(2) the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1293)

[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Eggs Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Eggs Authority for the year ended 30th March 1974 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on rent charges [by Act]; to be printed [No. 602].

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Second Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on exemption clauses [by Act]; to be printed [No. 605].

Mental Health,—Copy of Rules, dated 28th July 1975, entitled the Court of Protection (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1253) [by Act].
Wednesday, 6th August, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

London Transport Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the London Transport Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, That the Amendment to Standing Orders relating to Private Business hereinafter stated in the Schedule be made:

SCHEDULE

Standing Orders, page 100, leave out Table VII (Fees to be taken by the Shorthand Writer).—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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 (Thirteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 616].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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 (Fourteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 617].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 6th August.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 419-vii].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. John Spence reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1975, referred to a Committee on 28th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 614].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1185), referred to a Committee on 29th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 615].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Social Security Pensions Bill to which this House has disagreed; and they have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House in lieu of certain of their Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], was read and discharged.

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) (No. 2) Scheme 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Mr. Speaker shall put any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the first Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House not later than Seven o'clock.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)
Empty Housing (Prevention of Squatting).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it illegal for people to occupy empty premises without the permission of the owner: And that Mr. John Cordle, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Hyr Davies, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Grimond, and Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, do prepare and bring it in.

Empty Housing (Prevention of Squatting) Bill,—Mr. John Cordle accordingly presented a Bill to make it illegal for people to occupy empty premises without the permission of the owner: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 232].

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Ellis);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve: 156.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. David Stoddart: 180.

So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the second Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Midnight and that the Motion relating to Parliamentary Expenses [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tom Pendry);

And it being Twelve o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Thursday, 7th August, 1975:

Cyprus,—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the situation in the Republic of Cyprus with particular reference to the current position of United Kingdom residents there.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Eight Members.

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 report from time to time; and to report Minutes of Evidence from time to time.

Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Parliamentary Expenses [Lords].—Resolved, That, with effect from 13th June 1975, so much of the Resolution relating to Parliamentary Remuneration and Expenses passed by this House on 18th December 1964 as relates to payments to Members of the House of Lords in respect of their expenses should not make any exception, as respects entitlement to recover such payments, for the Lord Chairman of Committees or Members of that House who are for the time being salaried under the Ministerial and Other Salaries Act 1975 and are not for the time being members of the Cabinet.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Parliamentary constituency of Bosworth for measures to safeguard the footwear industry, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.34 a.m.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 6th August 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Honours, Decorations and Medals,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals on the terms of award of the General
Service Medal, 1962, for service in the Dhofar province of Oman from 1st October 1969 [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Singapore,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 6th August 1975, relative to the gift of movable assets to the Government of Singapore [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Independent Broadcasting Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Independent Broadcasting Authority for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe,—Copy of the Final Act of the conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, concluded at Helsinki on 1st August 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Police,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th July 1975, entitled the Police (Common Police Services) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1254) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Central Health Services Council,—Copy of the Report of the Central Health Services Council for 1974, preceded by a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 466].

Chronicly Sick and Disabled Persons,—Copy of the Report on research and development work on equipment for the disabled in 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 291].

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th August 1975, entitled the National Health Service (Supernannuation) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1292) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
British Film Fund Agency,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Film Fund Agency for the year ended 28th September 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 618].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
British Steel Corporation,—Copy of the British Steel Corporation organisation review for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 604].

Industry,—Copy of the Report of the Secretary of State for Industry on the exercise of his functions under the Industry Act 1972 for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 620].

Post Office,—Copies of the Reports for the year ended 31st March 1975 of—
(1) the Post Office Users' Council for Northern Ireland,
(2) the Post Office Users' Council for Scotland, and
(3) the Post Office Users' Council for Wales
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 621 to 623].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Coroners,—Copy of Rules, dated 28th July 1975, entitled the Coroners (Salaries, Fees and Expenses) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 214) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Atomic Energy,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Radiochemical Centre Limited for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Weights and Measures,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection and the Secretary of State for Industry of their proceedings under the Weights and Measures Act 1963 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 619].
Mr. Frederick Peart:
Diseases of Animals,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 1st August 1975, entitled the Importation of a Goat (No. 1) Amendment Order 1975,
(2) dated 4th August 1975, entitled the Importation of a Goat (No. 1) Amendment Order 1975
[by Act].

Mr. Reg Prentice:
Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 6th August 1975, entitled—
(1) the Swaziland Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975, and
(2) the Swaziland Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975
[by Act].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. John Strading Thomas, Mr. Andrew Welsh, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) (No. 2) Scheme 1975, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Fred Evans, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr James Johnson, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Kenneth Warren.

MEMORANDA
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A, and the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) (No. 2) Scheme 1975 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. Victor Goodhew Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords] and Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1140) and the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1141).

[No. 175.]

Thursday, 7th August, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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:


Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 17th June and following days to be printed [No. 113-iv].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Customs Duties and Drawback (Revenue Duties) (The Overseas Countries and Territories) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1267) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd July, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison)—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Value Added Tax (Betting, Gaming and Lotteries) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1185), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st July, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison)—It was agreed to.

Cyprus.—Ordered, That Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. William Rees-Davies, and Mr. Hugh Rossi be members of the Select Committee on Cyprus.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday 13th October, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 31st July.

[Adjourned at 4.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 7th August 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Development Land Tax,—Copy of Government proposals for a development land tax [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th August 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 12) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1320) [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th August 1975, entitled the Northern Ireland (Share of United Kingdom Taxes) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1313) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Detention Centres,—Copy of Rules, dated 25th July 1975, entitled the Detention Centre (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1263) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 84, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the International Committee of the Red Cross altering the amounts specified in the Agreement of 20th January 1971 on the supply of cereals as food aid [by Command].
European Communities (No. 86, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 17th January 1974, between the European Economic Community and Mauritius on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 88, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 17th July 1974, between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees on the supply of butteroil as food aid [by Command].


Switzerland (No. 2, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 20th December 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Swiss Federal Council on the international carriage of goods by road (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1975, entitled the Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1260) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th July 1975, entitled the Common Agricultural Policy (Wine) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1265) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Census,—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971, Economic Activity County Leaflets, relating to—
(1) East Sussex, (4) Surrey, (2) Isle of Wight, (5) West Sussex, and (3) Somerset, (6) Yorkshire, North Riding [by Act]


Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Sport and Recreation,—Copy of a review of Government policy towards sport and recreation [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

County Courts,—Copies of Rules—
(1) dated 22nd July 1975, entitled the County Court (Excusal of Jurors) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 206), and
(2) dated 24th July 1975, entitled the County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 217) [by Statutory Instrument].

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of Regulations, dated 22nd July 1975, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice (Assessment of Resources) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 208),
(2) the Legal Advice (Financial Conditions No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 209), and
(3) the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 210), [by Statutory Instrument].


Mr. Edward Short:
Northern Ireland,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th August 1975, entitled the Local Government (Reduction of General Grant) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1308) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:
House of Commons (Administration),—Copy of the Report of the Committee appointed by Mr. Speaker to report to him on the Review of the Administrative Services of the House of Commons conducted by Sir Edmund Compton; to be printed [No. 624].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Petition [16th May] from the people of Windsor and the surrounding area for the prohibition of the free festival in Windsor Great Park; to be printed [by Standing Order].
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Cyprus.—Mr. Arthur Bottomley reported from the Select Committee on Cyprus, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 9th September.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 633-i].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Thirty-third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxxiii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxxiii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 16th September.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87-xl.

Community Land Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Community Land Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the Community Land Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 9; Schedule No. 1; Clause No. 10; Schedule No. 2; Clauses Nos. 11 to 17; Schedule No. 3; Clause No. 18; Schedule No. 4; Clause No. 19; Schedule No. 5; Clauses Nos. 20 and 21; Schedule No. 6; Clauses Nos. 22 to 25; Schedule No. 7; Clauses Nos. 26 to 49; Schedule No. 8; Clauses Nos. 50 to 58; Schedules Nos. 9 and 10; and new Schedules (Mr. John Silkin).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Miss Margaret Jackson: 254.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Michael Roberts: 170.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, that the Community Land Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 9; Schedule No. 1; Clause No. 10; Schedule No. 2; Clauses Nos. 11 to 17; Schedule No. 3; Clause No. 18; Schedule No. 4; Clause No. 19; Schedule No. 5; Clauses Nos. 20 and 21; Schedule No. 6; Clauses Nos. 22 to 25; Schedule No. 7; Clauses Nos. 26 to 49; Schedule No. 8; Clauses Nos. 50 to 58; Schedules Nos. 9 and 10; and new Schedules.

A Clause (Special provisions with respect to land held by or in trust for public charity) (Mr. Hugh Rossi) 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. Fred Silvester, Mr. Anthony Berry: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 266.

Another Clause (Exemption from "relevant development"—agriculture and forestry) (Mr. Timothy Raison) 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. Richard Luce, Mr. Fred Silvester: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 258.

Another Clause (Compensation for working farmers) (Mr. William Benyon) 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.
Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 (admission of the public and Press) shall apply to Joint Boards constituted under this Act and to their committees ."

—(Mr. Walter Clegg.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 3, 6, 261 to 263, 27 and 264 to 268) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 25, at the end, to insert the words "and shall include the right under a contract to acquire such an interest for the purpose of developing land ".—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 339 and 269 to 271) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 32) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 25, at the end, to insert the words " eiudem generis with those referred to in the foregoing paragraph of this subsection ".—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 260) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 35, at the end, to insert the words "and includes lands in respect of which restrictions as to the user of those lands are imposed by virtue of any enactment for the benefit of statutory undertakers in the carrying on of their undertaking ".—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 33, 272 to 276, 36 and 277) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 368) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 17, to leave out the first word "The" and insert the word "An".—(Mr. R. Graham Page),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 38 to 41) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 42) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 34, at the end, to insert the words "who shall, subject to section 15(5) below, either—

(a) lay a copy of each direction given under this subsection before each House of Parliament within 28 days of giving it; or

(b) lay a copy later but lay with it a statement of the reason why a copy was not laid within 28 days ".—(Mr. Wyn Roberts.)

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 Community Land Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Community Land Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Community Land Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the proposed Amendment (No. 42) be made to the Bill:—Debate resumed;

Question put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 50, line 11, to leave out the word "nine" and insert the word "ten".—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 45 and 46) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 48) proposed to the Bill, in page 52, line 33, at the end, to insert the words "provided always that nothing in this paragraph shall be taken to make valid any transaction which would otherwise be void or voidable ".—(Mr. Wyn Roberts.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 278, 52, 53, 279, 60 and 62) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 63) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 11, to leave out from the word "day" to the end of line 12.—(Mr. R. Graham Page)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 280, 281, 64 and 283) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 66) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

"Subject to the proviso that no land shall be acquired more than five years ahead of need".—(Mr. Michael Morris.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 68) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 16, at the end, to insert the words "and"

(c) of ensuring that land is provided for the uninterrupted provision of housing and other development within their area".—(Mr. Michael Latham.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Anthony Berry: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. James Hamilton: 252.

Other Amendments (Nos. 70, 284, 75, 76, 355, 80, 82, 84 and 85) made to the Bill.

Tuesday, 14th October, 1975:

Other Amendments (Nos. 285, 88, 286 to 292, 90, 356, 293, 294, 345 and 94) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 95) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 36, to leave out subsection (5) and insert the words—

"(5) No compulsory order shall be made under this section—

(a) before the land acquisition and management scheme for the area of the authority has been prepared and approved,

(b) before the first appointed day,

and no land shall be appropriated for the purpose of this Part of this Act before the first appointed day".—(Mr. R. Graham Page).—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 295, 296, 96 and 98) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 100) proposed to the Bill, in page 55, line 11, to leave out the words "paragraph 4A" and insert the words "sub-paragraph (2A)".—(Mr. John Silkin).—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Tom Pendry: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. William Benyon: 15.

Another Amendment (No. 101) proposed to the Bill, in page 55, line 13, to leave out sub-paragraph (b).—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 102 and 103) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 105) proposed to the Bill, in page 55, line 38, to leave out sub-paragraph (b).—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 106, 108 and 109) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 110) proposed to the Bill, in page 57, line 17, to leave out paragraph 5.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 111) proposed to the Bill, in page 57, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) If no notice to treat has been served upon the owner of the land in question within three months of the confirmation of any compulsory purchase made in pursuance of this Act, then the owner may give the acquiring authority notice that he requires a Notice to Treat and at the expiration of the month from the service of such notice by owner the Notice to Treat shall be deemed to have been served by the acquiring authority".—(Mr. Walter Clegg)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 297 and 113) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 114) proposed to the Bill, in page 59, line 43, at the end, to insert the words " but shall not be given until after the proposal and any objections thereto have been heard at a public inquiry and the Secretary of State has been advised of the proceedings at such inquiry ".—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 298, 117, 299 and 300) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 354) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 11, to leave out subsection (4) and insert the words—

" (4) The Secretary of State shall decide the dates on which preparation of individual schemes should commence and be completed "—(Mr. Stephen Ross), instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 118) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. John Silkin.)

Bill, as amended, to be further considered this day.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, for a new building for Rusthall St. Paul's Infants' School, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes past Three o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.9 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 13th October 1975

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:


   Citizenship,—Copy of Statistics of persons acquiring citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies for 1974.

   Drunkenness,—Copy of Statistics relating to offences of drunkenness in England and Wales in 1974.

   Mentally Abnormal Offenders,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on mentally abnormal offenders.

   Racial Discrimination,—Copy of Government proposals on racial discrimination.

   Cuba (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 19th May 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Cuba on the development of economic and industrial co-operation.

   Diplomatic and Consular Relations (Miscellaneous No. 19, 1975),—Copy of a Convention, signed at New York between 14th December 1973 and 31st December 1974, on the prevention and punishment of crimes against internationally protected persons, including diplomatic agents (the Convention is not in force).

   Economic Co-operation (Miscellaneous No. 20, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Paris between 9th April and 31st May 1975, establishing a financial support fund of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (the Agreement has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

   European Communities (No. 53, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 7th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Democratic Republic of Somalia for the supply of flour of common wheat and husked rice as food aid.

   European Communities (No. 71, 1975),—Copy of a Memorandum of Understanding, signed at Brussels on 19th September 1974, between the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM), the Kingdom of Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States of America in the field of nuclear science and technology information.
European Communities (No. 87, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 28th June 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Peru on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 89, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 17th July 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Chad on the supply of skimmed milk powder and butteroil as food aid.

European Communities (No. 90, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 91, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 25th March 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Bolivia on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 92, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 5th June 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 93, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 25th March 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Syria on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 94, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th June 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Niger on the supply of skimmed milk powder and butteroil as food aid.

European Communities (No. 95, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1973, between the European Economic Community and the Malagasy Republic on the supply of flour of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 96, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 5th June 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Mali on the supply of skimmed milk powder and butteroil as food aid.

European Communities (No. 97, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 5th June 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Upper Volta on the supply of maize and sorghum as food aid.

European Communities (No. 98, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 5th June 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Mali on the supply of maize as food aid.

European Communities (No. 99, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 5th June 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Senegal on the supply of maize as food aid.

European Communities (No. 100, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 5th June 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Niger on the supply of maize and sorghum as food aid.

European Communities (No. 101, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd July 1974, between the European Economic Community and the World Food Programme on the supply of cereals as food aid to developing countries.

European Communities (No. 102, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Afghanistan on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid.

European Communities (No. 103, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Niger on the supply of sorghum as food aid.

European Communities (No. 104, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Yemen Arab Republic on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid.

European Communities (No. 105, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic on the supply of butteroil as food aid.

European Communities (No. 106, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 28th June 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the supply of butteroil as food aid.

European Communities (No. 107, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the supply of butteroil as food aid.

European Communities (No. 108, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the supply of butteroil as food aid.
European Communities (No. 109, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Democratic Republic of Sudan on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid.

European Communities (No. 110, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 11th November 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Bolivia on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 111, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid.

European Communities (No. 112, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid.

European Communities (No. 113, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 114, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 115, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on the supply of skimmed milk powder and butteroil as food aid.

European Communities (No. 116, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 117, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 118, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 119, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th April 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Mali on the supply of maize as food aid.

European Communities (No. 120, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd February 1975, between the European Economic Community and the International Committee of the Red Cross on the supply of cereals, butteroil and skimmed milk powder as food aid.

European Communities (No. 121, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 14th February 1975, extending the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Tunisian Republic.

European Communities (No. 122, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 7th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Dahomey on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 123, 1975),—Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at Brussels on 29th May 1975, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden.

European Communities (No. 124, 1975),—Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at Brussels on 29th May 1975, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria.

European Communities (No. 125, 1975),—Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at Brussels on 29th May 1975, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland.

European Communities (No. 126, 1975),—Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at Brussels on 29th May 1975, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic.

European Communities (No. 127, 1975),—Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at Brussels on 29th May 1975, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland.

European Communities (No. 128, 1975),—Copy of the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé, signed at Lomé on 28th February 1975, and Agreement on products within the province of the European Coal and Steel Community (with related documents).

European Communities (No. 129, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 28th May 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Catholic Relief Service on the supply of common wheat flour as food aid.
European Communities (No. 130, 1975),—Copy of Supplementary Protocols, signed at Brussels on 29th May 1975, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation and to the Additional Agreement concerning the validity of the Agreement for the Principality of Liechtenstein.

European Communities (No. 131, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd May 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Malagasy Republic on the supply of flour of soft wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 132, 1975),—Copy of Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd May 1975, between the European Economic Community and the World Food Programme on the supply of cereals to developing countries as food aid.

European Communities (No. 133, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th June 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Rwandese Republic on the supply of common wheat flour as food aid.

European Communities (No. 134, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th April 1975, between the European Economic Community and the World Food Programme on the supply of skimmed milk powder to developing countries as food aid.

GATT (Miscellaneous No. 18, 1975),—Copy of an Arrangement, made at Geneva on 20th December 1973, regarding international trade in textiles.

Hungary (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Budapest on 5th June 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic for the avoidance of double taxation of air transport undertakings and their employees (the Agreement is not in force).

Miscellaneous (No. 16, 1975),—Copy of selected documents on Germany and the question of Berlin (1961-1973).


Treaty Series (No. 95, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Maseru on 27th February 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho concerning public officers' pensions.


Treaty Series (No. 102, 1975),—Copy of the First Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, &c. for 1975.


Treaty Series (No. 107, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Brussels on 15th May 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium supplementing Article I of the Treaty for the mutual surrender of fugitive criminals, signed on 29th October 1901, as amended.


Treaty Series (No. 112, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Islamabad on 1st April 1975, concerning an interest-free loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Pakistan (United Kingdom-Pakistan Loan Agreement 1975).

Treaty Series (No. 113, 1975),—Copy of the Strasbourg Agreement, signed at Strasbourg from 24th March to 30th September 1971, concerning the International Patent Classification.


Treaty Series (No. 119, 1975),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Oslo between 15th February and 15th August 1972, for the prevention of marine pollution by dumping from ships and aircraft.


Treaty Series (No. 121, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Lima on 7th May 1975, concerning an interest-free development loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Peru (United Kingdom-Peru Loan Agreement No. 1, 1975).

Treaty Series (No. 122, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 2nd July 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America concerning an exchange programme of fellowships in the arts to celebrate the bicentennial year of the United States of America.


National Galleries of Scotland,—Copy of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland for 1974.


Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration,—Copy of the Supplement to the Fifth Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration.

Pensions,—Copy of an Order by Her Majesty, dated 10th September 1975, amending the Order of 24th September 1964, concerning pensions and other grants in respect of disablement or death due to service in the air forces during the 1914-18 world war and after 2nd September 1939.

Pensions,—Copy of a Royal Warrant, dated 3rd September 1975, amending the Royal Warrant of 19th September 1964, concerning pensions and other grants in respect of disablement or death due to service in the military forces during the 1914-18 world war and after 2nd September 1939.

Inflation Accounting,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Inflation Accounting.

National Film Finance Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Film Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1975.

Cable and Wireless Limited,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of Cable and Wireless Limited for the year ended 31st March 1975.

Universal Postal Union.—Copy of the Giro Agreement, signed at Lausanne on 5th July 1974 (together with detailed Regulations) (the Agreement has not been approved by the Government of the United Kingdom).

Universal Postal Union.—Copy of the Insured Letters Agreement, signed at Lausanne on 5th July 1974 (together with Final Protocol and detailed Regulations) (the Agreement has not been approved by the Government of the United Kingdom).

Universal Postal Union.—Copy of the Postal Parcels Agreement, signed at Lausanne on 5th July 1974 (together with Final Protocol and detailed Regulations) (the Agreement has not been approved by the Government of the United Kingdom).

Universal Postal Union.—Copy of the Second Additional Protocol to the Constitution, signed at Lausanne on 5th July 1974 (together with Declarations, General Regulations, Final Protocol and Rules of Procedure of Congress) (the Additional Protocol has not been ratified and the General Regulations have not been approved by the Government of the United Kingdom).

Universal Postal Union.—Copy of the Universal Postal Convention, signed at Lausanne on 5th July 1974 (together with Final Protocol and detailed Regulations) (the Convention has not been approved by the Government of the United Kingdom).


Referendum.—Accounts of the campaigning organisations involved in the Referendum on United Kingdom membership of the European Community.

British Aid Programme.—Account of the British Aid Programme in the form of a United Kingdom Memorandum to the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

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:

11th August 1975

Housing (Scotland).—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 5th August 1975, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1321), and
(2) dated 4th August 1975, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Students) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1322)
by Act.


Mental Health.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th August 1975, entitled the Mental Health (Hospital and Guardianship) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1337) by Act.


Housing.—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 4th August 1975, entitled the Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Housing Associations) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1303), and
(2) dated 5th August 1975, entitled the Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Self-Build Societies) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1302)
by Act.

Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations, dated 11th August 1975, entitled—
(1) the Road Vehicles (Excise) (Prescribed Particulars) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1341), and
(2) the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1342)
by Act.
12th August 1975

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th July 1975, entitled the Town and Country Planning (National Coal Board) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1280) [by Act].


13th August 1975

Armorial Bearings, Ensigns and Flags.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1975, entitled the Lyon Court and Office Fees (Variation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1299) [by Act].

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1975, entitled the Land Compensation (Scotland) Development Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1287) [by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 1st August 1975, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers Amendment) 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1300) [by Act].

14th August 1975

Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th August 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Road Transport) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1306) [by Act].


Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th August 1975, entitled the Weights and Measures (Marking of Goods and Abbreviations of Units) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1319) [by Act].

15th August 1975

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th August 1975, entitled the Police (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1324) [by Act].

Medicines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th August 1975, entitled the Medicines (Advertising of Medicinal Products) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1326) [by Act].

National Assistance Services.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th August 1975, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1325) [by Act].

18th August 1975

Coroners.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th August 1975, entitled the Powys (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1369) [by Act].

19th August 1975

Seeds.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th August 1975, entitled the Seeds (Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1348) [by Act].

20th August 1975

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th August 1975, entitled the Police Cadets (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1361) [by Act].


Social Security.—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th August 1975, entitled—
(1) the Family Income Supplements (General) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1360), and
(2) the Supplementary Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1335) [by Act].

County Courts.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th July 1975, entitled the County Court Fees Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1328) [by Act].

21st August 1975

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th August 1975, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Service Credit) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1352) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th August 1975, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1376) [by Act].
13th October 1975

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th August 1975, entitled the Motorways Traffic (Aston Expressway) (Speed Limit) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1363) [by Act].

Coast Protection.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd July 1975, entitled the Coast Protection (Variation of Excluded Waters) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1365) [by Act].

Health and Safety.—Copies of Regulations, dated 7th August 1975, entitled—
(1) the Gartmorn Mine (Precautions against Inrushes) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1394), and
(2) the Westoe Mine (St. Hilda Shaft) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1395) [by Act].


Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th August 1975, entitled the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1358) [by Act].

Law and Practice (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th August 1975, entitled the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Assessment of Resources) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1372) [by Act].

Matrimonial Causes.—Copy of Rules, dated 28th July 1975, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1359) [by Act].

22nd August 1975

Clean Air.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th August 1975, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1386) [by Act].

27th August 1975

Pensions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th August 1975, entitled the Pensions Increase (Federated Superannuation System for Universities) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1383) [by Act].

Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th August 1975, entitled the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1381) [by Act].

28th August 1975

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th August 1975, entitled the Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1393) [by Act].

Tribunals and Inquiries.—Copy of an Order, dated 11th August 1975, entitled the Tribunals and Inquiries (Discretionary Inquiries) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1379) [by Act].

29th August 1975

Pensions.—Copy of an Order, dated 20th August 1975, entitled the Agricultural Research Council Industrial Superannuation Scheme (Transfer) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1406) [by Act].

Mental Health.—Copy of Rules, dated 18th August 1975, entitled the Court of Protection (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1399) [by Act].

1st September 1975

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th August 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 13) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1427) [by Act].

Tribunals and Inquiries.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th August 1975, entitled the Tribunals and Inquiries (Valuation and Appeal Committees) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1404) [by Act].

2nd September 1975

Value Added Tax.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th August 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax (Treatment of Transactions) (No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1432) [by Act].

Petroleum.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th August 1975, entitled the Sea Designation (Inner Sound of Raasay) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1409) [by Act].
3rd September 1975

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th August 1975, entitled the Registration of Independent Schools (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1412) [by Act].

Designs.—Copy of Rules, dated 29th August 1975, entitled the Designs (Amendment No. 3) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1440) [by Act].

Insurance.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st September 1975, entitled the Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) (Offshore Installations) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1443) [by Act].

4th September 1975

Agriculture.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th August 1975, entitled the Hill and Upland Sheep Subsidy Payment (Scotland) Amendment Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1418) [by Act].

8th September 1975

Pensions.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th August 1975, entitled the Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1384) [by Act].

Housing.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd August 1975, entitled the Rent Rebates and Rent Allowances (Students) (England and Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1421) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th August 1975, entitled the Herring (Isle of Man) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1429) [by Act].

9th September 1975

Taxes.—Copies of Orders, dated 3rd September 1975, entitled—
(1) the Estate Duty (Interest on Unpaid Duty) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1455),
and
(2) the Estate Duty (Northern Ireland) (Interest on Unpaid Duty) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1456)
[by Act].

Savings Banks.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd September 1975, entitled the Birmingham Municipal Bank (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1454) [by Act].

Building and Buildings.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th August 1975, entitled the Building (Third Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1370) [by Act].

Housing.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st September 1975, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) (No. 3) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1441) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd September 1975, entitled the Rate Rebate (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1450) [by Act].

Prices.—Copies of Orders, dated 8th September 1975, entitled—
(1) the Butter Prices (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1464), and
(2) the Cheese Prices (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1463)
[by Act].

10th September 1975

Building and Buildings.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th September 1975 entitled the House-Building Standards (Approved Scheme etc.) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1462) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th September 1975, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1471) [by Act].

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th August 1975, entitled the Coal Mines (Respirable Dust) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1433) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copies of Orders, dated 8th September 1975, entitled—
(1) the Herring (Isle of Man) Licensing Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1466), and
(2) the Herring (North-East Irish Sea) Licensing Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1465)
[by Act].

15th September 1975

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 11th September 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Cereal) (No. 4) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1492) [by Act].

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th August 1975, entitled the Police Cadets (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1452) [by Act].
13th October 1975

Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st September 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Furniture and Timber) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1448) [by Act].

16th September 1975


18th September 1975

Pensions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th September 1975, entitled the Pensions Increase (Compensation to Staff of Teachers’ Training Establishments) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1478) [by Act].

Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th September 1975, entitled the Bread Prices (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1499) [by Act].

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th September 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 14) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1529) [by Act].

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th September 1975, entitled the Police (Disposal of Property) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1474) [by Act].

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th September 1975, entitled the Haig Mine (Thwaites Shaft) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1519) [by Act].

19th September 1975

Value Added Tax.—Copy of an Order, dated 11th September 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax (Imported Goods) Relief Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1491) [by Act].

Trade Marks.—Copy of Rules, dated 18th September 1975, entitled the Trade Marks (Amendment No. 3) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1532) [by Act].

Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th September 1975, entitled the Agricultural or Forestry Tractors (Type Approval) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1475) [by Act].

22nd September 1975

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th September 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 15) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1549) [by Act].

23rd September 1975

Criminal Procedure.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th September 1975, entitled the Fixed Penalty (Procedure) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1498) [by Act].

Food and Drugs.—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th September 1975, entitled—
(1) the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1486),
(2) the Fluorine in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1484),
(3) the Miscellaneous Additives in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1485), and
(4) the Preservatives in Food Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1487) [by Act].

24th September 1975

Pensions.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 16th September 1975, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) (No. 2) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1518) [by Act].

Civil Aviation.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 17th September 1975, entitled—
(1) the Air Navigation (Third Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1515), and
(2) the Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) (Jersey) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1516) [by Act].

Fugitive Criminal.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 17th September 1975, entitled—
(1) the Fugitive Offenders (Gilbert Islands) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1512), and
(2) the Fugitive Offenders (Tuvalu) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1508) [by Act].

Pacific Islands.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 17th September 1975, entitled—
(1) the New Hebrides Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1514), and
(2) the Solomon Islands Courts Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1511) [by Act].

Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th September 1975, entitled the Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1488) [by Act].
25th September 1975

Prisons,—Copy of Rules, dated 10th September 1975, entitled the Local Review Committee (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1528) [by Act].

Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th September 1975, entitled the Radioactive Substances (Road Transport Workers) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1522) [by Act].

26th September 1975

Welsh Language,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th September 1975, entitled the Welsh Sunday Polls (Welsh Forms) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1538) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th September 1975, entitled the Road Vehicles Lighting (Standing Vehicles) (Exemption) (General) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1494) [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Copies of Orders, dated 17th September 1975, entitled—
(1) the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1504), and
(2) the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1503)
[by Act].

29th September 1975

Countryside,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st August 1975, entitled the Nature Conservancy Council (Byelaws) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1543) [by Act].

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th September 1975, entitled the Almshouse Contributions (Allowances) (England and Wales) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1564) [by Act].

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th September 1975, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1583) [by Act].

30th September 1975

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th September 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 16) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1587) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th September 1975, entitled the Police (Discipline) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1544) [by Act].


Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th September 1975, entitled the Mobility Allowance Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1573) [by Act].

1st October 1975

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th September 1975, entitled the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1537) [by Act].

Agriculture,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 19th September 1975, entitled the Hill Farming (Cottages) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1547), and
(2) dated 12th September 1975, entitled the Hill Farming (Cottages) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1548)
[by Act].

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th September 1975, entitled the Livestock Rearing Land Improvement Schemes (Terminal Date) (Exceptions to Grant Recovery) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1546) [by Act].

6th October 1975

New Towns (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th September 1975, entitled the New Towns (Particulars and Forms of Orders and Notices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1567) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th September 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) (Merchant Ships and Other Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1581) [by Act].

7th October 1975

Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th September 1975, entitled the Hill Farming (Cottages) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1577) [by Act].

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th September 1975, entitled the Livestock Rearing Land Improvement Schemes (Terminal Date) (Exceptions to Grant Recovery) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1578) [by Act].


Harbours Docks and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd October 1975, entitled the National Ports Council Provision of Funds (Variation) Scheme 1975 (Confirmation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1612) [by Act].

8th October 1975

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th September 1975, entitled the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1586) [by Act].

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th September 1975, entitled the Local Education Authorities Recoupment (Further Education) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1569) [by Act].

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th October 1975, entitled the Conveyance of Explosives by Road (Special Case) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1621) [by Act].

9th October 1975

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th October 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 17) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1630) [by Act].

10th October 1975

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd September 1975, entitled the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1562) [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th October 1975, entitled the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1631) [by Act].

Coroners,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th October 1975, entitled the Oxfordshire (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1637) [by Act].

3. Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 13th October 1975:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1975 [by Act].

Southern Rhodesia,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Census,—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to—
(1) Economic Activity County Tables Part II (Ten per cent. sample),
(2) Economic Activity County Tables Part III (Ten per cent. sample), and
(3) Index of Scottish Place Names with Location and Population (over 100 persons)
[by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th September 1975, entitled—
(1) the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1597),
(2) the Fluorine in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1594),
(3) the Miscellaneous Additives in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1596), and
(4) the Preservatives in Food (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1598)
[by Act].
Health Services (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Health Service Planning Council for 1974 [by Act].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Prices,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 13th September 1975, providing for Amendments to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copies of Regulations—

(1) dated 19th August 1975, relating to the commissioning and conditions of service of officers in the Royal Air Force, and

(2) dated 1st October 1975, providing for Amendments to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition)

[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Viral Hepatitis,—Copy of the Report of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in accordance with section 141 of the Social Security Act 1975 on the question whether viral hepatitis should be prescribed under the Act [by Command].

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to Summary Tables for Wales

[by Act].

Nurses and Midwives,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Central Midwives Board (Constitution) Order 1975 [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd October 1975, entitled the War Pensions Committees (Revocation and Reconstitution) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1607) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Drafts of—

(1) an Order, entitled the Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1975, and

(2) Regulations, entitled the Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1975

[by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of British Airways for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Export Guarantees,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) Order 1975 [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (No. 2) Order 1975 [by Act].

Pilotage,—Returns of pilotage authorities for 1974 [by Act].

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the British Tourist Authority for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:


Census of Distribution and Other Services,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Distribution and Other Services 1971, relating to—

(1) Area Tables—Scotland,

(2) Area Tables—East Midlands Region,

(3) Area Tables—London and South East Region,

(4) Area Tables—South West Region, and

(5) Area Tables—North West Region

[by Act].
Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to—

(1) aerospace equipment, manufacturing and repairing,
(2) asbestos,
(3) cardboard boxes, cartons and fibre-board packing cases,
(4) cement,
(5) fertilisers,
(6) formulated adhesives, gelatine, etc.,
(7) fur,
(8) furniture and upholstery,
(9) hats, caps and millinery,
(10) iron and steel (general),
(11) lace,
(12) linoleum, plastics floor-covering, leathercloth, etc.,
(13) locomotives, railway track equipment, railway carriages, wagons and trams,
(14) mens’ and boys’ tailored outerwear,
(15) metal furniture,
(16) metal hollow-ware,
(17) metal-working machine tools,
(18) motor-cycle, tricycle and pedal cycle manufacturing,
(19) musical instruments,
(20) packaging products of paper and associated materials,
(21) printing, bookbinding and paper goods machinery,
(22) pumps, valves and compressors,
(23) soap and detergents,
(24) telegraph and telephone apparatus and equipment,
(25) toys, games and and children’s carriages,
(26) weaving of cotton, linen and man-made fibres,
(27) wooden containers and baskets, and
(28) woollen and worsted

[by Act].

Industry,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Industry on financial assistance to Kearney and Trecker Marvin Limited under Section 8 of the Industry Act 1972 [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of the re-appointment of a part-time member of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

National Research Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland :

Housing,—Copy of the Report of the Housing Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].


Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th September 1975, entitled the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1536) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees :

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

Firearms,—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th August 1975, entitled—

(1) the Firearm Certificates and Permits (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 255), and
(2) the Firearms (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 254)

[by Statutory Instrument].
Mr. Secretary Benn:

Atomic Energy,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Controller and Auditor-General thereon [by Act].

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th September 1975, entitled—
(1) the Bagworth Mine (Precautions against Inrushes) (Revocation) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1633), and
(2) the Killoch Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1632)
[by Act].


Mines and Quarries,—Copies of the Reports of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines and Quarries for 1974 for—
(1) the Scottish District,
(2) the Southern District,
(3) the West Midlands and North Western District, and
(4) the Yorkshire Districts
[by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of Worcester College, Oxford, on 13th May 1975, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) made by the Governing Body of Queens' College, Cambridge, on 15th April 1975, amending the Statutes of the College
[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Diseases of Animals,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 22nd September 1975, entitled the Importation of Cattle Order (No. 5) 1975, and
(2) dated 22nd August 1975, entitled the Importation of Cattle and Ram Order (No. 1) 1975
[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 Kent County Council (Ashford St. Mary's Church of England School) Compulsory Purchase Order 1972, and the Milford Haven Conservancy Revision Order 1975 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that copies of the undermentioned Statutory Instruments had yet to be 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)]—
(1) the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1318), and

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Museums and Galleries,—Copy of the Report of the Trustees of the British Museum for the years 1973 to 1975 [by Act].

Museums and Galleries,—Copy of the Report on the British Museum (Natural History) for the years 1972 to 1974 [by Act].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 30th June 1975, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 4) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 222) [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

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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) (The Overseas Countries and Territories) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1267) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

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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).

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Thirty-fourth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxxiv].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden 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 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 431 iv to vii].

Privileges,—Mr. George Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the matter of the complaint by Mr. George Cunningham of words alleged to have been spoken by Mr. Arthur Scargill, President of the Yorkshire Area of the National Union of Mineworkers and of a resolution of the Yorkshire Area Council of that Union, That they had considered the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 651].

Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords],—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 236].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 651].

Privilege,—Complaint having been made yesterday by Mr. J. W. Rooker, Member for Birmingham, Perry Barr, of the publication in The Economist newspaper of Saturday 11th October 1975 of an article purporting to give an account of proceedings in a Select Committee not yet reported to this House; and a copy of the said newspaper having been delivered in;

Ordered, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Community Land Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Community Land Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 301, 122 to 124, 302, 127 to 129, 303, 131 to 135 and 137 to 142) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 143) proposed to the Bill, in page 71, line 9, to leave out the word "five" and insert the word "ten"—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 304 and 340) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 147) proposed to the Bill, in page 72, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

"(6) Where in respect of any land notice is served by an authority of its intention to purchase that land under the provisions of this Schedule and the first step towards the
acquisition of the land has not been taken the provision of Part IX of the Act of 1971 shall apply to such land as if the land were included within one of the classes of land specified in section 192(1) of that Act".—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 148, to 152, 305, 153, 306, 307 and 154) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 155) proposed to the Bill, in page 74, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Where an authority after serving under the preceding provisions of this Part of this Schedule notice of intention to acquire the land decides not to acquire the land, the owner of a material interest in the land shall be entitled to compensation from that authority in respect of any actual financial loss suffered by him by reason of any proposed private development of the land being delayed through the actions of the authority".—(Mr. Walter Clegg.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 156) proposed to the Bill, in page 75, line 36, after the second word "a", to insert the word "substantial".—(Mr. Michael Morris.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 157) proposed to the Bill, in page 76, line 6, after the word "land", to insert the words "covered by the planning permission or to which the planning application relates".—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 158 to 162, 341, 167, 166, 168 to 170, 172, 173, 342, 343, 308 to 311, 175 and 312) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 360) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, to leave out lines 25 to 28 and insert the words "is in a disposal notification area"—(Mr. R. Graham Page),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Fred Silvester: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. David Stoddart: 270.

Other Amendments (Nos. 313 and 314) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 180) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

'(9A) Any compensation payable to any person under subsection (9) above shall be agreed with the authority or in default of agreement assessed within six months of the date of service of a blight notice'.—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 182 to 189, 315, 190 to 201, 316 to 318, 344, 319 to 321 and 209) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 383) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 25, to leave out from the beginning to the word 'is' in line 32 and insert the words 'confering on the Lands Tribunal the duty of discharging such functions as may be specified in the regulations and the Lands Tribunal in carrying out such functions'—(Mr. Michael Morris),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 210 and 211) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 212) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, line 40, at the end, to insert the words—

'(d) stipulate that the right to make a claim or the benefit of any claim which has been made shall pass with or without express assignment to the personal representatives of any person entitled to make or having made a claim'.—(Mr. Nick Budgen.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 382) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, to leave out lines 41 to 44.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 213) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 214) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 38, at the end, to insert the words ‘ and

(c) that all reasonable steps have not been taken to find a tenant or tenants in respect of the unoccupied office accommodation during that period ‘.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 221) proposed to the Bill, in page 31, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

‘ (3) The Acquisition of Land Acts shall apply to the compulsory acquisition of land under this section as they apply to the compulsory acquisition of land in a case falling within section 1(1)(b) of the Act of 1946, or as the case may be the Act of 1947 ’.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 227) proposed to the Bill, in page 34, line 31, after ‘ (a) ’, to insert the words ‘ without reasonable excuse ’.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 228) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 1, at the end, to insert ‘ (i) ’.—(Mr. Nicholas Winterton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 233) proposed to the Bill, in page 38, line 33, at the end, to insert ‘ (i) ’.—(Mr. Nicholas Winterton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 238) proposed to the Bill, in page 42, line 31, after ‘ a ’, to insert the words ‘ cause to be held ’.—(Mr. Timothy Raison), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

A Schedule (Exempt Development)—(Mr. John Silkin)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. John Silkin, 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.

Mr. John Silkin, 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's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed:—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Community Land Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Community Land Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Community Land Bill be now read the third time: —The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Joseph Harper: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 264.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to One o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.34 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 14th October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 8th July 1975,
(2) 14th July 1975,
(3) 15th July 1975,
(4) 18th July 1975,
(5) 21st July 1975,
(6) 22nd July 1975,
(7) 29th July 1975,
(8) 1st August 1975,
(9) 8th August 1975,
(10) 15th August 1975,
(11) 26th August 1975,
(12) 1st September 1975,
(13) 4th September 1975,
(14) 12th September 1975,
(15) 19th September 1975, and
(16) 23rd September 1975 relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 635 to 650].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 135, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 17th April 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Turkey on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Romania (No. 1, 1975).—Copy of Documents relating to the visit of the Prime Minister to Romania between 16th and 18th September 1975 [by Command].

Singapore (No. 1, 1975).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 21st July 1975, amending 9th Agreement between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income, signed at Singapore on 1st December 1966 (the Protocol is not in force) [by Command].

Space (Miscellaneous, No. 23, 1975).—Copy of a Convention, signed at New York on 14th January 1975, on registration of objects launched into outer space (the Convention has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 123, 1975).—Copy of a Convention, signed at The Hague on 1st June 1970, on the recognition of divorces and legal separations [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th September 1975, entitled the Colouring Matter in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1595) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Distribution and other Services.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Distribution and other Services 1971, relating to—
(1) Area Tables—North Region, and
(2) Area Tables—Yorkshire and Humberside Region [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Benn:

Continental Shelf.—Copy of the Report of the Secretary of State for Energy under the Continental Shelf Act 1964, for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 628].

Mr. Edward Short:

College Charter.—Copies of Petitions, Draft Charters and Statutes, dated 14th October 1975, relating to the incorporation of—
(1) Wolfson College, Cambridge, and
(2) University College, London University
[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agricultural Marketing.—Copy of the Report on Agricultural Marketing Schemes for the period 1973-74 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 627].

Mr. Reg Prentice:

Pensions.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 13th October 1975, entitled the Superior Services (India) Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme 1975 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on—
(1) the Petitions [27th June, 3rd July and 23rd July] from citizens of Southampton, Hampstead, Preston, Liverpool and other places on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, and
(2) the Petition [2nd July] from the Women’s Regional Advisory Committee, Southern Region, on the Finer Report ;
to be printed [by Standing Order].

Plant Health.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th October 1975, entitled the Dutch Elm Disease (Restriction on Movement of Diseased Elms) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1618) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) (No. 2) Scheme 1975 and Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (The Overseas Countries and Territories) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1267).

Port Askaig Pier Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Port Askaig Pier: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 233].

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 234].

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).
Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the issue of warrants for by-elections when the House of Commons is in recess, and to repeal, as unnecessary, Section 106(2) of the Bankruptcy Act 1914; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Recess Elections Bill [Lords]].

Recess Elections Bill [Lords].—The Recess Elections Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 237].

Cinematograph Films Bill.—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Secretary Mulley, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Eric Deakins, and Mr. Hugh Jenkins, presented a Bill to make provision for payments by the British Film Fund Agency to the National Film Finance Corporation and for the application of those payments by that Corporation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 235].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Local Government (Reduction of General Grant) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1504) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1503) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Fishing Vessels (Survey and Inspection) (Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 954) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 1, line 8, at beginning insert " in ".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Foot);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. David Stoddart : 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. W. Benyon : 235.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5, in page 3, line 4, at end insert " and after the word ' belief ' there shall be inserted the words ' or reasonable grounds of conscience .' ".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Albert Booth);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tom Pendry, Miss Margaret Jackson : 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 254.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 7, in page 3, line 9, at end insert New Clause B (Charter on freedom of the press).

The Lords Amendment was amended, in line 3, by leaving out the word " six " and inserting the word " twelve "—(Mr. Secretary Foot), instead thereof.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 10, to leave out the words " rules of conduct " and insert the words " practical guidance "—(Mr. Secretary Foot), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Business of the House,—Ordered, That the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made in line 10 of Lords Amendment No. 7 to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Michael Roberts: 257.

So the Question was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 17, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 28 and insert the words “such matters as the avoidance of improper pressure to distort or suppress news, comment, or criticism, the application of union membership agreements to journalists (and in particular the position of editors) and the question of access for contributors”—(Mr. Secretary Foot),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the proposed Amendment to the Lords Amendment, in line 5, to leave out the words “position of editors” and the question of access for contributors” and insert the words “right of editors to discharge their duties free from any obligation to join a trade union and the right of editors to commission and publish any article”—(Mr. George Reid),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the proposed Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment to the Lords Amendment:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Cyril Smith: 31.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 275.

So the Question was negatived.

The proposed Amendment to the Lords Amendment was amended, in line 5, by leaving out the words “position of editors” and inserting the words “right of editors to discharge their duties and to commission and publish any article”—(Mr. Phillip Whitehead),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment, as amended, be made in line 17 of the Lords Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Michael Roberts: 265.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was further amended in line 35, by leaving out from the word “containing” to the word “and” in line 39, and inserting the words “such practical guidance as is referred to in that subsection”—(Mr. Secretary Foot),—instead thereof; and in line 40, by inserting at the end the words—

“(c) a charter agreed as mentioned in subsection (1) above, or prepared by the Secretary of State in accordance with subsection (3) above, shall define its field of operation”—(Mr. Secretary Foot).

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 61, to leave out subsections (8) and (9) and insert the words—

“(c) A failure on the part of any person to observe any provision of a charter which is for the time being in force under this section shall not of itself render him liable to any proceedings, but in any proceedings for breach of contract in any court between a journalist and his employer or between a member of a trade union representing journalists and that trade union, or in any proceedings before an industrial tribunal under Schedule 1 to this Act or section 45 of the Employment Protection Act 1975 (a) any such charter shall be admissible in evidence, and

(b) any provision of such a charter which appears to the court or tribunal to be relevant to any question arising in those proceedings shall be taken into account by the court or tribunal in determining that question”—(Mr. Secretary Foot),—instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The proposed Amendment to the Lords Amendment was amended, in line 5, by leaving out from the second word "proceedings" to the end of line 9.—(Mr. David Marquand.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment, as amended, be made in line 61 of the Lords Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 289.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Anthony Berry: 256.

So the Question was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment (No. 7), as amended—(Mr. Albert Booth);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis: 280.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Anthony Berry: 260.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 8 was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Albert Booth, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Secretary Foot and Mr. Barney Hayhoe.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Albert Booth.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Foot reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 1, line 8, page 1, line 9 and page 1, line 21 for the following Reason:

Because a statutory right of complaint is unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 3, line 4, for the following Reason:

Because the Clause, as amended, would lead to too much uncertainty in union membership agreements.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 3, line 9 for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment is unnecessary, particularly given the recognition provisions of the Employment Protection Bill.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Church of England (General Synod) Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Incumbents (Vacation of Benefices) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Terry Walker);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock in Thursday morning;

Thursday, 16th October, 1975:

And the Question being put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Frank R. White: 19.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Wells, Mr. John Farr: 33.

So the Question was negatived.
Expenditure,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. Frank McElhone be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Giles Radice be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes past One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 1.11 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 15th October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 25th September 1975, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 652].
Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 7th August 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Airports Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 653].
Electricity,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st July and 20th August 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 654 and 655].
Gas,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 1st August 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 656 and 657].
Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th July 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 658].
Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st July 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 659].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Dangerous Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th October 1975, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1623) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd October 1975, entitled the Provision of Milk and Meals (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1619) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Mental Illness,—Copy of Government proposals for improved services for the mentally ill [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th June 1973, entitled the City of Southampton (Freemantle Lake) 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 John Morris:

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Mines and Quarries,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines and Quarries for the North and South Midlands Districts for 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 17th September 1975, amending the Order in Council of 25th September 1964 concerning pensions and other grants in respect of disablement or death due to service in the naval forces during the 1914-18 World War and after 2nd September 1939 [by Act].
Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 17th September 1975, entitled—
(1) the Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Pay and Pensions (Disablement Awards) Order 1975,
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Disablement Awards) Order 1975,
(3) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Locally Engaged Ratings' Service Pensions and Gratuities) Order 1975,
(4) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Locally Entered Personnel Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1975,
(5) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pay and Allowances) Order 1975, and
(6) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1975

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report of the Home Grown Cereals Authority for the year ended 30th June 1975 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Legal Aid,—Copy of the Report of the Law Society on the operation and finance of the Legal Aid Acts 1949 to 1972 and 1974, with the comments and recommendations of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee, for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 629].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties (The Overseas Countries and Territories) Order 1975 (S.I. 1975, No. 1267), viz.: Mr. Ronald Brown, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. David Marquand, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. David Price, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. John Stokes, Mr. Peter Tapsell, and Mr. Cyril D. Townsend.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Local Government (Reduction of General Grant) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1503) and the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1504), viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. David James, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. James Molyneaux, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, and Mr. A. W. Stallard.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Survey and Inspection) (Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 954), viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Joan L. Evans, Mr. Ben Ford, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. George Thompson, and Mr. Patrick Wall.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 15th October 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Local Government (Reduction of General Grant) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1504) and the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1503) to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, and the Fishing Vessels (Survey and Inspection) (Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 954) to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.
Thursday, 16th October, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 (Twenty-eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xliv].

Assistance to Private Members,—Mr. von Straubenzee reported from the Select Committee on Assistance to Private Members, 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).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 662].

Cyprus,—Mr. Arthur Bottomley reported from the Select Committee on Cyprus, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 16th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 633-ii].

Local Land Charges Bill [Lords],—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 238].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 660].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (England and Wales) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1140) and the Hill Sheep Subsidy Payment (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1141), referred to a Committee on 29th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 661].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Industry Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Industry Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Industry Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 239].

Sex Discrimination Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Sex Discrimination Bill;

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 31 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 32, in page 34, line 20, leave out subsections (2) and (3) and insert—

" (2) The Commission shall prepare a report of their findings in any formal investigation conducted by them.

(3) If the formal investigation is one required by the Secretary of State—

(a) the Commission shall deliver the report to the Secretary of State, and

(b) the Secretary of State shall cause the report to be published,

and unless required by the Secretary of State the Commission shall not publish the report.

(4) If the formal investigation is not one required by the Secretary of State, the Commission shall either publish the report, or make it available for inspection in accordance with subsection (5)."
(5) Where under subsection (4) a report is to be made available for inspection, any person shall be entitled, on payment of such fee (if any) as may be determined by the Commission—
(a) to inspect the report during ordinary office hours and take copies of all or any part of the report, or
(b) to obtain from the Commission a copy, certified by the Commission to be correct, of the report.

(6) The Commission may if they think fit determine that the right conferred by subsection (5)(a) shall be exercisable in relation to a copy of the report instead of, or in addition to, the original.

(7) The Commission shall give general notice of the place or places where, and the times when, reports may be inspected under subsection (5)."

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2A) Without prejudice to other matters that may be included in any reports of the findings in any formal investigation, the Commission shall include in each report a statement of their findings regarding the relevance of the matters so investigated to the operation of the Equal Pay Act 1970."—(Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—It was negatived.

And the Lords Amendment was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 33 to 79 were agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 80 and 81 were disagreed to.
An Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendments disagreed to, in page 66, line 23, by leaving out paragraph 3 and inserting the words—

"3.—(1) Section 6 of the Equal Pay Act 1970 (as amended by paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to this Act) shall apply as if the references to death or retirement in subsection (1A) (b) of the said section 6 included references to sums payable on marriage in pursuance of a contract of employment made before the passing of this Act, or the commutation, at any time, of the right to such sums.

(2) In relation to service within section 1(8) of the said Act of 1970 (service of the Crown) for the reference in this paragraph to a contract of employment made before the passing of this Act there shall be substituted a reference to terms of service entered into before the passing of this Act".—(Mr. John Fraser),—instead thereof.
Lords Amendments Nos. 82 to 84 were agreed to.

Counter-Inflation,—Resolved, That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1293), a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th August, be approved.—(Mrs. Secretary Williams.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Nine o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 16th October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Miscellaneous (No. 22, 1975).—Copy of a Declaration, dated 15th July 1975, on the development of friendly relations between the United Kingdom and the Polish People’s Republic [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 118, 1975).—Copy of the Third Supplementary Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd November 1973, to the Agreement of 21st March 1955 on the establishment of through international railway tariffs [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 124, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Paris on 24th June 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic relating to the abandonment of the Channel Tunnel project [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Army).—List of Exceptions to the Army Regulations as to Pay, Non-effective Pay and Allowances for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to New Towns, Economic Activity, Workplace and Transport to Work Tables (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Census.—Copies of New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—
(1) Cumbria, and
(2) Merseyside,
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd June 1975, entitled the Arbury Banks Preservation Order 1975, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Transport.—Statement of determination of the salary payable to a part-time member of the National Bus Company [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Building Societies.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd October 1975, entitled the Building Societies (Special Advances) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 279) [by Act].

Companies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st October 1975, entitled the Companies (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 274) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 16th October 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Local Government (Reduction of General Grant) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1504) and the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1503).

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—[Mr. Donald Coleman]:

And it being Four o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Expenditure.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. Bryan Davies be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Alf Bates be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—[Mr. Walter Harrison.]

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Laurie Pavitt.]

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 17th October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Scottish Land Court.—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Land Court as to proceedings during 1974 under the Agriculture and Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Acts, the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts 1886 to 1931 and the Crofters (Scotland) Acts 1955 and 1961 [by Command].

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th October 1975, entitled the Milk and Meals (Education) (Scotland) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1629) [by Act].

National Assistance Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd October 1975, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1628) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Airports Authority,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Trade on pensions payable to members of the British Airports Authority [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th October 1975, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1673) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th October 1975, entitled the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1975 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 17th October 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Survey and Inspection) (Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 954).

[No. 181.]

Monday, 20th October, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 20th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-xiii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydlen reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 20th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-x].

Finer Report,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Report of the Committee on One-Parent Families (Command Paper No. 5629) (Mrs. Secretary Castle):—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Bill [Lords] and the Iron and Steel Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Miss Betty Boothroyd.)
Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 11, after the word "child", to insert the words "or an adopted child".—(Mr. Robert Banks.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 1, to leave out paragraph (e).—(Mr. Ivor Stanbrook.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 18, to leave out the words "whether or not" and insert the words "only if".—(Mr. Robert Banks),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 10, to leave out paragraph (f).—(Mr. Robert Banks.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Roy Hattersley, 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.

Mr. Roy Hattersley, 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'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, without Amendment.

Iron and Steel Bill [Lords].—The Iron and Steel Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

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 39 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Harper 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.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Harper);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 21st October, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.12 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 20th October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th October 1975, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Dividends) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1674) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Alkali, &c., Works Regulation,—Copy of the Report on Alkali, &c., Works for 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Rates,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th October 1975, entitled the Rate Rebate (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 284) [by Act].

Tuesday, 21st October, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Port Askaig Pier Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Port Askaig Pier Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee appointed by 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 (Twenty-ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xiv].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Thirty-fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxxv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxxv].

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page 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 (Twenty-sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 22-xxxi].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1366) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.
A Clause (The Agency and the media)—(Mr. Bruce Millan)—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. Donald Coleman, Mr. David Stoddart: 291.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Sillars, Mr. Dennis Canavan: 30.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Financial objectives of undertakings carried on by Agency)—(Mr. Teddy Taylor)—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. Adam Butler, Mr. Michael Roberts: 194.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Joseph Harper: 229.

Another Clause (Prevention of unfair competition)—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith)—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. Anthony Berry, Mr. Adam Butler: 207.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Walter Harrison: 252.

Another Clause (Accounting for grants from EEC funds)—(Mr. Teddy Taylor)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Decentralisation of Scottish Development Agency activities)—(Mr. Douglas Crawford)—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. Douglas Henderson, Mr. George Thompson: 13.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Joseph Harper: 229.

Another Clause (Payments to Agency by Secretary of State to be related to North Sea oil revenues)—(Mr. Grimond)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, after the second word "the", to insert the word "democratic".—(Mr. Douglas Crawford.)

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, at this day's sitting, the Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords], the Cinematograph Films Bill and the Recess Elections Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords]—The House again proceeded to consider the Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the proposed Amendment (No. 1) be made to the Bill:—Debate resumed;
Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. George Thompson: 12.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 228.

An Amendment (No. 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 21, after the word "workers", to insert the words "or representatives of small businesses, or representatives of rural industries."—(Mr. Grimond.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 5 to 7 and 9 to 13) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

"(1A) Any person or body required to provide information under subsection (1) above shall be entitled to obtain compensation from the Agency for expenses reasonably incurred in providing and obtaining the said information."—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Fred Silvester: 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Dunn: 224.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

"Notwithstanding the general limit imposed by this subsection, the Agency shall not be authorised to spend more than £50 millions on the exercise of their powers under section 2(2)(b) until a report has been submitted to Parliament on the record and achievements of the Agency in this regard, and the report has been approved by both Houses of Parliament".—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Anthony Berry: 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 223.

Other Amendments (Nos. 16, 18 to 26 and 28) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Secretary Ross, 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, with Amendments.

Cinematograph Films Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cinematograph Films Bill:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 22nd October, 1975:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the 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. Joseph Harper.)

Committee to-morrow.

Recess Elections Bill [Lords].—The Recess Elections Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

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 5 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Harper 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.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 two minutes to Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.58 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 21st October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Canada (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of the Films Co-production Agreement, signed at London on 12th September 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Canada (the Agreement has not entered into force) [by Command].

European Communities (No. 138, 1975),—Copy of a Treaty, signed at Brussels on 22nd July 1975, amending certain financial provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Communities and of the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities (the Treaty has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

European Communities (No. 139, 1975),—Copy of a Treaty, signed at Brussels on 10th July 1975, amending certain provisions of the Protocol on the Statute of the European Investment Bank (the Treaty has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Lebanon (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 6th August 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Lebanese Republic concerning the mutual recognition of tonnage certificates of merchant ships (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Portugal (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Lisbon on 3rd July 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Portuguese Republic on international road transport (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Appropriation Accounts,—Copy of the Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts for 1974-75, 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. 695].

Mr. Frederick Peart:


Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th October 1975, entitled the Herring (Celtic Sea) Licensing Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1646) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments Mr. John Prescott (nominated in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Survey and Inspection) (Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 954)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bryan Gould.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Port Askaig Pier Order Confirmation Bill.—The Port Askaig Pier Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Order Confirmation Bill.—The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Mallaig Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Mallaig Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 240].

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Airports Authority Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments therunto, 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. 668].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 668].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) (No. 2) Scheme 1975, referred to a Committee on 6th August.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 669].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (The Overseas Countries and Territories) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1267), referred to a Committee on 7th August.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 670].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Local Government (Reduction of General Grant) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1503) and the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1504), referred to a Committee on 15th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 667].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendment made by the Commons to the Sex Discrimination Bill in lieu of two of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. —(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. —(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. —(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the draft Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. —(Mr. Donald Coleman.)
Health and Safety at Work &c. (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to amend section 14 of the Health and Safety at Work &c., Act 1974, and for
connected purposes: And that Mr. Frederick Willey, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Stan
Thorne, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. Raymond Fletcher, Mr.
Neil Kinnock, Mr. Eddie Wainwright, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. Ron
Thomas, and Mr Doug Hoyle, do prepare and bring it in.

Health and Safety at Work &c. (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Doug Hoyle accordingly presented
a Bill to amend section 14 of the Health and Safety at Work &c., Act 1974, 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 241].

Industry Bill (Allocation of Time),—Ordered, That the Order of 12th May allocating time to
the Industry Bill be supplemented as follows:—

1. The proceedings on Consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Industry Bill
shall be brought to a conclusion at Midnight this day and the provisions of paragraph
7 of the Order of 12th May shall apply to the said proceedings with the substitution of
two hours after Ten o'clock for one hour after Ten o'clock.

2. If, at the expiration of the period for which the proceedings on Consideration of
the Lords Amendments may continue by virtue of paragraph 1 of this Order and the
Order of 12th May, those proceedings have not been completed, then for the purpose
of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion—

(a) Mr. Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been already
proposed from the Chair and not yet decided, and, if that Question is for the
amendment of a Lords Amendment, shall then put forthwith the Question on
any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or
disagree with the Lords in the said Lords Amendment or, as the case may be,
in the said Lords Amendment as amended;

(b) Mr. Speaker shall designate such of the remaining Lords Amendments as appear
to him to involve questions of Privilege and shall—

(i) put forthwith the Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the
Crown to a Lords Amendment and then put forthwith the Question on
any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or
disagree with the Lords in their Amendment or, as the case may be, in
their Amendment as amended,

(ii) put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the
Crown, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in a Lords Amendment,

(iii) put forthwith, with respect to each remaining Lords Amendment design-
nated by Mr. Speaker, the Question, That this House doth agree with
the Lords in their Amendment, and

(iv) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords
in all the remaining Lords Amendments; and

(c) so soon as the House shall have agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of
their Amendments Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith a separate Question on any
other Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to such Lords
Amendment.—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

Industry Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments
to the Industry Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 10 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 11, in page 2, line 35, leave out “establishing”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with
the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Varley);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Miss Betty Boothroyd: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Fred Silvester: 253.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 12, in page 2, line 40, leave out paragraph (c).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with
the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Varley);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts: 254.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 13, in page 2, line 42, leave out “industrial democracy in” and insert “good industrial relations and the involvement of employees in the affairs of”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Miss Margaret Jackson: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts: 243.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 to 17 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 18 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry Privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 19 to 25 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 26 to 28 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 29 to 81 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 82 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 83 to 90 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 99, in page 20, line 9, at end insert

“ ‘employee representative’ means a person who is employed by the company or companies concerned and who is elected to represent employees, or any group or class of employees, of the company or companies concerned.”

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Varley);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Harper: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Fred Silvester: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 100, in page 20, line 19, leave out from second “to” to “he” in line 20 and insert “employee representatives”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Varley).

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 101, in page 20, line 23, leave out from “give” to “a” in line 24 and insert “employee representatives”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Varley).

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 102, in page 20, line 29, leave out from first “of” to “to” in line 30 and insert “employee representatives”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Varley).
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 108, in page 20, line 45, leave out from second “to” to end of line 46 and insert “employee representatives”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 109, in page 21, line 2, leave out from “and” to “an” in line 3 and insert “employee representatives”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 21, line 2, to leave out the word “a” and insert the words “the authorised”—(Mr. Secretary Varley), instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment (No. 109) disagreed to, to insert the following Clause—

"Meaning of ‘representative’ and ‘authorised representative’"

(1) In this Part of this Act—

‘authorised representative’ means a representative of a relevant trade union to whom the company or companies concerned give—

(a) a notice of service of a preliminary notice, or
(b) a notice under subsection (2) below; and

‘representative’ means an official or other person who is authorised by a relevant trade union to carry on negotiations about one or more of the matters specified in section 29(1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974.

(2) If an authorised representative—

(a) ceases to be a representative of the relevant trade union of which he is the authorised representative, or
(b) gives the company or companies concerned notice that he desires to be discharged from acting as authorised representative of that union, or
(c) ceases for any other reason to be available to act as that union’s authorised representative,

it shall be the duty of the company or companies concerned—

(i) to give another representative of the relevant trade union notice that he is to be the authorised representative of that union, and
(ii) to give the Minister a notice requesting him to insert the name of the new representative in the list of authorised representatives in place of that of the old representative.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 118, in page 22, line 8, leave out from “to” to end of line and insert “employee representatives”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 22, line 8, to leave out the word “a” and insert the words “the authorised”—(Mr. Secretary Varley), instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 119, in page 22, line 22, leave out from second “to” to “within” in line 23 and insert “employee representatives”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.
An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 22, line 22, to leave out the word " a " and insert the words " the authorised "—(Mr. Secretary Varley), instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 120, in page 22, line 23, after the words last inserted, insert "and to the members of the company or companies".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts: 239.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 122, in page 22, line 28, leave out from " on " to end of line 29 and insert " employee representatives ".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 22, line 28, to leave out the words " the representative of each relevant trade union " and to insert the words " each such representative "—(Mr. Secretary Varley), instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 125, in page 23, line 7, leave out " substantial ".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 126, in page 23, line 9, leave out " substantial ".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 128, in page 23, line 14, leave out from " to " to end of line and insert " employee representatives ".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 23, line 14, to leave out the word " a " and insert the words " the authorised "—(Mr. Secretary Varley), instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 129, in page 23, line 20, leave out " representative of each relevant trade union " and insert " employee representatives ".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 23, line 20, to leave out the words " the representative of each relevant trade union " and insert the words " authorised representatives "—(Mr. Secretary Varley), instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 130, in page 23, line 25, leave out "representatives of relevant trade unions" and insert "employee representatives".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 23, line 25, to leave out the words "representatives of relevant trade unions" and insert the words "authorised representatives"—(Mr. Secretary Varley)—instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 133, in page 23, line 36, leave out "advisory" and insert "appeal".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day: The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Miss Margaret Jackson: 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 135, in page 24, line 1, leave out from "by" to "where" and insert "employee representatives".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 24, line 1, after the word "the" to insert the word "authorised".—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 136, in page 24, line 3, leave out from second "to" to "for" in line 4 and insert "employee representatives".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 24, line 3, to leave out the words "representatives of relevant trade unions" and insert the words "authorised representatives".—(Mr. Secretary Varley)—instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 138, in page 24, line 5, leave out "advisory" and insert "appeal".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 139, in page 24, line 7, leave out from "to" to "for" in line 8 and insert "employee representatives".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 24, line 7, after the word "to" to insert the word "authorised".—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 141, in page 24, line 11, leave out "each relevant trade union's representative" and insert "any employee representatives".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 24, line 11, after the word "union's" to insert the word "authorised".—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 142, in page 24, line 14, leave out subsections (6) to (9) and insert—

"(6) The appeal committee shall consider any representations made under subsection (5) above, shall give a direction whether or not all or any of the information which is the subject of the reference shall be furnished to employee representatives and shall make a report to the Minister giving their findings.

(7) Where there has been a reference the Minister shall notify:

(a) the company or companies concerned;
(b) the employee representatives from such company or companies;

of the direction of the appeal committee; and in accordance therewith a notice under this subsection shall be treated as requiring the information specified in the direction to be furnished to employee representatives.

(8) Where there has been no reference to the appeal committee, the Minister may notify the company or companies concerned and each employee representative, at the end of the period specified in his preliminary notice under section 22 above, that this notice is to be treated as final.

(9) This section will apply with appropriate modification in any case where only part of the information furnished to the Minister falls to be disclosed to employee representatives."

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 24, line 14, to leave out subsections (6) to (9) and insert—

"(6) The advisory committee shall make a report to the Minister after the close of their consideration of the reference, giving their findings of fact and their recommendations, and after considering any representations made under subsection (5) above.

(7) Where a matter has been referred to the committee, the Minister may make a final decision relating to his proposal only after receiving and considering the committee's report on it.

(8) Subject to subsection (12) below, where there has been a reference, the Minister shall notify:

(a) the company or companies concerned;
(b) the authorised representative of each relevant trade union; and
(c) the advisory committee,

of his final decision; and a notice under this subsection shall be treated as requiring the information specified in it to be furnished to each such representative within such reasonable time as may be so specified.

(9) The Minister's notice under subsection (8) above to the company or companies concerned and to the authorised representatives shall state whether or not he accepted the committee's advice.—(Mr. Secretary Varley).—Instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 143, in page 24, line 33, leave out "advisory" and insert "appeal".

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 145, in page 24, line 35, leave out from "and" to "at" and insert "employee representatives".
A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 24, line 35, after the word “ union’s ” to insert the word “ authorised ”.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 147, in page 24, line 41, leave out from second “ to ” to end of line 42 and insert “ employee representatives ”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 24, line 41, to leave out the word “ a ” and insert the words “ the authorised ”—(Mr. Secretary Varley), instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 148, in page 24, line 42, at end insert “ and to the members of the company or companies concerned ”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 149, in page 24, line 42, at end insert “ within such reasonable time as may be so specified ”.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, to leave out the words “ so specified ” and insert the words “ specified in the notice under subsection (10) above ”—(Mr. Secretary Varley), instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, as amended.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 151, in page 25, line 1, leave out subsections (12) to (16).

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the words so restored to the Bill, in page 25, line 11, at the end, to insert the words “ within such reasonable time as may be specified in the order ”.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the words so restored to the Bill, in page 25, line 11, at the end, to insert the words “ (12A) An order under subsection (12) above shall be laid before Parliament after being made ”.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the words so restored to the Bill, in page 25, line 13, to leave out the word “ until ” and insert the words “ if before ”—(Mr. Secretary Varley), instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the words so restored to the Bill, in page 25, line 15, at the end, to insert the words “ either House resolves that an Address be presented to Her Majesty praying that it be annulled. 
(13A) If no such resolution is passed by either House, the order shall come into effect at the end of the said period.

(13B) If such a resolution is passed by either House, Her Majesty may by Order in Council revoke the order."—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the words so restored to the Bill, in page 25, line 15, to leave out subsection (14).—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the words so restored to the Bill, in page 25, line 20, to leave out the words “either House is” and insert the words “both Houses are”.—(Mr. Secretary Varley),—instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 152, in page 25, line 32, leave out “advisory” and insert “appeal”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 153, in page 26, line 3, leave out from “to” to “under” in line 4 and insert “employee representatives”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 26, line 3, to leave out the words “the representative of each relevant trade union” and insert the words “authorised representatives”—(Mr. Secretary Varley),—instead thereof.

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 170, in page 28, leave out from beginning of line 40 to end of line 4 on page 29.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 20, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

“‘relevant trade union’ means an independent trade union, as defined in section 30(1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974, which the company or companies concerned recognise for the purpose of negotiations about one or more of the matters specified in section 29(1) of that Act in relation to persons employed in the relevant undertaking, or as to which the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service has made a recommendation for such recognition under the Employment Protection Act 1975 which is operative within the meaning of section 15 of that Act;”.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 177, page 35, line 7, at end insert—

“(4) References to borrowing in this paragraph do not include borrowing under section 3 above.”, a designated Amendment.

A Motion was made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 178, in page 35, line 10, after “borrow”, insert “from him under paragraph 1 above”, a designated Amendment.

A Motion was made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)
And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 191, in page 43, line 25, leave out “ ADVISORY ” and insert “ APPEAL ”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 192, in page 43, line 43, leave out for the purpose of advising him ”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 193, in page 44, line 7, leave out from “ by ” to “ that ” and insert “ employee representative ”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 44, line 7, after the word ”a “, to insert the words ” the authorised representative of ”.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question, That the Amendment be made, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 194, in page 44, line 17, leave out “ settle its advice ” and insert “ give a direction ”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 199, in the Title, line 13, leave out “ trade unions ” and insert “ employee representatives ”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments, being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Industry Bill: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Michael Heseltine, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Tom King, and Mr. Secretary Varley.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Industry Bill.—Mr. Secretary Varley reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Industry Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 35, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendment would prevent the National Enterprise Board from establishing an industrial undertaking.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 40, for the following Reason:—

Because it is wrong that the National Enterprise Board should be prevented from extending public ownership into profitable areas of manufacturing industry.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 42, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendment would prevent the promotion of industrial democracy by the National Enterprise Board.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 3, line 11, for the following Reason:—
Because the power of the National Enterprise Board to form bodies corporate should not be fettered.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 9, lines 11, 13 and 22, for the following Reason:—
Because the restriction proposed by the Amendments on the acquisition of the share capital of bodies corporate by the National Enterprise Board or their subsidiaries is inappropriate.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 15, line 31, for the following Reason:—
Because the said Amendment would result in all compensation under a compensation order having to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 16, line 26, for the following Reason:—
Because the said Amendment would remove the discretion of the Secretary of State in respect of grants under Part I of the Industry Act 1972, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 19, line 34, in page 20, lines 9, 19, 23, 29 and 45, and in the Title, line 13, for the following Reason:—
Because trade union representatives should receive information on behalf of employees.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 22, line 23, and in page 24, line 42, for the following Reason:—
Because it is unnecessary to provide for the furnishing of information to members of companies.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 23, lines 7 and 9, for the following Reason:—
Because the Amendments would unduly restrict the furnishing of information.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 23, line 36, in page 24, lines 5 and 33, in page 25, line 32, in page 43, lines 25 and 43, and in page 44, line 17, for the following Reason:—
Because the committee should be an advisory committee.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. J. D. Dormand):—Debate arising;
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 sixteen minutes past One o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.16 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 22nd October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Horserace Betting Levy Board,—Copy of the Reports and Statements of Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Horserace Totalisator Board for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd October 1975, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1643) [by Act].

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd October 1975, entitled the Housing (Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1644) [by Act].
Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 9th October 1975, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Alteration of Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Courts) 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1642) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st October 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees for Seamen’s Documents) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1692) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to—
(1) plastics products,
(2) stone and slate quarrying and mining, and
(3) textile machinery and accessories
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th October 1975, entitled the Liverpool Corporation Act 1966 (Extension of Time) Order 1975, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th October 1975, entitled the Local Authorities etc. (Miscellaneous Provision) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1650) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Rees:

Weights and Measures.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd October 1975, entitled the Cereal Breakfast Foods and Oat Products Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 281) [by Act].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1975 and the draft Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. John Gost, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. David Knox, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. George Reid, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Peter Tapsell, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. John Farr, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. David James, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. A. G. I. Hall-Davis, Colonel Sir Harwood Harrson, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Peter Vickers, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1366), viz.: Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Ray
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 Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1975 and the draft Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, the draft Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, the draft Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) Order 1975 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, and the Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1366) 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 Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1975 and the draft Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1975, Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, Mr. W. T. Williams Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) Order 1975, and Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1366).

[No. 184.]

Thursday, 23rd October, 1975.

The House met a half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Cyprus,—Mr. Arthur Bottomley reported from the Select Committee on Cyprus, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 23rd October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 633-iii].

Procedure,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House ; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices : And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 671].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 671].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows :

The Lords have agreed to the Employment Protection Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Housing Finance (Special Provisions) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed ; and they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Commons to the words restored to the Bill, without Amendment.

Employment Protection Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Employment Protection Bill to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 242].
Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Overseas Aid)—(Mr. Barry Jones)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Financial objectives of Agency’s industrial undertakings)—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Grants from EEC funds)—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, after the word “Agency”, to insert the words “which shall be responsible to the Secretary of State”—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Wyn Roberts.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 17, at the end, to insert the words “in those aspects where the environment has been, is, or may be adversely affected, wholly or partly, by industrial development.”—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, at the end, to insert the words “and

(e) to act in partnership with and to co-ordinate the activities of other public and private bodies in Wales whose objective includes one or more of the functions listed in (a) to (e) above.”—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Dafydd Thomas: 69.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Joseph Harper: 101.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 1, after the word “provide”, to insert the words “or assist in the provision of.”—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 6, to leave out the word “an.”—(Mr. Wyn Roberts.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 17 and 19) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that in disposing of securities, preference should be given to transferring them in a democratic manner to the ownership of the employees of the firm to which they relate.”—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 41, at the end, to insert the words “(but it shall not be the primary purpose of the Agency to undertake agricultural activity)” —(Mr. Dafydd Thomas.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

“(7) The Agency shall not normally acquire shares or stock in a company without the consent and agreement of that company; where acquisition is sought without the consent of the company, it shall be on the authority of the Secretary of State after a draft order, specifying the social reasons justifying such compulsory acquisition, has been approved by resolution of the House of Commons.”—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 8, at the end, to insert the words “ or any other field of activity which the Secretary of State considers is relevant to the discharge of the functions of the Agency ”.—(Mr. Wyn Roberts.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 19, at the end, to insert the words—

“ (7A) The Agency with the approval of the Secretary of State, shall appoint a Director of Rural Development. The Director of Rural Development shall be a member of the Agency but the Chairman and Deputy Chairman shall not be Director of Rural Development ”.—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Adam Butler : 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Joseph Harper : 76.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

“ (1I) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that nothing in this Act shall be construed as an impediment to the transfer of responsibility from the Agency to a Welsh National Assembly when such a body has been established; and such a transfer may be undertaken by order ”.—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Dafydd Thomas : 7.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Tom Pendry : 75.

Other Amendments (Nos. 30 and 32 to 36) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 10, at the end, to insert the words “ and under section 3 of the Industry Act 1975 ”.—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 40) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 19, at the end, to insert the words “ but it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State and the Treasury, before making a determination, to satisfy themselves that the duties to be imposed on the Agency are likely to result in an adequate return on capital employed by the Agency; but this requirement shall only apply in relation to the functions referred to in section 1(3)(b), (c) and (d) and to the powers referred to in section 1(6)(a) to (g) ”.—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts : 45.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Tom Pendry : 79.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

“ Notwithstanding the general limit imposed by this subsection, the Agency shall not be authorised to spend more than £50 million on the exercise of their powers under section 1(3)(c) until a report has been submitted to Parliament on the record and achievements of the Agency in this regard and the report has been approved by both Houses of Parliament ”.—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 44, 45, 47 to 53 and 55 to 60) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Secretary John Morris, 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.
Mr. Secretary John Morris, 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'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, with Amendments.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Donald Coleman);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Cinematograph Films Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour, and the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Donald Coleman);

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Cinematograph Films Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Cinematograph Films Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donald Coleman 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.

Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) (No. 2) Scheme 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st July, be approved—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Revenue Duties) (The Overseas Countries and Territories) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1267), a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st July, be approved—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Local Government (Reduction of General Grant) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 7th August, be approved—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1504), a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th September, be approved—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1503), a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th September, be approved—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—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-three minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.37 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Thursday 23rd October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th September 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 672].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Treaty Series (No. 125, 1975),—Copy of the Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc. for 1975 [by Command].
Treaty Series (No. 128, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement on technical co-operation, signed at Cairo on 12th November 1974, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt [by Command].
Treaty Series (No. 129, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 3rd June 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland with respect to certain exemptions from tax [by Command].
Treaty Series (No. 131, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Paris on 29th July 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic concerning the extension to Hong Kong of the Convention for the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments, signed at Paris on 18th January 1934 (with Notification of Extension) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Criminal Procedure (Scotland),—Copy of the Second Report of the Committee on criminal procedure in Scotland [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th October 1975, entitled the Family Allowances (Determination of Claims and Questions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1661) [by Act].
Social Security,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st October 1975, entitled the Social Security (Women’s Class 2 Contributions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1683) [by Act].
Social Security,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (Temporary Suspension) (Revocation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1714) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Operators’ Licences) (Temporary Use in Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1713) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st June to 31st August 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 631].

Mr. Edward Short:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on 21st May 1975, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Food and Drugs,—Copies of Orders, dated 15th October 1975, entitled—
(1) the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1664), and
(2) the Milk (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1663) [by Act].
PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Assistance to Private Members.—Mr. van Straubenzee reported from the Select Committee on Assistance to Private Members, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 26th June and 3rd July, together with Appendices.

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 375-i].

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the draft Noise Insulation Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt)

Regional Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of Northern Region Affairs be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt)

Hare Coursing Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Hare Coursing Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Duration of Act)—(Sir David Renton)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Application of section 1)—(Mr. Jasper More)—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. Jasper More, Mr. John Cope: 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Stoddart: 89.

Another Clause (Interpretation)—(Mr. John Farr)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising;

Mr. David Stoddart 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. David Stoddart rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. David Stoddart: 101.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Jasper More: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House proceeded to a Division, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Ayes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 1, line 5, to leave out the words “or assists at”.—(Mr. Carol Mather.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;

And it being Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Hare Coursing Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison);

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Thomas Cox: 110.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Michael Mates: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hare Coursing Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.

Hare Coursing Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Hare Coursing Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the proposed Amendment (No. 4) be made to the Bill:—Debate resumed.

Mr. Thomas Cox rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Arnold Shaw: 95.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Jasper More: 0.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 31 (Majority for closure).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate resumed.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Robert Mellish.)

Debate to be resumed upon Monday next.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes past Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 5.23 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 24th October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 14th October 1975, entitled—
(1) the Bolsover Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1676),
(2) the Brodsworth Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1679),
(3) the Ellistown Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1677), and
(4) the Parsonage Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1678) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th October 1975, entitled the Bread Prices (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1721) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th October 1975, entitled the Seeds (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1665) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petition [24th June] from parents and electors on direct grant schools; to be printed [by Standing Order].
Monday, 27th October, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 27th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-xiii].

National Health Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the salary of the Secretary of State for Social Services should be reduced by half—(Mr. Norman Fowler);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart: 287.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Hare Coursing Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Direct Grant Grammar Schools (Cessation of Grant) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1198), dated 21st July 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th July, be annulled—(Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Adam Butler: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. James Hamilton: 292.

So the Question was negatived.

Hare Coursing Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment (No. 4) proposed on 24th October, on consideration of the Hare Coursing Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Which Amendment was, in page 1, line 5, to leave out the words "or assist at"

Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate resumed;

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Mr. Robert Mellish rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put accordingly and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. John Farr.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;

Mr. Robert Mellish rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Tom Pendry and Mr. Donald Coleman 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.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put accordingly and negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—Debate arising;

Mr. Robert Mellish 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 Bill be now read the third time;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 183.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Jasper More: 82.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Three o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.24 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 27th October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1725) [by Act].
Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Local Financial Returns for Scotland, for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Act].
National Health Service (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st October 1975, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1710), and
(2) the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1715)
[by Act].
Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Rate Rebate (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1724) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st October 1975, entitled the Welfare Food Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1686) [by Act].
National Health Service,—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th October 1975, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1688), and
(2) the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1687)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Distribution and Other Services,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Distribution and Other Services 1971, Part 10, Area Tables West Midlands Region [by Act].
Prices,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th October 1975, entitled the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1736) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Mr. Secretary Benn:

Prices—Draft of an Order, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1975 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th October 1975, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 3) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1684),
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975, and
(3) the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 [by Act].
Legal Aid and Advice.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the system of administering legal aid and advice: And that Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Richard Mitchell, and Mr. Frank R. White, do prepare and bring it in.

Legal Aid and Advice Bill.—Mr. Jack Ashley accordingly presented a Bill to amend the system of administering legal aid and advice: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 243].

Children Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Children Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Transfer of parental rights and duties to voluntary organisations)—(Dr. David Owen)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Duty of local authority to assume parental rights and duties)—(Dr. David Owen)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Effect of resolutions under sections (Transfer of parental rights and duties to voluntary organisations) and (Duty of local authority to assume parental rights and duties))—(Dr. David Owen)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Reports by local authorities and probation officers)—(Dr. David Owen)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of Interpretation Act 1889)—(Dr. David Owen)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Care, etc., of child on revocation of custodianship order)—(Dr. David Owen)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Appeals by parents, etc.)—(Dr. David Owen)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Recovery of children in care of local authorities)—(Dr. David Owen)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Extension of powers under s. 32 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969)—(Dr. David Owen)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Certificates of unruly character)—(Mr. Frank McElhone)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Return of child taken away in breach of section 49)—(Mr. Frank McElhone)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of section 20 of Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968)—(Mr. Frank McElhone)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power of reporters to conduct proceedings under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968)—(Mr. Frank McElhone)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Duty of local authority in Scotland to assume parental rights and powers vested in a voluntary organisation)—(Mr. Frank McElhone)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Return of children taken away in breach of section 17(8) or (9) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968)—(Mr. Frank McElhone)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Counselling in Scotland for adopted person seeking information about his birth)—(Dr. David Owen)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Review of case of child in care in Scotland)—(Dr. David Owen)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Children of an unruly character in Scotland)—(Mr. Frank McElhone)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Appeals against refusal of approval of or withdrawal of approval from adoption societies)—(Mr. Norman Fowler)—brought up, 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. Adam Butler, Mr. Richard Luce : 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Miss Margaret Jackson : 188.

Another Clause (Procedure for periodic review of operation of Act)—(Mr. Norman Fowler)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Amendment of section 1(2) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969)—(Dr. Gerard Vaughan)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Conviction of person involved in care for a child)—(Mr. Norman Fowler)—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. Richard Luce, Mr. Adam Butler: 147.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 163.

Another Clause (Amendment of section 44 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968)—(Mr. Gordon Wilson)—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, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Douglas Henderson: 147.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Donald Coleman: 160.

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Children Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Children Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Children Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Duty to promote welfare of child)—(Mr. Gordon Wilson)—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.

Amendment (No. 245) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, to leave out the words "within their area".—(Mr. Emlyn Hooson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 230) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) The service maintained by each local authority under subsection (1) of this section shall be subject to approval by the Secretary of State; and the Secretary of State shall not give his approval unless he is satisfied that that service is of equal standard to those provided by adoption societies approved under section 4 below.

(6) When determining whether or not to approve a local authority adoption service the Secretary of State shall have regard to the same criteria as are set out in section 4(3) below".—(Mr. Norman Fowler.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 149, 1, 2, 182, 3, 215, 5, 216 and 7 to 10) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

"(g) three months has elapsed since the original consent to adoption was made."—(Mr. Roger Sims.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 219, 220, 222 and 221) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 162) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 38, to leave out subsection (4) and insert the words—

"(4) If the application is dismissed on the ground that to allow it would contravene the principle embodied in section 3 the former parent shall be entitled to make a further application only with the leave of the court".—(Mr. Andrew Bennett), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Another Amendment made to the Bill, in page 11, line 38, at the beginning, by inserting the words "Subject to subsection (5)".—(Dr. David Owen.)
Another Amendment made to the Bill, in page 11, line 45, at the end, by inserting the words—

"(5) Subsection (4)(a) shall not apply where the court which dismissed the application gives leave to the former parent to make a further application under subsection (1), but such leave shall not be given unless it appears to the court that because of the change in circumstances or for any other reason it is proper to allow the application to be made".—(Dr. David Owen.)

Other Amendments (Nos. 14 to 20, 233 to 236, 150, 22, 151, and 23 to 27) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 161) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) Any application by a parent or guardian under subsection (2) of this section to remove the child must be heard within 28 days of the application being made".—(Mr. Andrew Bennett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 163) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 17, to leave out from the word "is" to the end of line 21 and insert the words "may, if appropriate, remove the child from the actual custody of the applicant or of the prospective adopter in pursuance of its general duty to promote the welfare of the child under section 12 of the Children Act 1948, notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) or (2) of this section".—(Mr. Andrew Bennett),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 28, 29 and 153) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 232) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 24, to leave out Clause No. 31.—(Mrs. Jill Knight.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 154 and 155) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 164) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 29, after the word "child", to insert the words "who is not in the care of a local authority".—(Mr. Andrew Bennett.)

Question, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 241) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 1, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mrs. Jill Knight.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 30 to 35, 247, 248, 36, 37, 156, 38 to 40, 183, 41 and 42) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 238) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 26, to leave out from the word "child" to the end of line 27.—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 43 to 48, 212 and 213) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed to the Bill, in page 33, line 16, to leave out from the word "authority" to the end of line 23 and insert the words "not less than 28 days' notice of his intention to do it".—(Dr. David Owen),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Tom Pendry: 94.

Tellers for the Nos, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. R. C. Mitchell: 24.

Other Amendments (Nos. 50 and 51) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 169) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 6, to leave out paragraph (d).—(Mr. Andrew Bennett.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 172, 173, 52 and 174 to 176) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed to the Bill, in page 37, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"(12) Before passing a resolution under the provisions of subsection (1) of this Clause, the local authority must—

(a) have regard to and consult the individual who has had the closest personal relationship with the child over the previous three years, as far as this can be established, and

(b) ensure where at all possible that the relationship continues thereafter, having regard to section 3 of this Act.

In this subsection 'closest personal relationship' shall be interpreted as that person who on a continuing daily basis has fulfilled the emotional and physical need of the child in place of a stable parental relationship".—(Mr. Phillip Whitehead.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 54 to 59, 184 to 204, 60, 177, 61 to 69, 206, 207, 70 to 81, 252, 82, 83, 255, 257, 91, 157, 158, 92 to 105, 159, 107 to 122, 178, 123, 179 to 181, 208 to 210, 251, 171, 249, 125 and 242) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 240) proposed to the Bill, in page 85, line 41, at the end, to insert the words—

"In section 94, at the end of the definition of the word ‘parent’ there shall be inserted—

‘(c) in relation to a registered pupil attending a school belonging to or operated by a local education authority and for the purposes of section 32(2)(a) only means the headmaster or depute headmaster of the said school, provided that the facts upon which the ground is based arise during normal school hours.’"—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 253, 127, 224, 152, 128 to 142, 225, 143, 144, 258, 259 and 145) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Three o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.44 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 28th October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:


Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 143, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th July 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on cane sugar [by Command].

Space (Miscellaneous No. 24, 1975),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Paris on 30th May 1975, for the establishment of a European Space Agency, with Final Act (the Convention has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 130, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Kathmandu on 8th and 11th July 1975, amending the 1973 Financial Agreement between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Nepal concerning assistance towards the construction of a road from Dharan to Dhankuta [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Chronicilly Sick and Disabled Persons,—Copy of Statements by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales concerning the residential care of handicapped persons under the age of 65 years in England and Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 630].

Mr Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972 relating to—

(1) explosives and fireworks, and
(2) overalls and men's shirts, underwear etc.

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Water,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Water Council for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].


Water,—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1975 of—

(1) the Anglian Water Authority,
(2) the Northumbrian Water Authority,
(3) the North West Water Authority,
(4) the Severn-Trent Water Authority,
(5) the Southern Water Authority,
(6) the South West Water Authority,
(7) the Thames Water Authority,
(8) the Wessex Water Authority, and
(9) the Yorkshire Water Authority

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Water,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Welsh National Water Development Authority for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th October 1975, entitled the Butter Prices (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1740) [by Act].

Mr. Reginald Prentice:

Overseas Development,—Copy of a Government Statement on proposed changes in overseas development policy [by Command].

Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 27th October 1975, entitled the Indian Military Service Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme 1975 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the draft Noise Insulation Regulations 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

[No. 188.]

Wednesday, 29th October, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS:

Mallaig Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The Mallaig Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

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Shard Bridge Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Shard Bridge Bill [Lords] and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1975 and the draft Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 22nd October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 674].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Michael English reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 22nd October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 675].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the Fishing Vessels (Survey and Inspection) (Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 954), referred to a Committee on 15th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 676].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. David Stoddart).

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. David Stoddart).

Armed Forces (Protection in Respect of Accidents).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 so as to permit a member of the armed forces to sue the Crown in respect of certain accidents and to provide for adequate insurance in such cases: And that Mr. John Loveridge, Colonel Sir Harwood Harrison, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. David Lane, Mr. John Stokes, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Robert Parry, and Mr. Cyril Smith, do prepare and bring it in.

Armed Forces (Protection in Respect of Accidents) Bill.—Mr. John Loveridge accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 so as to permit a member of the armed forces to sue the Crown in respect of certain accidents and to provide for adequate insurance in such cases: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 244].

Employment Protection [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Employment Protection [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish machinery for promoting the improvement of industrial relations and to amend the law relating to workers' rights and otherwise to amend the law relating to workers, employers, trade unions and employers' associations, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by Mr. Speaker or by any person designated by him under any provision of the new Act extending employment legislation to staff of this House;
(2) the payment of sums into or out of the National Loans Fund in consequence of any provision of the new Act whereby the Treasury is authorised to make advances, subject to a limit of £10 million in the aggregate outstanding by way of principal, to the Secretary of State for the purposes of the Maternity Pay Fund;

(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund out of the Maternity Pay Fund of sums equal to the amount of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in exercising his functions under the provisions of the new Act in relation to maternity pay.—(Mr. Albert Booth.)

Employment Protection Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Employment Protection Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 8 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 9, in page 8, line 41, after “ union ”, insert “ or an employer “.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Albert Booth);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. James Hamilton : 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 222.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 10 to 13 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 14 and 15 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 16, in page 15, line 24, at end insert—

“(6) Where an employer, being a company in the case of which there has, as respects the whole or any proportion of its share capital, been granted a quotation on a recognised stock exchange, is required by virtue of this section to disclose any information to trade union representatives relating to future plans of the company which could have a significant effect on the assets or profits of the company, he shall at the same time make the information available in accordance with the disclosure requirements for the time being of that stock exchange”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Fraser);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. James Hamilton : 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Richard Luce : 222.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 17 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 18 and 19 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 20 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 21 to 28 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 29 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 30 to 35 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 36 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their special Entry privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 37, in page 31, line 28, insert new Clause D (Maternity Pay Rebate), was amended in line 6, by leaving out the words “ (Payments to employees out of Maternity Pay Fund) “, and, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 38 to 51 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 52, in page 36, line 27, leave out from “ a “ to end of line 28 and insert “ specified union.

(4A) For the purposes of this section a trade union—

(a) shall be taken to be specified for the purposes of, or in relation to, a union membership agreement if it is specified in the agreement or is accepted by the parties to the agreement as being the equivalent of a union so specified; and

(b) shall also be treated as so specified if—

(i) the Service has made a recommendation for recognition of that union covering the employee in question which is operative within the meaning of section 15 above; or

(ii) subject to subsection (4B) below, the union has referred a recognition issue covering that employee to the Service under section 11 above and it has not withdrawn the reference, or from the reference, and the issue has not been settled or reported on under section 12 above.
(4B) Subsection (4A)(b)(ii) above shall not apply where the reference is such a reference as is described in section 12(2) above on which, in accordance with that section, the Service declines to proceed ";

was amended, in line 14, by leaving out the words " subject to subsection (4B) below " ; in line 16, by leaving out the word " it " and inserting the words " the Service has not declined to proceed on the reference under section 12 above, the union "—instead thereof; and in line 19, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of line 23 and inserting the words " that section "—instead thereof, and, as so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 53, in page 36, line 29, leave out " religious belief " and insert " conscience ".

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, to leave out the word " conscience " and insert the words " deeply held personal conviction "—(Mr. Leon Brittan)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Michael Roberts : 211.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. J. D. Dormand : 266.

So the Question was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Albert Booth);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. J. D. Dormand : 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Richard Luce : 212.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 54 to 60 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 61 was agreed to.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in page 48, line 13, after the word " pay ", by inserting the words " maternity pay ".—(Mr. Harold Walker.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 62 to 117 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 118 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 119 and 120 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 121, in page 87, line 13, leave out from " which " to " remove " in line 15.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Harold Walker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Richard Luce : 215.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 122, in page 87, line 15, leave out " remove the special provisions relating to health and safety at work in agriculture ".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Harold Walker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox : 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Fred Silvester : 228.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 123 to 134 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 135 to 141 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 142 to 160 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 161 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 162 to 168 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 169 to 174 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.
Lords Amendment No. 175 was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 176 to 179 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 180 to 199 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 200, in page 167, line 8, at end insert
"10A. After paragraph 6(5) of Schedule 1 (dismissal in closed shop situation), insert the following sub-paragraphs:

(a) the Service has made a recommendation for recognition covering the employee in question which is operative within the meaning of section 15 of the Employment Protection Act 1975; or
(b) subject to sub-paragraph (5B) below the union has referred a recognition issue (within the meaning of that Act) covering that employee to the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service under section 11 of that Act and it has not withdrawn the reference, or from the reference, and the issue has not been settled or reported on under section 12 of that Act.

(5B) Sub-paragraph (5A)(b) above shall not apply where the reference is such a reference as is described in section 12(2) of that Act (reference of issue previously considered by the Service) on which, in accordance with that subsection, the Service declines to proceed."

was amended, in line 3, by leaving out the word "sub-paragraphs" and inserting the word "sub-paragraph"—instead thereof; in line 12, by leaving out the words "subject to sub-paragraph (5B) below"; in line 16, by leaving out the word "it" and inserting the words "the Service has not declined to proceed on the reference under section 12 of that Act, the union",—instead thereof; and in line 18, by leaving out from the word "under" to the end of line 24 and inserting the words "that section",—instead thereof; and, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 201 to 236 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Employment Protection Bill: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Albert Booth, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. David Madel, and Mr. Harold Walker.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee. (Mr. Albert Booth.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Employment Protection Bill.—Mr. Albert Booth reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Employment Protection Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 8, line 41, and page 9, lines 17, 26, 28 and 30, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendments are unnecessary in view of the fact that employers will be free, in relation to recognition issues, to request the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service to exercise its powers under other provisions of the Bill, namely Clause 2 (Conciliation) Clause 4 (Advice) or Clause 5 (Inquiry).

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 15, line 24, for the following Reason:

Because this Bill is not the proper context in which to legislate on disclosure of information in connection with the requirements of a stock exchange and because the Amendment is unnecessary as there is nothing to prevent a stock exchange altering its own requirements as to disclosure.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 15, line 38, for the following Reason:

Because this Bill is not the proper context in which to legislate on disclosure of information in connection with the requirements of a stock exchange and because the Amendment is unnecessary as there is nothing to prevent a stock exchange altering its own requirements as to disclosure.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 15, line 38, for the following Reason:

Because in order to avoid having to disclose information under the Bill the employer should have to show that the disclosure would actually cause substantial injury.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 20, line 10, for the following Reason:

Because a primary objective of the provision of guarantee payments is that workers laid off through circumstances beyond their control should receive a payment.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 29, line 13, for the following Reason:

Because it is undesirable, in the interests of both employer and employee, to impose an inflexible requirement of notification in writing in all circumstances.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 36, line 29, for the following Reason:—
Because the Clause, as amended, would lead to too much uncertainty in union membership agreements.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 87, line 13, for the following Reason:—
Because safety representatives should be appointed by recognised trade unions which are the bodies best able to undertake the responsibility.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 87, line 15, page 148, lines 15 and 17, page 149, line 1, and page 150, line 27, for the following Reason:—
Because the Amendments affect the incidence of expenditure as between the Agriculture Ministers and the Health and Safety Commission in connection with health and safety in agriculture, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 141, line 11, for the following Reason:—
Because the Amendment makes the meaning of the Schedule less clear and is unnecessary.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Expenditure.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. Keith Stainton be discharged from the Committee and Mr. George Gardiner be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. J. D. Dormand);
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. Donald Coleman.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.19 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 29th October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th October 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 18) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1745) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Local Education Authorities Awards (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1697) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Pensions,—Copy of a List of exceptional awards of pensions and allowances sanctioned by the Treasury to disabled members and the dependants of deceased members of the armed forces during the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Command].

Census,—Copies of New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—
(1) Greater Manchester,
(2) South Yorkshire, and
(3) West Yorkshire,
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].
Social Security.—Copies of Orders, dated 21st October 1975, entitled—

(1) the Child Benefit Act 1975 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1690), and

(2) the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1689)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th April 1973, entitled the County of Worcester (Welland Cross Roads) 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. Edward Short:

Continental Shelf.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1708) [by Act].

Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973 (Continuation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1705) [by Act].

European Communities.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1707) [by Act].

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled—

(1) the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1703), and

(2) the Dockyard Port of Rosyth Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1704)

[by Act].

South Atlantic Territories.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Falkland Islands (Legislative Council) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1706) [by Act].

Trustees.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Trustee Investments (Additional Powers) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1710) [by Act].

Mr. Reginald Prentice:

Pensions.—Copies of Schemes—

(1) dated 27th October 1975, entitled the Grenada Public Officers’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975,

(2) dated 28th October 1975, entitled the St. Lucia Public Officers’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975, and

(3) dated 27th October 1975, entitled the St. Vincent Public Officers’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975

[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Noise Insulation Regulations 1975, viz.: Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Hugh Roast, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. Terry Walker.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975 and the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Edward Gardner, Sir Michael Havens, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. John Lee, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. John Watkinson.
Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Three Members to serve on the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of Northern Region Affairs, viz: Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, and Mr. John Smith.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 29th October 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975 and the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 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. Arthur Jones Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Noise Insulation Regulations 1975.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. Albert Costain Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Limit of Commitments) Order 1975 in place of Mr. W. T. Williams.

[No. 189.1

Thursday, 30th October, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments the draft Export Guarantees (Limit of Commitments) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 22nd October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 679].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Industry Bill to which this House has disagreed; and they have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendment made by this House to the words restored to the Bill, to the Amendments made by this House in lieu of certain of the Lords Amendments and to the Amendments made by this House to one other of the Lords Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Port Askaig Pier Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Scottish Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Welsh Development Agency (No. 2) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Special provision with respect to long term business of a company in financial difficulties)—(Mr. Clinton Davis)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (The exempt income level for the purposes of section 18)—(Mr. Clinton Davis)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Statement by Secretary of State with respect to the exercise of his powers in relation to a company in liquidation, etc.)—(Mr. Clinton Davis)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Report by Secretary of State with respect to the operation of this Act)—(Mr. Clinton Davis)—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. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Richard Luce: 115.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Levies for administrative purposes to be subject to Parliamentary approval)—(Mr. Roger Moate)—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.

An Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 50) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 41, to leave out the words “29th October 1974” and insert the words “1st June 1974”—(Mr. Robert Taylor)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Taylor, Dr. Alan Glyn: 48.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Miss Margaret Jackson: 117.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 23, to leave out the words “aviation and transport” and insert the words “and aviation”—(Mr. Roger Moate)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 7 to 13 and 19 to 25) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 37, to leave out the words “it shall be the duty of the Board” and insert the words “the Board may”—(Mr. Terence L. Higgins)—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 17, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Tim Renton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 32 to 38) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 25, to leave out the words “or (7)”.(Mr. Roger Moate.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 42, 43 and 46 to 49) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Local Land Charges Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Local Land Charges Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

“(dd) any exercise of a power of compulsory acquisition of land by a Minister of the Crown or government department or a local authority or other public body as may be prescribed”—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

“(ddi) any planning permission relating to the development or use of land (other than one which by virtue of any statutory provision is deemed to be or to have been
granted) under any statutory provision relating to town and country planning whether by a Minister of the Crown, government department or local authority and any refusal of an application for such planning permission;".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

"(dddd) a prohibition or restriction embodied in a scheme under the Town and Country Planning Act 1932 or any enactment repealed by that Act.".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 25, to leave out the words "not contained" and insert the words "to which no reference is made".—(Mr. R. Graham Page),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 1, at the end, to insert the words "of general application in the area of the authority by whom those bye-laws are or have been made".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment (No. 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 43, after the word "charge", to insert the words "shall or may be cancelled as prescribed or in default it".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 16, to leave out the word "may" and insert the word "shall".—(Mr. R. Graham Page),—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 15 and 17) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 37, at the end, to insert the words "or by separate proceedings based upon fraud".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 19) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 30, after the word "power", to insert the words—

"(a) to impose an obligation upon registering authorities and originating authorities not to register nor to keep registered as a local land charge any matter which is not, or which has ceased to be, effective as a local land charge within the meaning of section 1 of this Act; and (b)".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 22) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. David Ennals, 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 forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading):—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th October, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.
Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th October, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th October, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered, That notwithstanding the Order of the House of 22nd November 1974 relating to nomination of Members of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Mr Mark Hughes and Mr. Michael Stewart be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Ivor Clemiston and Mr. W. T. Williams be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.51 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 30th October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr Robert Sheldon:


Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Telegraphs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th October 1975, entitled the Wireless Telegraphy (General Licence Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1693) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 136, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 11th May 1975, between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel (with Final Act) [by Command].

European Communities (No. 137, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 11th May 1975, between the member states of the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part (the Agreement has not been approved by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).— Copies of Regulations, dated 28th October 1975, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 3) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1746),
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975, and
(3) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st October 1975, entitled the Baking and Sausage Making (Christmas and New Year) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1695) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security.—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th October 1975, entitled—
(1) the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1748), and
(2) the Social Security (Transitional) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1747) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rees:
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th October 1975, entitled the Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 292) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of New Hall, Cambridge, on 19th May 1975, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (nominated in respect of the draft Noise Insulation Regulations 1975).

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 30th October 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975 and the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, and Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of Northern Region Affairs.

[No. 190.]

Friday, 31st October, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill to be considered upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 245].

Southern Rhodesia,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th October, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Callaghan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Harper: 83.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Nicholas Winterton: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th October, be approved.

Export Guarantees,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), That the Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th October, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3.37 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 31st October 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

- Fire Services.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1717) [by Act].
- Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1718) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

- Defence.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

- Seeds.—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st October 1975, entitled the Vegetable Seeds Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1694) [by Act].


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).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 3rd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 253-xiv].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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 November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-xi].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Employment Protection Bill, to which this House has disagreed; they agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to certain other of the Lords Amendments; and they agree to the consequential Amendment made by this House to the Bill.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, to which this House has disagreed; they agree, without Amendment, to certain Amendments made by this House to one other of the Lords Amendments; they disagree to certain other Amendments made by this House to the said Lords Amendment but propose Amendments in lieu thereof to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and they agree to certain other Amendments made by this House to the said Lords Amendment, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill.—Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Commons Amendments to a Lords Amendment, and Lords Amendments to certain other Commons Amendments to the said Lords Amendment to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 246].

Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill.—The Order for resuming, this day, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 21st November, That the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill be now read a second time, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.
Statutory Instruments—Ordered, That the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments—Ordered, That the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments—Ordered, That the Legal Aid and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Bahamas (Gift of a Mace),—Ordered, That Mr. Tom Pendry and Mr. William Shelton have leave of absence to present on behalf of this House a Mace to the House of Assembly of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

European Secondary Legislation,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the First Report from the Select Committee on Procedure, Session 1974-75, on European Secondary Legislation (House of Commons Paper No. 294).—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Exempted Business,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) be amended, as follows:—

Line 17, after “provides”, insert “and proceedings on Commission Documents”.

Line 43, at end insert “In this paragraph, and in Standing Orders No. 60 (Constitution of standing committees), No. 62 (Nomination of standing committees) and No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments), ‘Commission Documents’ means draft proposals by the Commission of the European Economic Community for secondary legislation and other documents published by the Commission for submission to the Council of Ministers”.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Constitution of Standing Committees,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of standing committees) be amended, as follows:—

Line 8, after “instruments”, insert “or Commission Documents as defined in Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business)”.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Nomination of Standing Committees,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 62 (Nomination of standing committees) be amended as follows:—

Line 12, after “instruments”, insert “or Commission Documents as defined in Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business)”.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments) be amended as follows:—

Line 3, after “instruments”, insert “&c.”.

Line 5, after “instruments”, insert “or Commission Documents (as defined in Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business))”.

Line 23, at end insert “or

(iii) notice has been given of a motion relating to a Commission Document.”.

Line 27, after “instrument”, insert “or Commission Document”.

Line 35, after second “instrument”, insert “or Commission Document”.

Line 37, after “instrument”, insert “or Commission Document”.

Line 47, after “instrument”, insert “or Commission Document”.

Line 50, after “3(iii)”, insert “or 3(iii)”.

Line 52, after “instrument”, insert “or Commission Document”.

Line 55, after “thereon”; insert “and, in the case of a motion relating to a Commission Document, where an amendment is offered to that question, the question on that amendment”—(Mr. Edward Short);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out lines 9 to 11 and insert the words—

“Line 48, at end insert—

‘(4A) In the case of a Commission Document referred to the Committee, the Committee shall consider the document upon a motion relating thereto made by a Minister of the Crown to which motion amendments may be moved; and the Committee shall report their resolutions to the House”—(Mr. Nigel Spearing), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Frank Hooley: 64.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton: 152.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments) be amended as follows:

Line 3, after "Instruments", insert "&c."

Line 5, after "instruments", insert "or Commission Documents (as defined in Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business))"

Line 23, at end insert "or (iii) notice has been given of a motion relating to a Commission Document".

Line 27, after "instrument", insert "or Commission Document"

Line 35, after second "instrument", insert "or Commission Document"

Line 37, after "instrument", insert "or Commission Document"

Line 47, after "instrument", insert "or Commission Document"

Line 50, after "3(iii)", insert "or 3(iii)"

Line 52, after "instrument", insert "or Commission Document"

Line 55, after "thereon ;", insert "and, in the case of a motion relating to a Commission Document, where an amendment is offered to that question, the question on that amendment"

Preparation of Legislation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Report of the Renton Committee on the Preparation of Legislation (Command Paper No. 6053)—(Mr. Solicitor General):—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to the Preparation of Legislation may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Preparation of Legislation.—The Question being again proposed, That this House takes note of the Report of the Renton Committee on the Preparation of Legislation (Command Paper No. 6053):—The House resumed the adjourned Debate;

And the Question being put;


Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.52 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 3rd November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 7th October 1975, relative to the Fiduciary Note Issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 681].

Income Tax,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Undertakings and their Employees) (Hungary) Order 1975, and
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Faroe Islands) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1975 entitled the Housing (Rent Income Subsidy) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1723) [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Shore:
Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 27th October 1975, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (Temporary Suspension) (No. 5) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1741) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd October 1975, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1732) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Consumer Protection.—Copy of an Order, dated 27th October 1975, entitled the Price Marking (Drinks on Premises) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1737) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975, viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Edward Gardner, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. John Lee, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Julius Silverman, and Mr. John Watkinson.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments Mr. Solicitor General (nominated in respect of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975 and the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Arthur Davidson.

MEMORANDA

Monday 3rd November 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments and the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1975 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments in respect of the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975.
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 on 4th November: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xlvi].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 21-xlvi].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Thirty-seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxxvii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxxvii].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr John Davies reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 4th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87-xiii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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 (Sixth Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 685].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink, reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975 and the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, referred to a Committee on 29th October; and the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975, referred to a Committee on 3rd November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 684].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Airports Authority Act 1965 and certain related enactments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Airports Authority Bill [Lords]].

Airports Authority Bill [Lords].—The Airports Authority Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 248].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, if the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House is not disposed of by Ten o'clock, it shall not lapse at that hour and may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock, though opposed; provided that Mr. Speaker shall put the Question thereon not later than three hours after proceedings on the Motion have been entered upon.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Transport (Miscellaneous Provisions).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Transport Act 1968 and the Road Traffic Acts 1960 and 1972: And that Mr. David Steel, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Grimond, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, and Mr. Stephen Ross, do prepare and bring it in.

Transport (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr. David Steel accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Transport Act 1968 and the Road Traffic Acts 1960 and 1972: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 247].

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1973 (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1609), a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th October, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rees.)

Social Security.—Resolved, That the Social Security (Contributions, Re-Rating) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 23rd October, be approved.—(Mr. Brian O'Malley.)

Social Security.—Resolved, That the Social Security (Contributions) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 7th August, be approved.—(Mr. Brian O'Malley.)
Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Miss Betty Boothroyd):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Miss Margaret Jackson: 286.

So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 4th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th October 1975, entitled the Police Federation (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1739) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Economic Co-operation and Development (Miscellaneous No. 26, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, establishing the Inter-American Development Bank (with proposed Amendments, including those to admit non-regional countries as members of the Bank); with Declaration of Madrid of 17th December 1974 [by Command].


Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copies of New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—

(1) Tyne and Wear, and
(2) West Midlands

as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Films,—Copy of the Report of the Cinematograph Films Council for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 673].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Account of Income and Expenditure of the Cutlery and Allied Trades Research Association for the year ended 31st December 1974, with Balance Sheet as at that date [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th October 1975, entitled—

(1) the Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1730), and

(2) the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers’ Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1731)

[by Act].

Transport.—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to three part-time members 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 the City of Southampton (Fremantle Lake) Appropriation Order 1973 [by Act].

[No. 193.]

Wednesday, 5th November, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 (Notice of third reading) be suspended and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Shard Bridge Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Shard Bridge Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 (Notice of third reading) be suspended and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 5th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 419-viii].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report further Memoranda submitted to the Science Sub-Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 261-iii].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 5th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 260-xvi].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Regional Affairs.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That they had considered the matter of Northern Region Affairs, referred to them on 24th October, and had directed her to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 687].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Noise Insulation Regulations 1975, referred to a Committee on 24th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 686].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Children Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Brookwood Cemetery Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Shard Bridge Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973 (Continuation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1705) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory Instruments, &c., (procedure)), the Motion in the name of Mr. Peter Snape may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, and at that hour or at the end of that period Mr. Speaker shall put any Question necessary to dispose of those proceedings.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Anti-Dumping,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) Act 1969: And that Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Cyril Smith, and Mr. David Steel, do prepare and bring it in.

Anti-Dumping Bill,—Mr. Richard Wainwright accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) Act 1969: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 249].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 2, line 14, leave out paragraph (c).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Benn);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. W. Benyon : 243.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2, in page 5, line 9, at end insert—

"(6) In any case in which the Corporation is in competition with any private company operating in the energy sector the provisions of this and the next succeeding subsection shall have effect for the purposes of securing that such competition is fair.

(7) Neither the Treasury nor the Secretary of State nor any other Minister nor local authority nor any public corporation conducted wholly or in part under national ownership or control shall, or shall counsel, procure or incite others to discriminate unfairly as between the Corporation and a petroleum company operating in the private sector in competition with each other in favour of the Corporation, whether in respect of the terms of any loan, or any contracts, the making available of land, buildings or equipment, the granting of contracts, the prices and other terms for supplies or purchases of petroleum, goods or services or otherwise howsoever. For the purposes of determining whether discrimination is unfair, regard may be had not only to the economic but also to the social consequences of any matter.

(8) No criminal proceedings shall lie against any person on grounds that he has committed, or aided, abetted, counselled or procured the commission of or conspired or attempted to commit or incited others to commit any contravention of this section. But any person who suffers or apprehends that he will suffer any loss or damage by reason of any such contravention may bring civil proceedings in respect of such contravention or an apprehended contravention whether for an injunction or interdict or for the recovery of the full amount of the loss or damage or for any other appropriate relief or for any two or more of them."
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Joseph Harper : 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Richard Luce : 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 8 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 9, in page 12, line 3, at end insert—

“ (cc) a statement of the amount by way of petroleum revenue tax and the amount by way of corporation tax which the Corporation estimates would, but for section 9(1) of this Act, have been payable by the Corporation and relevant subsidiaries in respect of their profit for that year; “.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, at the end, to add the words “ and a statement of the discounts, concessions and any other benefits that were, in the view of the corporation, available to the corporation by virtue of its being a public corporation ”.—(Mr. Tim Renton.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—It was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 10 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 11, in page 15, line 29, at end insert—

“(3A) Where a licence is revoked on the grounds of any act or omission occurring after the licence was altered by virtue of the preceding section which act or omission would not have provided grounds for revocation of the licence had it occurred before the date of such alteration, and it is shown that the holder of the licence—

(i) has incurred expenditure in carrying out work which is rendered abortive by revocation or

(ii) has otherwise sustained loss or damage which is directly attributable to the revocation

the Secretary of State shall pay to him full and prompt compensation in respect of that expenditure, loss or damage. If any dispute, difference or question shall arise between the Secretary of State and the holder of a licence issued before the coming into force of section 18 of this Act, either as to the entitlement of such holder to compensation under the provisions of this sub-clause or as to the amount of such compensation, the Secretary of State shall, if the holder of such licence so requests, refer such dispute, difference or question to arbitration by the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes. In such arbitration a licensee who is controlled by a company incorporated outside the United Kingdom shall be treated as a national of the State in which that company was incorporated and subsections (2) and (4) to (6) of section 302 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 shall apply, for the purpose of determining whether for the purposes of this section a licensee is controlled by another company”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Benn);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Tom Pendry : 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. W. Benyon : 227.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 12 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 13 and 14 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 and 16 were disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 22, line 16, at the end, by inserting the words “ ; but the Secretary of State shall not serve such a notice on the holder in consequence of a contravention if the Secretary of State considers that, having regard to the nature and consequences of the contravention and to any previous contravention, it would be unreasonable to terminate the authorisation in consequence of the contravention and that the holder has taken adequate steps to prevent similar contraventions in future ”.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Lords Amendment No. 17 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 18, in page 39, line 34, leave out “ Secretary of State considers and the Treasury agree ” and insert “ Treasury considers ”.
An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, in the words proposed to be inserted, after the word "Treasury", to insert the words "having consulted the Secretary of State".—(Mr. Tim Rathbone.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—It was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts: 239.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 19 to 23 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 24, in page 45, line 13, at end insert—

"(d) permits the Secretary of State to exercise or not to exercise any power or authority or to withhold any consent, approval or authorisation or to make provisions, terms or conditions pursuant to this Act or a licence for the time being in force by virtue of the Petroleum (Production) Act 1934 with a view to securing participation by the Government of the United Kingdom, or by the Corporation or any other body on behalf of the Government, in activities connected with petroleum beneath controlled waters."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Benn);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Harper: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Fred Silvester: 228.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 25 to 30 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 31 to 33 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 34 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 35 to 42 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 43 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 44 to 50 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 51 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 52 to 58 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 59 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 60 to 63 were agreed to.

Ordered. That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, and Mr. John Smith.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Mellish.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill.—Mr. Secretary Benn reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 14, for the following Reason:

Because it would alter the structure of the British National Oil Corporation in a manner detrimental to the performance of the Corporation's functions.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 5, line 9, for the following Reason:

Because it would unduly inhibit the operations of the British National Oil Corporation.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 12, line 8, for the following Reason:

Because the aims of the Amendment are adequately secured by existing legislation.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 15, line 29, for the following Reason:

Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 16, line 1, for the following Reason:

Because it is consequential upon the Lords Amendment No. 11 with which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 20, line 13, for the following Reason:

Because it is desirable for the terms on which pipe-lines are used by persons other than the owners to take account of the different circumstances of each case.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 39, line 34, for the following Reason:

Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 45, line 13, for the following Reason:

Because the Secretary of State’s discretion in the use of his powers under licences should not be unduly limited.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 46, line 11, page 46, line 15, page 46, line 29, page 46, line 37, page 47, line 3, and page 48, line 19, for the following Reason:

Because they would alter the structure of the British National Oil Corporation in a manner detrimental to the performance of the Corporation’s functions.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 61, line 10, page 83, line 11, page 110, line 42, and page 134, line 34, for the following Reason:

Because it is important to retain maximum flexibility in controlling the maximum rates of production of petroleum.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Road Traffic,—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1736), dated 24th October 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th October, be annulled.-(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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.

Legal Aid and Advice,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Aid and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th October, be approved.—(Mr. Arthur Davidson):—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th October, be approved.—(Mr. Arthur Davidson):—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved.—(Mr. Arthur Davidson):—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instru-
ments, &c.), That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved—(Mr. Arthur Davidson):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training.—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1729),

(2) dated 22nd October 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Rubber and Plastics Processing) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1728), and

(3) dated 27th October 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Wool, Jute and Flax) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1738)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th October 1975, entitled the Polperro Harbour Revision Order 1975, with a Certificate by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Alec Buchanan-Smith, Mr. John Carson, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Tom Torey, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. David Young.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1975 and the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973 (Continuation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1705), viz.: Mr. Ian Campbell, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. John Hannam, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 5th November 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has allocated the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973 (Continuation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1705) to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker has appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1975 and Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1975, the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1975, and the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973 (Continuation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1705).

[No. 194.]

Thursday, 6th November, 1975.

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).

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden 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 21st October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 431—viii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 6th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282—xii].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Mallaig Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.:—

That the Promoters of the Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon, in order to proceed with the Bill, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than three o'clock on the day before the close of the present Session, and that all fees due thereon up to that period shall have been paid;

That such Bill shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than three o'clock on the day on which the House shall sit after the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on such Bill shall in the next Session of Parliament be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply in the next Session of Parliament to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour; that the provisions of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall not apply to the Motion relating to the Community Budget for 1976; and that proceedings on that Motion may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock, though opposed: provided that such proceedings, if not previously concluded, shall be interrupted at Ten o'clock or three hours after they have been entered upon, whichever is the later. (Mr. David Stoddart.)

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Commons Amendments to a Lords Amendment, and Lords Amendments to certain other Commons Amendments to the said Lords Amendment to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1A, in lieu of Commons Amendment No. 1 to Lords Amendment (New Clause—Freedom of the Press).
In subsection (2) leave out paragraphs (a) to (d) and insert—

"(a) the avoidance of improper pressure to distort or suppress news, comments or criticism;
(b) the application of union membership agreements to journalists including the right of journalists not to be unreasonably excluded or expelled from trade unions and to belong to the union of their choice and the right of editors to discharge their duties free from any obligation to join a trade union;
(c) the right of editors to commission and to publish or refuse to publish any material;
(d) the assurance (subject only to editorial discretion) and access to the press of all contributors at all times."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Foot);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton : 290.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 241.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House doth insist on its Amendment No. 1 to the Lords Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Mr. Secretary Foot.)

Lords Amendment No. 2A, in lieu of Commons Amendment No. 2 to Lords Amendment (New Clause—Freedom of the Press), was disagreed to.

An Amendment was made, in lieu of the Lords Amendment No. 2A disagreed to, in subsection (3), line 7, by leaving out from the word "draft" to the end of the subsection and inserting the words "in accordance with subsection (3A) below, a charter containing such practical guidance as is referred to in subsection (1) above, and shall lay the draft before both Houses of Parliament.

(3A) Where, or so far as, there appears to the Secretary of State to be agreement among the parties referred to in subsection (1) above on any matter relating to the freedom of the press, he shall incorporate in the draft charter such practical guidance as he thinks appropriate to give effect to that agreement; and where, or so far as, there appears to the Secretary of State to be no such agreement on any of the particular matters mentioned in subsection (2) above as included in matters relating to the freedom of the press, he shall incorporate in the draft charter such practical guidance on that matter as he thinks fit"—(Mr. Secretary Foot), instead thereof.

Lords Amendment No. 3A to Commons Amendment No. 3 to Lords Amendment (New Clause—Freedom of the press).

At end insert—

"( ) A charter agreed as mentioned in subsection (1) above, or prepared by the Secretary of State in accordance with subsection (3) above, shall provide for the constitution of a body which shall have the functions of—

(a) hearing any complaint by a person aggrieved by a failure on the part of any other person to observe any provision of the charter;
(b) issuing to the parties a declaration as to whether such a complaint is well-founded and if so whether the party aggrieved has suffered material or pecuniary loss by reason of such failure and in what amount, and in such case directing the party in breach to pay that amount; and
(c) securing the publication of its decision.

( ) Any decision by the said body shall be final and conclusive between the parties and any decision of the said body made under paragraph (b) of the foregoing subsection shall be enforceable in like manner as an award made in pursuance of an arbitration agreement by an arbitrator in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1950."

An Amendment was proposed to the said Lords Amendment No. 3A, in line 10, to leave out from the words "well-founded" to the end of line 13.—(Mr. Secretary Foot.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to Lords Amendment No. 3A;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. David Stoddart : 290.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Richard Luce : 243.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3A was further amended, by leaving out lines 16 to 21.

And the Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 4A to Commons Amendment No. 4 to Lords Amendment (New Clause—Freedom of the Press).

At beginning insert "Subject to the terms of paragraphs (c) and (d) hereof."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Foot);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Joseph Harper: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Michael Roberts: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4B, 4C and 4D to Commons Amendment No. 4 to Lords Amendment (New Clause—Freedom of the Press) were disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed and for disagreeing to certain Lords Amendments to a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill; And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Secretary Foot, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. James Prior, and Mr. Harold Walker.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Foot.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Foot reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to an Amendment made by the Lords in lieu of a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment to which the Lords had disagreed, and for insisting on a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed and for disagreeing to certain Lords Amendments to a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill; That the Committee had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 1A and insist upon Commons Amendment No. 1 to Lords Amendment (New Clause—Freedom of the Press), for the following Reason:

Because the Commons Amendment deals appropriately with the contents of the charter.

The Commons disagree with Lords Amendments Nos. 4A, 4B and 4C to Commons Amendment No. 4 to Lords Amendment (New Clause—Freedom of the Press), for the following Reason:

Because the Amendments provide inappropriate and ill-defined sanctions for failures to observe the charter.

The Commons disagree with Lords Amendment No. 4D to Commons Amendment No. 4 to Lords Amendment (New Clause—Freedom of the Press), for the following Reason:

Because it is consequential on a Lords Amendment to which they have disagreed.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Community Budget for 1976,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the draft Community Budget for 1976 and Commission Documents Nos. R/2145/75, R/2158/75 and R/2228/75.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 ten minutes past Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 6th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 141, 1975).—Copy of an Interim Agreement, signed at Brussels on 28th April 1975, between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the accession of new member states to the Community [by Command].
European Communities (No. 142, 1975),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, signed at Brussels on 28th April 1975, to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and Greece consequent on the accession of new member states to the Community (the Additional Protocol is not in force) [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 140, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Vienna on 22nd August 1974, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the International Atomic Energy Agency regarding the application in the United Kingdom of Section 9 of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 1959 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1975, entitled the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1759) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to—
  (1) bacon curing, meat and fish products,
  (2) brewing and malting,
  (3) formulated pesticides, &c.,
  (4) jewellery and precious metals,
  (5) milk and milk products,
  (6) miscellaneous base metals,
  (7) printing and publishing of newspapers and periodicals,
  (8) printing ink,
  (9) radio and electronic components,
  (10) surgical bandages, &c.,
  (11) water supply, and
  (12) women's and girls' tailored outerwear
[by Act].


Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copies of Orders—
  (1) dated 12th August 1975, entitled the Manchester Ship Canal Revision Order 1975,
  (2) dated 14th August 1975, entitled the Oulton Broad Revision Order 1975, and
  (3) dated 18th August 1975, entitled the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Revision Order 1975,
with Certificates by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Human Rights,—Copy of the Report of the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights for the period 1st December 1973 to 30th June 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 632].

_Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:_

House of Commons Offices,—Report of the Commissioners for Regulating the Offices of the House of Commons, for the year ended 31st March 1975.
Friday, 7th November, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

   The Lords have agreed to the Cinematograph Films Bill, without Amendment.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. David Stoddart):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

European Communities.—Resolved, That the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th October, be approved. (Mr. Reg Prentice.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 7th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

   Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th November 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 19) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1795) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

   Pensions.—Copy of Rules, dated 28th October 1975, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunal (Scotland) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1764) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

   National Health Service.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th October 1975, entitled the National Health Service (Transferred Social Services Staff—Appeals) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1765) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

   Northern Ireland.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
   (1) the Bann Reservoir Company (Northern Ireland) Order 1975,
   (2) the Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, and
   (3) the Insurance Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

   Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

   Redundancy Fund.—Account of the Redundancy Fund for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 688].
Monday, 10th November, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of 6th November as relates to the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords] be now considered.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, 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 (Fourth Special Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 692].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 692].

Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, That they had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 28th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 431-ix].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 10th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 689].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1366), referred to a Committee on 21st October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 691].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Community Land Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Policyholders Protection Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Community Land Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Community Land Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 250].

Expenditure.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Expenditure Committee be printed [No. 690].

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Ellis):

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed without Question put.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Airports Authority Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)
Airports Authority Bill [Lords].—The Airports Authority Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

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 26 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. David Stoddart 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.

Prices,—Resolved, That the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 27th October, be approved.—(Mr. Gregor Mackenzie.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—Debate arising:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 11th November, 1975:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Monday 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 fourteen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.14 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 10th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th October 1975, entitled the Policing of Airports (Aberdeen) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1769) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Post Office,—Copies of the Reports for the year ended 31st March 1975 of—

(1) the Post Office Users' Council for Northern Ireland,
(2) the Post Office Users' Council for Scotland, and
(3) the Post Office Users' Council for Wales

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 665, 663 and 664].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Seventh Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1974-75 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 680].
Tuesday, 11th November, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Road Traffic,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 5th November relating to Road Traffic had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1736), dated 24th October 1975, be annulled.

I will comply with your request.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Cyprus,—Mr. Arthur Bottomley reported from the Select Committee on Cyprus, 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. 694].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. Julius Silverman reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., 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 (Thirty-eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45-xxxviii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45-xxxviii].

Members' Interests (Declaration),—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Members' Interests (Declaration), 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. 677].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 677].

Wealth Tax,—Mr. Douglas Jay reported from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax, That they had considered the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 30th July, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 696].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 185-xxi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 696].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 5th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 698].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1975, the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1975, and the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973 (Continuation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1705), referred to a Committee on 5th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 697].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Commons to a Lords Amendment to a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment; they do not insist on their Amendment in lieu of a Commons Amendment to the said Lords Amendment, to which the Commons have disagreed, and they agree to the Amendment made by the Commons in lieu thereof; they insist on certain other Amendments to a Commons Amendment to the said Lords Amendment, to which the Commons have disagreed, for which insistence they assign their Reasons; they insist on their disagreement to a
Commons Amendment to the said Lords Amendment, on which Commons Amendment the Commons have insisted; and they insist on their Amendment in lieu of the said Commons Amendment, for which insistence they assign their Reason.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Bill, to which the Commons have disagreed; and they have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendment made by the Commons in lieu of the Lords Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords], with an Amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of the Commons.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill,—Lords Reasons for insisting on their disagreement to a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment and for insisting on a Lords Amendment to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 251].

Local Land Charges Bill [Lords],—Lords Amendment to a Commons Amendment to the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 252].

Statutory Instruments,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments to be printed [No. 214].

Statutory Instruments,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments to be printed [No. 22xxxii].

Mortgages (Low Income Earners),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require building societies to lend 10 per cent. of their advances annually to local authorities for providing mortgages to applicants unable to obtain them from building societies: And that Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Robin Cook, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Arthur Latham, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Julius Silverman, and Mr. Brian Sedgemore, do prepare and bring it in.

Mortgages (Low Income Earners) Bill,—Mr. Frank Allaun accordingly presented a Bill to require building societies to lend 10 per cent. of their advances annually to local authorities for providing mortgages to applicants unable to obtain them from building societies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 133].

Community Land [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Community Land [Money] (No. 2); Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable local authorities and certain other authorities to acquire, manage and deal with land suitable for development, to make other provision for and in connection with the public ownership of land, and to amend planning law and the rules for assessing the value of land where compensation is payable, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of grants made by the Secretary of State to bodies other than authorities who acquire interests in land from the Crown.—(Mr. Gordon Oakes.)

Community Land Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Community Land Bill. Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Community Land Bill be considered by reference to the following order of Clauses and Schedules, namely, Clauses Nos. 1 to 3, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 4 to 7, Schedule No. 2, Clause No. 8, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 9 to 15, Schedule No. 4, Clause No. 16, Schedule No. 5, Clause No. 17, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 18 and 19, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 20 to 23, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 24 to 46, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 47 to 55, Schedules Nos. 10 and 11.—(Mr. John Silkin.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 3 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 4 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 5, in page 3, line 39, leave out from beginning to “and” in line 40.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. John Silkin);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. James Hamilton: 271.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 266.
So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 9 and 11 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 12 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 13, in page 4, line 8, at end insert new Clause A (Outstanding material interests).

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 7, to leave out the words "it is owned by a charity" and insert the words "during the whole of the period beginning with 12th September 1974 and ending with the relevant time, it has been owned by a charity (but not necessarily the same charity throughout)"—(Mr. John Silkin)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 265.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was further amended, in line 13, after the word "has", by inserting the words "or had"; and in line 15, after the word "is", by inserting the words "or was"—(Mr. John Silkin), and, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 14 to 38 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 39, in page 14, line 30, leave out from "any" to end of line and insert "development land".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Silkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Fred Silvester: 237.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 40 and 41 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 42 to 44 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 45, in page 56, line 1, leave out from "shall" to end of line 2 and insert "not be questioned in any legal proceedings whatsoever".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Silkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. David Stoddart: 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Dafydd Wigley: 30.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 46 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 47, in page 56, line 28, after "development", insert "of a kind consistent with the purpose specified as that for which the land is required".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Silkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Fred Silvester: 267.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Lords Amendments stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Community Land Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Community Land Bill,—The House proceeded further to consider the Lords Amendments to the Community Land Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 48, in page 56, line 33, after "approved", insert "after a local inquiry or hearing".
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gordon Oakes);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 253.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 49 and 50 were disagreed to.

Amendments were made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 58, line 2, by leaving out the words “to the development plan in sub-paragraph (3)(c)”, and inserting the words “in sub-paragraph (3)(b) to a local plan adopted or approved under Part II of the Act of 1971”—(Mr. Gordon Oakes)—instead thereof; in page 58, line 32, by leaving out the words “a reference to”, and inserting the words “references to Part II and”—(Mr. Gordon Oakes)—instead thereof; and in page 58, line 33, by leaving out the words “a reference to”, and inserting the words “references to Part II and”—(Mr. Gordon Oakes)—instead thereof.

Lords Amendment No. 51, in page 58, line 40, at end insert—

“Where an owner, lessee, or occupier of land comprised in an order made under this Act has made and not withdrawn an objection to such order, he shall be entitled to legal assistance and representation under the Legal Aid Act 1974 for the purpose of making representations at any public local inquiry held for the purpose of considering such objection.”

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gordon Oakes);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 12th November, 1975:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton : 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 253.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 52, in page 59, line 32, at end insert—

“Special Parliamentary Procedure

6A.—(1) For paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

'12. A compulsory purchase order, in so far as it authorises the purchase of land being, or being the site of, an ancient monument or other object of archaeological interest, or of any other land of a nature specified by an order of the Secretary of State, shall be subject to special parliamentary procedure unless the Secretary of State certifies that the acquiring authority has entered into an undertaking with the Secretary of State to observe such conditions as to the use of the land as in his opinion are requisite having regard to the nature thereof.'

(2) The Secretary of State shall lay before both Houses of Parliament an order specifying the land to which paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 shall apply.

(3) An order made under the last sub-paragraph shall not be effective until a draft has been approved by a Resolution of each House of Parliament.

(4) Before making the above draft order the Secretary of State shall consult with the statutory advisory bodies concerned, and such other bodies as may seem to him expedient”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gordon Oakes);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Stoddart : 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 256.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 53 to 56 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 57 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 58 to 60 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 61, in page 15, line 18, leave out “the area of each county authority” and insert “each county area”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Silkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Thomas Cox: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. Nicholas Winterton: 80.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 62 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 63 and 64 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 65 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 66, in page 15, line 32, leave out “31st December 1975” and insert “29th February 1976”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Silkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox: 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Fred Silvester: 248.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 67 and 68 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 69 to 77 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 78 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 80 was disagreed to.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 81 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 82, in page 73, line 9, at end insert—

“(2) As soon as practicable after a scheme has been made or revised, the county authority shall send a copy of the scheme (or the scheme as revised) to every parish council whose area comprises any part of the county area.

(3) As respects Scotland sub-paragraph (2) above shall not apply but, in the case of a scheme made or revised for the area of a general planning authority, that authority shall send as soon as practicable a copy of the scheme (or the scheme as revised) to every district council whose district comprises any part of that area,” was amended, in line 3, by leaving out the words “county area” and inserting the words “area of the county authority”—(Mr. Gordon Oakes)—instead thereof; and, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 83, in page 16, leave out lines 39 to 43, and insert “the desirability—

(a) of securing the proper planning of their area, and

(b) of bringing development land into public ownership and of developing that land themselves or of making it available for development by others in accordance with such planning”;

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, to leave out from the word “area” to the end of line 6.—(Mr. Timothy Raison.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 260.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 84 to 92 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 93, in page 73, line 29, at end insert “and shall draw up and publish annually a five year programme of the development land that they propose to acquire in the course of the following 5 years. The authority shall indicate in the programme the relevant plans or planning factors that support such a programme of acquisition.”

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gordon Oakes);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 260.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Michael Roberts: 241.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 94 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 95 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 96 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 97 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 98 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 99 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 100 to 119 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 120, in page 22, line 22, at end insert "; provided that in the case of land on which there is at least one dwelling-house such resolution shall not be passed unless the purposes mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of section 12(1) of the Act of 1971 or paragraphs (a) to (c) of section 10(1) of the Scottish Act of 1972 (publicity in connection with the preparation of plans) have in the opinion of the authority been adequately achieved by the steps taken by the authority ".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gordon Oakes); 
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 254.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Fred Silvester: 239.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 121 to 128 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 129 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 130 to 139 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 140, in page 82, line 45, at end insert—

PART IIA

Disposals of which notice may, but need not, be given

3A.—(1) This paragraph applies to a disposal by an individual of a material interest in land which is the whole or any part of his private residence.

(2) This paragraph also applies to a disposal by trustees of a material interest in land held in trust where—
(a) that land is the whole or any part of a person's private residence, and
(b) that person is entitled, under the terms of the trust, to occupy that residence or to receive the whole of the income derived from, or from the proceeds of sale of, the material interest.

(3) In this paragraph—
"disposal" includes a contract for a disposal,
"dwelling house" includes part of a dwelling house,
an individual's "private residence" means—
(a) land comprising a dwelling-house which, at the date of the disposal, is that individual's only or main residence, and
(b) land which at that date he has for his own occupation and enjoyment with that dwelling-house as its garden or grounds up to an area which, when aggregated with the area of the site of the dwelling-house, does not exceed one acre or such larger area as may in any particular case be required for the reasonable enjoyment of it as a residence, in the opinion of the authority, regard being had to its size and character;

and a person's "private residence" shall be construed accordingly; was amended, in line 20, by leaving out from the word 'acre' to the end of sub-paragraph (b)—(Mr. John Silkin); and, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 141 to 148 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 149, in page 24, line 24, to leave out from beginning to 'that' in line 1 on page 25, and insert—

'2 (2) For the purpose of assessing the compensation it shall be assumed—
(a) subject to subsections (3), (3B) and (3C) below, that planning permission would not be granted for any development either on the land or on any other land, and
(b) subject to subsection (3B) below", was amended, in line 6, by leaving out "(3B)" and inserting "(3C)"—(Mr. John Silkin)—instead thereof; and, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 150 and 151 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 152 was disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 25, line 20, by inserting at the end—

'(3B) Where during the whole of the period of seven years immediately preceding the date as at which compensation is to be assessed—

(a) the interest in land has been owned by a charity (but not necessarily the same charity throughout), and

(b) the land (as distinct from the rents and profits thereof) has not been used otherwise than wholly or mainly for charitable purposes,

then, for the purposes of assessing the compensation it shall be assumed, subject to subsection (3C) below, that planning permission would be granted for any development by virtue of which the use of the land would be made to correspond with the use which prevails in the case of contiguous or adjacent land.

(3C) The assumptions in subsections (2) and (3B) above shall not be made where—

(a) during the whole of the period beginning with 12th September 1974 and ending with the date mentioned in subsection (1)(a) or (b) above, the interest in land has been owned by a charity (but not necessarily the same charity throughout), and

(b) that period is a period of not more than eleven years.

(3D) For the purposes of subsections (3B) and (3C) above the interest in land shall be treated as owned by a charity at any time if, at that time, the charity—

(a) has or had entered into a binding contract for its acquisition, or

(b) subject only to completion of the administration of a deceased person's estate, is or was entitled to it under the terms of the deceased person's will"—(Mr. John Silkin.)

Lords Amendment No. 153 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 154 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 155, in page 25, line 30, at end insert—

'(6A) (a) The assumptions in subsection (2) of this section shall not be made where—

(i) during the whole of the period beginning with 12th September 1974 and ending with the date mentioned in subsection (1)(a) or (b) above, the interest in land has been owned by an approved pension scheme, and

(ii) that period is a period of not more than eleven years.

(b) for the purposes of paragraph (a) above, the interest in land shall be treated as having been owned by an approved pension scheme at any time if at that time the approved pension scheme has, or had, entered into a binding contract for its acquisition.

(c) in this subsection "approved pension scheme" means a retirement pension scheme approved by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under section 222 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 or a superannuation fund approved by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the purposes of section 208 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970'.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gordon Oakes);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Fred Silvester: 233.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 156 and 157 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 158 and 159 were disagreed to.

Amendments were made to the Bill in lieu of the Lords Amendments disagreed to, in page 9, line 25, after the word "when", by inserting "(a)", and in line 26, at the end, by inserting the words "and"

(b) a draft of regulations under section 27 of this Act establishing one or more financial hardship tribunals, or conferring on one or more existing bodies or groups of bodies the functions of financial hardship tribunals, has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."—(Mr. John Silkin.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 160 to 164 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 165 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 166 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 167 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Special Entry privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 168 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 169 to 180 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 181, in page 90, line 32, leave out “shall cease to have effect and” and insert “for the words from ‘that’ to the end there shall be substituted the words ‘at the beginning of the period of twenty-one days ending with the date of the application, no person (other than the applicant) was the owner of any of the land to which the application relates’, (b) in subsection (1)(b) for the words ‘given the requisite notice of the application to’ there shall be substituted the words ‘obtained consent for the making of the application from’ and for the words ‘service of each such notice’ there shall be substituted the words ‘each such consent’, and (c)’.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 5, to leave out head (b).—(Mr. John Silkin.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Joseph Harper: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 231.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 182 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 183, in page 91, line 11, leave out “shall cease to have effect and” and insert “for the words from ‘that’ to the end there shall be substituted the words ‘at the beginning of the period of twenty-one days ending with the date of the application, no person (other than the applicant) was the owner of any of the land to which the application relates’, (b) in subsection (1)(b) for the words ‘given the requisite notice of the application to’ there shall be substituted the words ‘obtained consent for the making of the application from’ and for the words ‘service of each such notice’ there shall be substituted the words ‘each such consent’, and (c)”.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 5, to leave out head (b).—(Mr. John Silkin.)

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Community Land Bill: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Hugh Rossi and Mr. John Silkin.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. John Silkin.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Community Land Bill.—Mr. John Silkin reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Community Land Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 3, leave out lines 27 to 29, for the following Reason:—

Because it is important to retain maximum flexibility in establishing joint boards.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 3, line 39, and page 51, line 21, for the following Reason:—

Because the power of authorities to acquire land should not be unduly limited.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 14, line 20, page 14, line 21, and page 14, line 24, for the following Reason:—

Because the power of authorities to acquire land should not be unduly limited.
Because the Amendments are unnecessary having regard to arrangements which can be made by the authorities for the six areas concerned.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 15, line 32, leave out "31st December 1975" and insert "29th February 1976", for the following Reason:

Because it is necessary for land acquisition and management schemes to be made in good time.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 16, leave out lines 39 to 43 and insert other words, for the following Reason:

Because it would alter the structure of the clause in a manner detrimental to the performance by the authorities of their functions.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 22, line 22, for the following Reason:

Because it is unnecessary, having regard to the publicity which will have already been given in connection with the planning decisions on which the resolution is based.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 23, line 29, for the following Reason:

Because it would not be appropriate, in this Bill, to extend to the categories of interests qualifying for the protection under the blight provisions of the Planning Acts.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 25, line 28, for the following Reason:

Because it would, in certain cases, increase the amount of compensation payable under the Land Compensation Acts.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 25, line 30, for the following Reason:

Because it is unnecessary to make special provision for approved pension schemes.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 39, line 29, for the following Reason:

Because it would unduly restrict the scope and flexibility of the Secretary of State's control over disposals of land by local authorities.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 56, line 28, page 56, line 33, and page 57, line 46, for the following Reason:

Because the Secretary of State's discretion to dispense with a public local inquiry or hearing should not be unduly restricted.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 58, line 40, for the following Reason:

Because it would involve a charge on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 59, line 32, for the following Reason:

Because it would not be appropriate, in this Bill, to extend the categories of land the compulsory acquisition of which is subject to special parliamentary procedure.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 65, line 5, for the following Reason:

Because the provision does not apply in Scotland.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 73, line 29, for the following Reason:

Because it would not be appropriate to provide for such matters in the Bill.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Rotan Tito and the Rabi Council of Leaders v. Her Majesty's Attorney General,—A Petition of Richard Michael Latham Brown, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature, of 130 Arthur Road, Wimbledon Park, London, on behalf of Mr. Rotan Tito and the Rabi Council of Leaders who are Plaintiffs in a pending action in the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, 1971 R No. 3670, against Her Majesty's Attorney General, Defendant to the said action, due to be heard in London shortly, was presented and read; setting forth that the plaintiffs claim in the said action an alleged breach of an alleged trust
on the part of the defendant; and that reference is desired to be made at the hearing of the said action to the following Reports of Debates of your Honourable House:

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and praying that your Honourable House will be graciously pleased to give leave to the proper Officers of the House to attend the trial of the said action and to produce the said Reports, and formally to prove the same before the court according to their competence; and that leave be given for reference to be made to the said Reports of Debates.

Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officers of this House to attend the trial of the said action and to produce the said Reports of Debates; and that leave be given for reference to be made to the said Reports.—(Sir Bernard Braine.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes to Ten o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 9.41 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 11th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Treaty Series (No. 132, 1975).—Copy of Protocols, signed at Washington from 25th March to 14th April 1975, for the further extension of the Wheat Trade Convention and the Food Aid Convention constituting the International Wheat Agreements 1971 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Regulations 1975 [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, as amended by the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) 1965, That a Petition has been presented against the Arbury Banks Preservation Order 1975 by Mr. G. Angell and others, and that they have taken it into consideration and have certified it as proper to be received and as a Petition of General Objection; and that no Petition has been presented against the Liverpool Corporation Act 1966 (Extension of Time) Order 1975 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:
Journals.—General Index to the Journals of the House of Commons, commencing with Volume 216 (1960-61) and ending with Volume 225 (1969-70); to be printed.

[No. 198.]

Wednesday, 12th November, 1975.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 9.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Motions for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 9, showing the date of such Motion, the name of the Member proposing the specific and important matter and the result of any Division taken thereon, during Session 1974-75.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 30).—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 30 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1974-75, (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:—

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—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Delegated Legislation.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the numbers of Instruments considered by a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments and the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments respectively pursuant to their orders of reference, showing in each case the numbers of Instruments subject to the different forms of Parliamentary procedure and of those within the committee's orders of reference for which no Parliamentary procedure is prescribed by statute, and the numbers drawn to the special attention of the House or of both Houses distinguishing the ground in the committee's orders of reference upon which such attention was invited; and of the numbers of Instruments considered by a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments and by the House respectively, in Session 1974-75, showing the number where the question on the proceedings relating thereto was put forthwith under Standing Order No. 73(A).—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Private Bills and Private Business.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders
introduced into this House and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in Session 1974-75:

Of all Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1974-75 were reported on by Committees on Opposed Bills or by Committees appointed in Session 1974-75 were reported on by Committees on Opposed Bills or by Committees appointed in Session 1974-75, together with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and the last day of the sitting of each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each selected Member served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills of which the Preambles were reported to have been proved; the Bills of which the Preambles were reported to have been not proved; and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed:

Of all Public Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1974-75 were referred by the Committee of Selection to the Committee on Unopposed Bills, together with the names of the Members who served on the Committee; the number of days on which the Committee sat; and the number of days on which each Member attended:

And of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the parties, those Bills being specified which were referred to Committees and dropped during the sittings of the Committee.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Public Bills.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Bills, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House or brought from the House of Lords, during Session 1974-75, showing:

(1) the number which received the Royal Assent, and
(2) the number which did not receive the Royal Assent, indicating those which were introduced into but not passed by this House, those passed by this House, but not by the House of Lords, those passed by the House of Lords but not by this House, those passed by both Houses but Amendments not agreed to; and distinguishing the stages at which such Bills were dropped, postponed or rejected in either House of Parliament, or the stages which such Bills had reached by the time of the Prorogation or Dissolution.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Select Committees.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Select Committees appointed in Session 1974-75 with the Sub-committees appointed by them; the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the number of days each met, and the number of days each Member attended; the number of meetings held by each Select Committee and Sub-committee, and the number of meetings each Member attended; the total expenses of the attendances of witnesses at each Select Committee and Sub-committee; and the total number of Members who served on Select Committees; together with so much of the same information as is relevant to the Chairmen’s Panel and the Court of Referees.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of (1) the days on which the House sat in Session 1974-75, stating for each day the day of the month and day of the week, the hour of the meeting, and the hour of the adjournment; and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after the time appointed for the interruption of business; and (2) the days on which Business of Supply was considered.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Standing Committees.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1974-75 of (1) the total number and the names of all Members (including and distinguishing Chairmen) who have been appointed to serve on one or more of the Standing Committees showing, with regard to each of such Members, the number of sittings to which he was summoned and at which he was present; (2) the number of Bills, Estimates, Matters and Statutory Instruments considered by all and by each of the Standing Committees, the number of sittings of each Committee and the titles of all Bills, Estimates, Matters and Statutory Instruments considered by a Committee, distinguishing where a Bill was a Government Bill or was brought from the House of Lords, and showing in the case of each Bill, Estimate, Matter and Statutory Instrument, the particular Committee by whom it was considered, the number of sittings at which it was considered and the number of Members present at each of those sittings.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Special Procedure Orders.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Special Procedure Orders presented in Session 1974-75; the number withdrawn; the number against which Petitions or copies of Petitions were deposited; the number of Petitions of General Objection and for Amendment respectively considered by the Chairmen; the number of such Petitions certified by the Chairmen as proper to be received, and the number certified by them as being Petitions of General Objection...
and for Amendment respectively; the number referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses; the number reported with Amendments by a Joint Committee, and the number in relation to which a Joint Committee reported that the Order be not approved; and the number of Bills introduced for the confirmation of Special Procedure Orders:

Of Special Procedure Orders which, in Session 1974-75, were referred to a Joint Committee, together with the names of the Commons Members who served on each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; and the number of days on which each such Member attended.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-committee B on 12th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 419-ix].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Community Land Bill to which this House has disagreed, and they agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House in lieu of certain of the said Amendments, and to the Amendments made by this House to certain other of the Lords Amendments.

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 21st October and 5th November to be printed [No. 113-v].

Privilege,—Complaint having been made yesterday by Mr. Eric Ogden, Member for Liverpool, West Derby, of the publication in the November issue of the Liverpool Free Press newspaper of an article entitled "Eric Ogden, M.P.—who does he serve"; and a copy of the said newspaper having been delivered in;

Ordered, That the matter of the Complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Licensing Act (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend section 76(5) of the Licensing Act 1964: And that Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Mike Thomas, and Mr. Ken Weetch, do prepare and bring it in.

Licensing Act (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Robin Corbett accordingly presented a Bill to amend section 76(5) of the Licensing Act 1964: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 253].

Prices,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Scottish Electricity Boards) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved.—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Prices,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 27th October, be approved.—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973 (Continuation Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1705), a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved.—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Sea Fisheries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th October, be approved.—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Local Land Charges Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to one of the Amendments made by this House to the Local Land Charges Bill [Lords]; and the same was agreed to.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Coleman);

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 the following Acts and for proroguing this present Parliament:—

17. Port Askaig Pier Order Confirmation Act 1975.

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

It was with great pleasure that My Husband and I visited Bermuda, Barbados, the Bahamas, Mexico, Jamaica, Hong Kong and Japan. We were very pleased to welcome to this country King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

My Government welcomed Papua New Guinea's decision to join the Commonwealth on independence.

I was pleased to be in Kingston for the important and useful meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government. Since then good progress has been made in pursuing the far-reaching proposals on world trade in commodities which My Government put forward at that meeting.

My Government have participated fully in the Seventh Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly which continued its efforts to promote a more just world economic order.

My Government successfully renegotiated the terms of the United Kingdom's membership of the European Economic Community. Their recommendation for continued membership was confirmed by the British people in the Referendum. They have made an important contribution to the evolution of Community policies, particularly those concerning its relations with the rest of the world.

My Government have made a major contribution to the development of detente between East and West and warmly welcome the successful conclusion of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. Particular efforts have been made to improve bilateral relations and economic co-operation with the Soviet Union and other countries of Eastern Europe.

My Ministers played a constructive role in the Geneva Conference which reviewed the operation of the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Following a searching review, and after consultation with our Allies, My Government have announced reductions in our defence commitments and forces.

In Rhodesia My Government have sought to bring all sides to an agreement by negotiation.

My Government have continued to seek a political solution to the tragic situation facing the people of Northern Ireland. The Constitutional Convention set up to consider what provision for the government of Northern Ireland is likely to command the most widespread acceptance has recently completed its report. Legislative provision has been made to improve the standards of benefits in Northern Ireland in social security and other fields. The shipbuilders Harland and Wolff have been taken into public ownership.
My Armed Forces and the Royal Ulster Constabulary have continued to perform their difficult duties in Northern Ireland with devotion and with considerable success. An Act has been passed, to come into full effect when reciprocal legislation has been passed in the Republic of Ireland, to enable courts in Northern Ireland to try persons accused of serious crimes of violence in the Republic of Ireland. Following the recommendations of the Gardiner Committee, legislation has been enacted to deal with terrorism in Northern Ireland. Legislation has also been enacted for the prevention of terrorism in the United Kingdom.

Members of the House of Commons

I thank you for the provision which you have made for the honour and dignity of the Crown and for the public services.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons

My Government made clear their determination to reduce the rate of inflation. In agreement with the General Council of the Trades Union Congress they initiated measures for securing a voluntary flat rate limit on pay increases. The programme of subsidies on basic foods has been continued, to keep down prices paid by consumers. Grants are being made to encourage the provision of information and help to consumers, by the setting up of consumer advice centres and other means. A National Consumer Council has been established and measures to protect consumers have been passed.

Measures have been taken to stimulate the development of efficient and profitable industry, and of industrial democracy. An Act has been passed to establish a National Enterprise Board to provide for public participation and partnership in industry. A system of planning agreements is also being set up. Development Agencies are being established to pursue similar objectives of economic development and to improve the environment in Scotland and Wales. As part of their programme of industrial support, legislation was passed for My Government to acquire shares in the British Leyland Motor Corporation.

My Government have taken major steps to regulate the production of off-shore petroleum and to ensure that a fair share of the profits accrues to the community. Legislation has been enacted to establish a British National Oil Corporation; to provide for the acquisition and reinstatement of oil sites in Scotland; to regulate the provision of refinery capacity and the construction and use of submarine pipelines; to impose a new tax on the profits from United Kingdom petroleum production; and to close certain loopholes in the taxation of oil companies. Measures have also been announced for protecting our off-shore interests in peacetime. Legislation has been enacted to permit easier access by the National Coal Board to coal resources.

My Government have published a White Paper setting out guidelines and objectives for domestic agriculture and food production to 1980.

My Government have made clear their intention of using the taxation system to promote greater social and economic equality by the redistribution of wealth as well as income. A comprehensive capital transfer tax on property in place of the estate duty has been introduced. Measures have also been introduced to end abuses arising from the "lump".

Legislation has been passed to protect and extend the rights of employees and to establish the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service on a statutory basis.

The Health and Safety Commission and Executive have been established to secure the health, safety and welfare of persons at work.

Over the past year My Government have taken positive steps to alleviate unemployment and to meet the longer-term need for skilled manpower. They have provided for expansion of the training programmes of the Manpower Services Commission and of industry, and for a job creation scheme to be administered by the Commission. The Employment Services have been strengthened, and a temporary employment subsidy and a recruitment subsidy for unemployed school leavers have been introduced.

An Act has been passed to provide a new and improved earnings related pension scheme to operate in partnership with good occupational pensions schemes. Measures have also been enacted to increase social security benefits and contributions; to make additional provision for the disabled; and to provide for a system of universal child benefits.

The law on adoption and custody has been reformed and further provisions made for ensuring the welfare of children in care.

Legislation has been enacted to enable My Government to contribute towards the National Coal Board's scheme for compensating existing pneumoconiosis sufferers.

My Government has encouraged the abolition of selection in secondary education and made further progress towards a fully comprehensive system. Steps have been taken to bring to an end the systems of direct grant schools in England and Wales and grant-aided schools in Scotland. Financial aid to voluntary schools has been increased and the arrangements for mandatory student awards extended.
A substantial increase has been achieved in the provision of new housing, and significant progress has been made towards the stabilisation of mortgage funds. Legislation passed on housing rents and subsidies has restored freedom to local authorities to fix their own reasonable rents.

Legislation has been passed to enable land suitable for development to be brought into public ownership, so that the community may exercise positive control over the development of land and may enjoy increases in land values arising from its own efforts.

Legislation has been passed to protect policyholders of insurance companies which are unable to meet their liabilities, and to establish the Air Travel Reserve Fund.

Discrimination on grounds of sex has been made unlawful.

Acts have been passed to provide for the safety of spectators at football and other sports grounds, and to facilitate the promotion of lotteries by local authorities, sporting, charitable and cultural organisations.

The Limitation Act and other measures have furthered the progress of law reform, and new arrangements have been made for the administration of criminal justice in Scotland.

Financial provision has been made to assist Opposition parties in carrying out their Parliamentary duties.

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 under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, which has been read, we do, in Her Majesty's Name and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday, the nineteenth day of this instant November to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday, the nineteenth day of this instant November, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 12th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Public Accounts.—Copy of a Treasury Minute on the Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1974-75, and Abstract of Appropriation Accounts [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 27th October 1975, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 5) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1744) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

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Mr. Secretary Ross:

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(3) the British Railways Board,
(4) Samuel Montagu & Co. Ltd.,
(5) the British Transport Docks Board, and
(6) the Methodist Church

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Mr. Secretary Benn:
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Mr. Frederick Peart:
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